



Advance 2016

High School Leadership Development



About Advance:

Advance is a rigorous discipleship program for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade who desire to grow in their relationship with God. It is, at the same time, a challenging leadership development opportunity for students in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. It is not an endeavor to be entered lightly, but its benefits far outweigh its costs. The program consists of 6 weeks of spiritual disciplines training, mission trip training, and accountability. It culminates in a week-long mission trip over Spring Break. Students who desire to participate in Advance must be aware of the following information.

Parent Meeting:

- Sunday, January 18, 2016
- This is a mandatory meeting

Training Dates:

- Sunday, February 7, 2016
- Sunday, February 14, 2016
- Sunday, February 21, 2016
- Sunday, February 28, 2016
- Sunday, March 6, 2016
- Sunday, March 13, 2016
- Note: Times will vary on these dates based upon service projects and additional training

Trip Dates:

- Saturday, March 19 through Thursday, March 24, 2016
- This will be Saturday morning through Thursday evening

Program Costs:

- Total cost: \$395 (a \$20 late fee will be assessed for those registered after January 17, 2016, if space permits)
- Price includes all materials, training, meals, and mission trip
- Nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$100 due by January 17, 2016
- Payment of \$150 due by February 14, 2016 with the remaining balance due by Sunday, March 13, 2016
- Payments should be made using an ivory, Advance envelope, submitted through the online registration platform, or delivered directly to the Student Ministry Office
- Anyone needing special financial consideration should contact the Student Ministry office

Baseline Program Requirements:

- During the course of Advance, all students must:
 - Attend at least 5 out of 6 training dates
 - Attend at least 5 out of 6 Sunday morning worship and Bible Study opportunities
 - Attend at least 5 out of 6 Alive opportunities OR serve in a pre-approved area of service for 1.5 hours per week at least 5 of the 6 weeks
 - Take notes of all Sunday morning, Alive, and Advance training opportunities
 - Have a daily quiet time and record their time in their Advance handbook
 - Memorize all assigned Scripture
 - Participate in a weekly family devotion
 - Have at least one gospel conversation per week
 - Bring at least 1 friend to church or any church activity (the friend must not be a regular attender of our ministries)
 - Complete all challenges from the Advance book
 - Follow all instructions from adult and high school leaders and have an attitude of love and respect for them
- If students miss more than the allowed absence of once per category, then the time must be made up
 - Students may make up the time by serving in a pre-approved area of service at the rate of 1.5 hours for every hour missed (i.e. missing Advance, which is 2 hours, will result in serving for 3 hours during the week)
 - Students must also get notes from a peer for the time that they missed
 - All absences must be reported to the student's accountability leader as well as to one of the adult leaders or pastors
- Students who do not fulfill the requirements of the program will not be permitted to attend the mission trip and will forfeit the nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit

Additional Requirements for High School Students:

- High School students may not miss any Advance trainings, Sunday morning opportunities, or Alive opportunities (or service opportunities if applicable) without having to make-up the time
- High School students must adhere to this dress code on Sundays:
 - Men: nice pants and a collared shirt
 - Women: a skirt or dress pants and a nice shirt, or a dress
- High School students must apply to the program by filling out the attached form and returning it by January 20, 2016; failure to do so may mean dismissal from the program
- High School students who do not fulfill these requirements will not be permitted to attend the mission trip and will forfeit the nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit



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High School Leadership Application



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School _____ Grade _____

Are you a member of Family Church?

- Yes
- No

Please provide your personal testimony of salvation and baptism:

Briefly explain why you would like to be a part of Advance:

In what capacity would you like to serve?

- Small Group Leader
- Assistant Small Group Leader
- Other _____

Personal References:

Please have these individuals provide their signature as a reference:

- A Pastor
- A Student Ministry Adult Leader
- A Teacher or Coach

Reference One

I, _____ have read the attached requirements and recommend
_____ to participate in this leadership program.

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Reference Two

I, _____ have read the attached requirements and recommend
_____ to participate in this leadership program.

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Reference Three

I, _____ have read the attached requirements and recommend
_____ to participate in this leadership program.

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Parental Agreement:

I, _____, have read the attached requirements and recommend my child, _____, to participate in this leadership program. I understand the level of commitment and will support him/her in this endeavor.

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

Student Agreement:

I, _____, have read the attached requirements and desire to participate in Advance. I understand the level of commitment required and will strive to meet all requirements even when it is difficult. I recognize that leadership requires high standards and significant commitment and will work hard as a leader in this program.

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

Please staple this application together and return it to your small group leader or one of our pastors by January 20, 2016.