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Hey middle school volunteers, these are the volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, September 11, 2024. We are going to have a different theme every Wednesday night just to keep things fresh, to keep them fun. Sometimes the theme will relate to food like last week was donut night.

Sometimes, like this week it'll be some type of clothing that everyone can wear. Sometimes it'll be related to a game or a random object, or a fun activity.

And it's something that we've found helps to keep things fresh in middle school ministry. The theme for this Wednesday night is red, white and blue night. So you are encouraged but not required to wear clothing that is red, white and or blue bonus points if you dye your hair One of those colors.

Normally I won't do this on the announcements, But I want to actually walk through the schedule for the night since I know it's our one of our first few nights and I want to make sure that we are all on the same page.

First thing I want to say is if a student brings a friend and that friend is brand new to Valley Church, Like they've never been to Valley church before, That new friend and the friend who brought them will both get a full-sized piece of candy on the first night that the new friend is there, and we've got some logistics people who will be at that welcome table to greet those new students and to give them their piece of candy. It's a way to incentivize students to bring friends.

After that, we're going to actually, well, that's kind of before the night starts. Then around 6:30, we will go to small group social time. This is a time for you to gather with your small group and it's it's social. It's how you doing. How was your week, what's what are your life updates. Let's just get to know each other. It's Kind of a personal check in.

6th grade groups: We know that you need to figure out what your groups are. We will make sure to let you know who is in your Small group.

After that, we'll move to game time. We'll split up by grades to different areas of the building for that. Then we'll gather in the cafe for large group time expectations and announcements. Warren Erickson is going to teach this week about how to have a super year in small group and then after that you'll go back with your small groups for small group spiritual.

Time this is meant to be deeper, a little more serious conversational time compared to the small group social time, and this is where you will break out breakdown and debrief the lesson, the teaching for the night, and we provide questions for that each week, and then we will wrap up with worship through music.

So that's the plan for this Wednesday night.

If you plan on coming to fall retreat and you have not RSVP'd, Please do so by [clicking on the link](#) or you can do that on the middle school events page or the volunteer info page.

We need as many volunteers there as possible and we will pay for you to attend. Let Jodi or I know if you have any questions about that.

For the last part, we're going to look at the how to win as a middle school volunteer document.

I want you to be able to walk away from a Wednesday night knowing whether or not you've had a successful night. Here are three things that I think you should ask yourself at the end of a Wednesday night to gauge how successful you've been.

You know that you've succeeded as a middle school volunteer. If number one, you are able to greet the students in your small group by name with a smile, and students are excited to see you. #2 you connect with at least one student in a meaningful way during the night, whether it's through conversation, prayer, Activities, silliness, whatever that might look like, and #3 you show or tell at least one Student one way that they can deeply love Christ and their neighbors. Basically you're able to have at least one piece of conversation with a student to help them grow in their faith.

And if you can do 1-2 or all three of those things, you know that you have succeeded as a middle school Wednesday night volunteer.

That's all I got This week, thanks for checking in. We'll see you on Wednesday night.