

Leader Announcements December 10

Hello middle school volunteers. These are the volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

Ugly Sweater Party

This Wednesday is our ugly sweater Christmas party. So you are encouraged but not required to wear an ugly Christmas sweater or a nice looking Christmas sweater or really anything that is fun or festive. You and all the middle schoolers are invited to dress accordingly. I've got the agenda here for the night. We will, it's, for those of you who have not experienced an ugly sweater party, it's a different kind of night. Students are usually really excited and we change up the format. And if you can imagine, it's even more wild than a typical Wednesday night with middle schoolers. We will start with some small group challenges. You'll, you'll have some, some tasks to complete as a small group just for fun. And then we will sing. We'll do announcements. And then I'm going to do a really brief talk, like five minutes or less. And then we will move into some fun time. So we'll have about 15 minutes of the girls hanging out in the cafe while the boys are in the gym. When you're in the cafe, we're going to have a hot cocoa bar. We're going to have parents provide snacks and we are going to play bingo. And then in the gym, we're going to play snowball dodgeball. And then we'll rotate and we'll have the boys go into the cafe for hot cocoa snacks and bingo while the girls play dodgeball in the gym. And then we will wrap up the night by picking ugly sweater winners and singing Silent Night. So I have attached the agenda. So you have all of that information. And it's going to be a really fun night.

Talent Show-December 17

We have our talent show on Wednesday, December 17. And we've extended the time for that a little bit. So it's going to be, the talent show will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on December 17. And that is in the Valley Church Chapel. We encourage you to come and support the middle school students who will be performing. If we do not get enough students to sign

up to perform, we may ask some of you to show off your own talents that night. And we are planning on serving pancakes at the talent show. And we will have a retelling of the Christmas story as well. That's at the talent show on December 17.

Off December 24 and 31

We are off on December 24 and the 31st for the holidays. We will resume our regular Wednesday night programming on January 7th.

Winter Blast

And if you have not marked your calendars, please note that Winter Blast, our winter retreat at Hidden Acres, is coming up on January 23rd through 25th.

Leader Tip: Invest In Your Own Spiritual Growth

For the leader tip this week, I've got our trusty old how to win as a middle school volunteer document. Under the section titled Before You Show Up, number one says, invest in your own spiritual growth. It overflows to students. So I encourage you to invest in your own spiritual growth. It's going to make you more spiritually vital, which is going to allow you to have more to offer from a spiritual perspective to middle schoolers. Investing in your spiritual growth could mean being part of a Valley Church life group. Let me know if you need help getting connected with a life group. Maybe it's entering into a Bible reading plan, regular scripture reading, or there's lots of other spiritual disciplines that you can practice. Maybe it's reading some book on Christian life or spiritual growth. There's so many things you can do, even if it's just a small thing. Invest in your own spiritual growth. It will benefit you and it will benefit the students that you are leading.

Thanks for checking in. We'll see you this Wednesday for the Ugly Sweater Party!