

Leader Announcements

April 8, 2026

Middle School Volunteers, these are the volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

April 8: Friend Night

The theme for this Wednesday is Friend Night. We are encouraging all middle schoolers to bring a friend. Brandon Early is going to preach and share the gospel, and kids will have a chance to follow Jesus this Wednesday night. I'm super excited because this will be our first Wednesday night when we get to gather in the brand new Sky Venue at the Valley Community Center for worship and teaching time. We're going to serve free donuts. We're going to hand out two \$25 gift cards, one to a male student, one to a female student. We're going to play 16 square in the air. It's like nine square in the air, except bigger. We want to incentivize students to bring their friends. So if we get at least 200 middle schoolers to come this Wednesday night as a punishment, I will stay overnight at the Valley Community Center all by myself, and I will create a video blog to chronicle my experience. So hopefully all of those things contribute to students wanting to bring friends, and we can get a big crowd and pack out the Sky Venue on our first night there. Please check out the agenda that's included to see. We're going to do a slightly different format. We're going to do worship before worship and teaching both before small group time. So we'll end the night with small group this Wednesday night, and you can refer to the schedule for more info on that. Here's the upcoming schedule for middle school.

Upcoming Events

- On Sunday, April 12, we have a fifth grade parent meeting at 11 a.m. in the lower level of the church building. If that's you or if you have a

friend who is a parent of a fifth grader, please, we encourage participation in that. And that's to help fifth grade parents prepare for their child's transition into the middle school ministry.

- Wednesday, April 15, the theme is senior night. So we'll honor our high school seniors who have been serving as small group leaders. And also the senior high ministry at Valley Church will have a presence that night. So Isaac Rennie, the high school pastor, and Sandy Murphy, the high school associate, will be there. Isaac is going to do the teaching. He always does a great job.
- And then on Friday, April 17, we're going to have the staff scavenger hunt at the Jordan Creek Mall. So please start thinking about a disguise that you can use for that event. What happens for staff scavenger hunt is you all will drive yourselves to the Jordan Creek Mall in whatever kind of disguise that you want. You'll be hanging out at various places around the mall. You'll get to choose where that is. And then I'll bring the middle schoolers to the mall, and they'll walk around and try to identify you in your disguises. This is an event we've done a number of times in the past, and it's a really fun one every time we do it. So that's Friday, April 17, staff scavenger hunt.
- And then we've got Wednesday programming on April 22nd and April 29th. And then that's the end of our regular Wednesday night programming for the year. We are done at the end of April. So the end of the school year for us, ministry-wise, is coming very quickly. So I encourage you to finish strong.

Leader Tip: Invite!

And my leader tip for this week is I want our ministry to join in with the rest of the church. And we're in a season of launching new opportunities with the Sky Venue opening. And we're encouraging everyone, myself included, to think about who in our lives could we invite to Valley Church. Specifically, who could we invite to come worship on Sunday morning? There's so many new opportunities that are going to come with the launch of the Sky Venue, along with other things that we are doing as a church. So I just want to encourage you to think about and pray about who you could invite to be a part of our Sunday morning worship. Specifically, people who don't attend

church or who have not attended a church for a long time. Because we want as many people as possible to know Jesus and to have their lives changed. So that's all we got for this week. Thanks for checking in. And we'll see you this Wednesday for Friend Night at the Sky Venue. Yes!