

## **Introduction**

What's up, middle school volunteers? This is Jackson Baird here with this week's middle school announcements, coming from my 2012 Honda Pilot.

## **Eighth-Grade Testimonies**

This week in middle school, our eighth-grade students who've been working very hard on their testimonies are going to be sharing them in a large group. So a handful is going to share in a large group with the whole crowd, and then if they don't do that, then they will share in small groups with you guys to hear, if you're an eighth-grade group.

## **Last Night Party**

After that is our last night party on April 29th. That theme is still TBD; it's being determined by our hardworking seventh-grade student leadership team that we've been meeting with, and they're working through the different ideas they have for this event. So that's TBD and will be coming soon.

## **Volunteer Dinner**

After that is our volunteer dinner on May 6th, which will be at Joe's house. Your whole family is invited; it's just the way that we want to thank you guys for all the hard work you've done this year. It'll be at Joe's house; the backup rain location will be the Valley Community Center.

## **The Final Countdown: Eighth-Grade Overnight**

Eighth-grade leaders, the final event for eighth-grade students in middle school is the eighth-grade final event, which we've worked on through the years. And this year, it's going to be an overnight at a house that we rented for the night, and it's the "Final Countdown"—that's part of the name, it's the Final Countdown for these students.

The house has a full game room, plenty of space for all sorts of whatever you want to do there. There will be a hot tub outside that's a part of the house, and there's also an in-ground pool a part of the complex that this house is in. It'll be super fun; we'll also have some people from HSM (High School Ministry) to be there to get to know eighth graders and kind of prepare them for that shift to HSM.

## **Baptism Sunday**

After that, Baptism Sunday is May 17th. So please pay attention to whether any of your students are getting baptized, and if they want to be baptized, encourage them to attend an explore

baptism class so we can get them marked down and get them in our system for this wonderful, amazing opportunity.

## **Leader Tip: Cherish the Moment**

Your leader tip for this week is just—we're at the end of the year, it can feel like, "Oh, it's almost done, I have two more weeks left, and then we're out of this". But I just want to challenge you guys to cherish it. It's great, and it's not the same during the summer—it's a different kind of great—but just enjoy these last few weeks with your small group and don't take it for granted, because it is a wonderful experience you don't realize how good it is until you don't have it.

## **Conclusion**

So, thank you, guys, for serving, and we'll see you this Wednesday.