



Junior

Volunteer Application
*Must be 12yrs. old and in 7-12 grade

TODAY'S DATE ___/___/___ Birthdate: ___/___/___ Age: _____ Male Female

Print FULL LEGAL Name: _____

"Goes By" Name _____ I'm in the ___ Grade @ _____
School name

Address: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ mine mom's dad's family's

e-mail: _____ mine

e-mail: _____ mom's dad's family's

Have you accepted Jesus as your savior? yes no I'm not sure

Have you been baptized? yes no I'm not sure

How long have you attended WOL? ___ mths ___ yrs Do you attend a WOL service or youth group? yes no

I'd want to make a commitment to serve in this/these areas: "✓" check your first choice/underline others

Early Childhood

babies (applicant must be 16) 1 yr. olds 2 yr. olds 3 yr. olds 4 yr. olds 5 yr. olds/Kindergarten

Elementary

1st/2nd grade 3rd/4th grade (*min must be in 9th grade or higher)

EK2 Special Needs (Sat. service/Sun. 1st service only)

CAMPS

Awana (Wednesday Nights @ 6:30pm – Fontana Campus ONLY)

Worship Team I can: sing play a musical instrument _____

Stage Arts – I can/ want to: act build a set work with puppets

Media/TECH - operate audio/video equipment in worship rooms

VBS (Vacation Bible Spectacular)

I am available to serve at: **FONTANA** **UPLAND** **RANCHO**

THIS OFTEN every week every other week

AT THIS/THESE SERVICE(S) Saturday Night 5pm Sunday 9:30am Sunday 11:30am

***Note: you will not be scheduled to serve in a classroom until you have completed an Orientation session.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM – SIGNATURES REQUIRED
HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

1 – Completing this application is a great start! Turn it in as soon as you can.

2 – Attend an Orientation session BEFORE you start serving. Circle the date you will attend. We ask that parents/guardians attend with their child. Orientation includes formal policies and procedures.

2016 Orientation Dates [Notes: (1) Location subject to change. Please verify location prior to attending.(2) Children’s Ministry/Childcare offered].

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August 31, September 28, October 26

Saturdays at 5pm

Room B-115 (Kindergarten Classroom) August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3

3 – References

List other churches you have been involved with in the last five years (name and city):

Please list **two** Independent references, who have known you for more than one year. **Do NOT use relatives.** References should have knowledge of and experience with the applicant’s qualification to work with children, youth, and others. For the safety of all involved, this ministry is committed to calling these references when processing this application.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone#: _____ How long have you known this person? _____

Email: _____

WOL Office: Contacted date: _____ Initials: _____ Reference’s approval: Y / N
Notes/Comments:

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Notes/Comments:

4 – Read this expectations statement then sign your name & today’s date.

As a Junior Volunteer, you are a role model to younger children. To continue your own personal spiritual growth you should regularly attend a worship or youth service. Your behavior should reflect: a genuine interest in younger children, respect for adults and peers, neat personal appearance (facial jewelry must be removed), and faithful to your assigned schedule, proactive and responsible if absence is needed. You should be prepared for class, arrive on time, listen to instructions and be helpful. The following is NOT allowed while serving in the classroom: talking or texting on cell phones, eating or drinking food, visiting with friends, leaving the classroom for any reason without permission. To remain a part of EK’s Volunteer team in good standing: attend trainings and ministry events such as VBS, and serve your schedule as assigned. No-shows or excessive call offs are not acceptable.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

The following questions are designed to give us information, which will assist us in filling available Children's Ministry positions. *We are not looking for professionals*, but rather individuals with a strong commitment to ministry and a growing faith in Jesus Christ. Please understand that some of the following inquiries were designed to offer the highest degree of protection to our little ones. Any person who may pose a threat to children, youth, or others will be prohibited from working in any ministry involving children, youth, or vulnerable adults.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATA

1. Why do you want to serve in our Children's Ministry?
2. Do you have any other experience working with children? Y / N If yes, please explain:

PERSONAL, SPIRITUAL AND MINISTRY BACKGROUND

1. Do you have any physical handicaps or conditions that would prevent you from performing certain types of activities with children? Yes No If yes, please explain:
2. Do you currently, or have you had, a record with local, state, or federal law enforcement? Yes No If yes, please explain:
3. Have you ever participated in, or been accused, convicted, or pleaded guilty or no contest to abuse or any sexual misconduct? Yes No If yes, please explain:
4. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to any criminal offense of any kind? Yes No If yes, state nature of the offense(s), when and where convicted, and disposition of the case:

Briefly state your beliefs on the following (This is not a test of your Bible knowledge nor will your answers necessarily qualify or disqualify you from ministry. However, we do want to know what you believe regarding these key truths):

1. Do you believe the Bible is the inspired word of God? Yes No If no, please explain:
2. What is your understanding of the Trinity?
3. How do you know you are Saved?
4. Why should a person be baptized?
5. Why is the Resurrection of Christ important?
6. Do you believe that Christ is coming again? Yes No
7. How does the Holy Spirit help a Believer?

