

Leader Announcements

April 29

Hey everyone, these are the middle school volunteer announcements for Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Hype Night!

This is our final Wednesday night with students for this school year. It's our last night party. Our theme is Hype Night. One thing we're going to do is have a candy salad activity together as small groups. What this means is everyone from your small group is going to be encouraged to bring some sort of fruity candy like Skittles, Starbursts, Sour Patch Kids, Gummy Worms, stuff like that. Have it be in a bag, not individually wrapped, but some candy in a bag. Like everybody in your small group is going to be encouraged to bring a candy, some sort of candy. And then as a group, you will put it all together, all of your candy. You'll dump it together into one giant bowl, mix it all up, and then everybody gets to have a little bit of that candy salad. So you are encouraged but not required to bring some candy to contribute to your small group's candy salad. So that means you will have some time on this last evening to hang out with your small groups. We're also going to have the Great Duck Hunt. Come and find out more about that. And we'll have glow-in-the-dark activities, among other things, for this Hype Night.

Upcoming Events

- As far as upcoming events are concerned, we've got a volunteer dinner on Wednesday, May 6th. That is for you and your family. You're invited to come to Marcy and I's house in Norwalk. We're going to provide a pasta dinner for you and your family. It's free just as a way of saying thank you for serving in middle school ministry this

year. And if you can sign up for that on the church events page, that would be great.

- Also, some of you may be interested in joining us on 5th grade home visits on Wednesday, May 13. That's where we'll travel around to homes of students who are finishing 5th grade, about to enter 6th grade, as a way of welcoming them into middle school ministry.
- And we've got the 8th grade overnight event on Friday, May 15. If you're an 8th grade leader, we'd love for you to join us for part or all of that event. It's a Friday night, overnight, into Saturday morning. We've rented a giant Airbnb house in West Des Moines or Waukee with tons of fun things. And it's a way to celebrate kids' time in middle school ministry and prepare them to move up into high school ministry. And there will be some staff and students from high school ministry there to help bridge that connection for our 8th grade students.

Leader Tip: How have you seen God work?

For the leader tip this week, I just want to encourage you to take a moment and think about how have you seen God work in your life and in the lives of your small group and in the middle school ministry this past school year. I think it's always great to pause and reflect and celebrate how we've seen God work. He's moved in big ways and small ways. We've seen more than 20 students make a first-time decision to follow Jesus. We've had numerous students choose to be baptized. And there's so many other great things that God has done this year. So I encourage you to take a moment and reflect on what maybe that has looked like for you this year. Thank you for serving. These are the last official leader announcements that we'll have for this school year. And we're so, so thankful that you have chosen to serve in the Valley Middle School ministry. We'll see you this Wednesday for Hype Night! Bye.

Thank you!!!