

[Volunteer Announcements September 4.mp3](#)

Hello Middle school volunteers. This is the first week of volunteer announcements for the 2024-2025 school year in Valley Middle School Ministry. Thank you for checking in. The purpose of these announcements, which will last five minutes or less, is to help you prepare for our program upcoming on Wednesday night. I know you have a lot going on in your life, but I want to help maximize your volunteer experience and help you get the most out of your time serving in middle School Ministry on Wednesday nights, which is why we ask you to take just a few minutes to prep and digest these announcements some time before

Wednesday night. So this Wednesday is fall kickoff. It's donut night that's going to be our theme. So first we will start at the beginning of the night at 6:30 with game time. 6th graders are going to play dodgeball in the gym. 7th graders are going to play nukum on the other side of the gym, and the 8th graders are going to do an up Front Game in the cafe. Then we'll bring everybody together in the cafe.

We'll share behavior expectations and some upcoming announcements, and then I'm going to teach this Wednesday. And the theme is about how God is a good gift giver for us.

After my talk, which will last 15 minutes, or so, we will head into activity time so the girls will go outside and eat doughnuts. We're going to get hurts doughnuts.

And while the girls are outside eating doughnuts under the pavilion at the VCC, the boys will be inside. The gym will take attendance and do a group activity, and then we will switch and the boys will go outside and get a doughnut while the girls are inside the gym, taking attendance and doing a group activity.

Then we will all gather back in the cafe for closing worship through music. We'll do three songs and that will be the end of our night this week. There's no official small group time and we do not yet even have our 6th grade students broken up into small groups yet.

Our first official night of small groups and the first night where 6th grade leaders you will know your small group will be next Wednesday, September 11. So this week is kind of just an orientation week, everybody coming back together and we will dive officially into small groups next week.

Please consider signing up to be a [volunteer at the fall retreat](#) with us at Hidden Acres September 20 through 22. It is not a requirement for you to go, but we strongly encourage you to go. We need some volunteers to be there to help make the event happen and by attending you are going to just enhance your connections and deepen your connections and relationships with middle school students. We will put you in a cabin with other

students of the grade and gender where you're serving in a small group. And I will pay for you to go. So it's free for you to attend. Because I place a high value on volunteers being at full retreat. You can sign up for that by going to the middle school events page and click on the register for [Fall Retreat link](#).

In closing, I want to encourage you that God is always on the move. He does not stop. That's one of my favorite things that I have learned about God as I have grown and matured in my faith as a follower of Jesus is that God is constantly working on me. He's always sanctifying me, which means he's constantly making me more and more like Jesus. And if you're a follower of Jesus, which you are, if you're a middle school volunteer leader, he's doing the same thing in you, and he's doing that in middle school. Students lives as well.

And so I have great hope and expectation that God is going to both work inside of you and change you throughout this year because of your volunteering, and also that he's going to use you to work in the lives of middle school students as well. So thanks for being a part of life change. Praise God for the life change that he's going to be doing in your life this year, and I'm excited for what God has in store for us in middle school ministry over these next number of months. We'll see you on Wednesday night! Thanks.