

### [Leader Announcements April 24.mp3](#)

Hello Middle school volunteers. This is the final leader announcements for this school year. This is for the week of Wednesday, April 24. This Wednesday is our last night party and I've had a student planning team who has decided that the theme for the night is going to be Mystery night and I'm excited with what we have planned.

You should look at the [link](#) on the volunteer information page so that you can see the agenda yourself. I'll read it off to you right now, but I encourage you to read it yourself. We're going to start with 10 minutes of open gym time and I will be meeting in the cafe, During that time, with all of you volunteers, adults and high schoolers to explain a big game that we will play. Jodi and some other parents will be hanging out in the gym with students while that happens.

Then we'll bring everybody into the gym and explain how to play the game, and the game is basically a real life version of clue and I'm excited to announce that all of our high school age students will be highly encouraged To come up with your own character for the game of clue. And high schoolers, we want you to dress according to that character On Wednesday night, so you can be whatever you want. You can be Taylor Swift. You can be Mickey Mouse. You could be Indiana Jones. You could be Noah from Noah and the Ark. You could be any character, fictional or real.

I would just prefer that it be church appropriate and it's something that students would recognize. So be creative, have fun with it, High schoolers, and you're going to play a pivotal part of the clue Game this Wednesday night and I'm not going to explain right now how the game works. I'll do that later. The main thing I want you to know is high schoolers-- -Think of a character and then come up with an outfit or a costume that fits along with that character. If you need ideas or advice, reach out to Jodi or myself. It doesn't have to be elaborate. It does not have to be expensive. You shouldn't have to spend any money, so have fun with it. Let us know if you need help.

Basically, the high schoolers will be in character during the game, and then adults---You'll be going around with your small group and interacting with the characters with your small group as a part of the game. Again, I'll explain how it works later on, so that's going to take about half of our night.

We will also gather together in the CAFE to show an eighth grade highlight video recapping photos of 8th graders from the last three years. We'll have some time for current 6th and 7th graders to share words of encouragement with the 8th graders.

And then at the end of the night, you will be able to have some social time with your small group, since this is our last time together this school year, I just wanted you to have a final time with your students and there's going to be a popcorn bar and we're going to serve Shirley Temple drinks, which is Sprite with cherry flavoring. So That will be our night.

Here's a couple of other things coming up. Please RSVP at the middle school events page for the volunteer dinner. That's for you and your family at my house on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. 7th grade leaders: I'm hoping a couple of you can join us for the 7th grade camp day on Saturday, May 4. That's at Wildwood Hills ranch.

And for all of you, our 8th grade students who have gone through quest are going to be sharing their faith stories During our Sunday morning program at 9:30 in the VCC gym on Sunday, May 5. So if you want to come and hear how God's been working in the lives of our 8th graders, you are invited to do that on Sunday morning, May 5.

I'm going to close with the verse that's at the bottom of the how to win as a middle school volunteer documents as we wrap up our school year, first Corinthians 15:58:

“My dear brothers and sisters be steadfast and movable, always excelling in the Lord's work because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

It's been a great year in middle school ministry. Thank you for giving time out of your precious one and only life to serve middle schoolers, but more importantly, to serve Jesus and his Kingdom. Bless you. Blessings on you. Let's have a great finish to the school year. Thank you for everything. Jodi and I, we love you all and are grateful for you. Thank you!