EmpoweredKids Adult/ Child Policy

~ Water of Life Community Church ~

For the safety of each child attending EmpoweredKids, for the safety of our ministry volunteers and for the protection of Water of Life Community Church, each person working in any Children’s Ministry department (Nursery- 6th grade) must have an **Application For EmpoweredKids** completed and approved by ministerial staff and on file at WOL. Each EmpoweredKids Volunteer must be familiar with and agree to abide by the EmpoweredKids **Adult/Child policy**:

EmpoweredKids Requirements

General Policy Involving EmpoweredKids Ministry Adult/ Child Interaction

1. All classrooms must include at least two screened volunteers. **No** volunteer should ever be alone with any child where they are out of sight.
2. There is to be **No** physical contact for disciplinary reason (spanking, pinching, etc.). All discipline should follow guidelines outlined in the Empowered Kids (EK) Orientation Handbook.
3. There should be **No** physical contact with private parts of any child or adult (diaper changing is the only exception). **Never** be alone with a child in a bathroom with the door closed, and **Never** be in a closed bathroom stall with a child.
4. Avoid frontal hugging- side hugs are preferred. As a general rule, bony areas of the body are safe places to touch (head, shoulder or elbow). When holding a child, don’t let them straddle you.
5. Any observation of inappropriate physical contact must be reported to an EK staff member. Any parental complaints about suspected or alleged mistreatment/abuse of their child are to be reported to an EK Coordinator immediately.
6. There is to be no administration of any medication or remedies to children at EK. ANY injury or illness requires the completion of an incident report, turned in to EK Staff. All head injuries must be reported immediately to a Staff member.
7. There is to be no photography or audio taping of any children without permission from the child’s parent(s) and an EK Coordinator.
8. All EK Volunteers must complete all application and screening requirements, and receive approval from EK Staff, before assuming responsibility and care of children.
9. Each nursery, preschool or elementary age child left in the care of EK is to be checked in according to the appropriate guidelines. It is essential that no child be picked up without the correct Security Claim Check Sticker.
10. No child is to be left alone at any time, for any reason while under the care and supervision of the EK Ministry team.

EmpoweredKids ministry volunteer statement:

I have read each provision in the EmpoweredKids Adult/ Child Policy and I understand, and agree with and will comply with each provision.

Signature

Date

Please Print Name

Dear Parents,

Your child wishes to apply to serve with Empowered Kids (“EK”) Children’s Ministry at Water of Life Community Church as a junior volunteer. Please review the following information with your child which outlines the expectation of helping in one of our classrooms.

As a parent, your **approval and support** is very important to the success and experience your child has while serving. As a part of the Empowered Kids team, they will learn about faithfulness, leadership, teaching and serving others. Your child is making a **commitment** that should not be taken lightly. Just as we would expect an adult to fulfill the commitment they make, we expect youth to keep their commitment as well. However, **your youth can only be as committed as you help them to be.**

After reading this together, assist your child in completing their application. Then please **sign your name**, showing your support and giving your child **permission** to work in the Empowered Kids ministry.

When selecting an area to serve please refer to the following guidelines:

Department Area	Classroom	Min. Age to Serve
Nursery	Infants & Babies	16 yrs. (no exceptions)
Nursery	1 & 2 yr. old class	12
Preschool	3 & 4 yr. old class & Kinder	12
Elementary	1 st – 4 th grades	13
Special Needs	All ages	12
Club56	5 th – 6 th grade small groups	16

If your child is under the minimum age requirement, please talk to a ministry staff member about how you as a parent can serve together with your child.

All volunteers should have been consistently attending Water of Life Community Church for at least six (6) months prior to serving in the classroom. Steps to become a Junior Volunteer:

1. **Complete an application** with a parent’s signature to work in a classroom. Approved applications will be kept on file. Junior volunteers will be required to complete an Adult application and Release for Background Information upon turning 18 years of age.
2. **Attend a Junior Orientation** training session (additional information will be sent via e-mail as dates approach). Orientation is held on the first Saturday of the month at 5pm. **We ask that all parents/guardians attend the first 15 minutes with their child.** Orientation includes formal policies and procedures. Orientations must be renewed every three years.

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3. You will be given an Empowered Kids t-shirt and name badge from your Department Coordinator. You must wear them every time you serve.

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4. Continue to **attend a WOL service weekly**. Attend Activate or attend the adult service with parents.
5. **Display positive & proper attitudes** and respect toward authority and peers as they serve in the classroom.
6. **Remain in good standing with your class Team Leader**. Your Team Leader has the authority & final say as to whether a youth will be permitted to help during their class.
7. **Attend Additional Mandatory Trainings (Power Sessions)** - new curriculum is introduced at the quarterly Power Session. We also offer special training events designed for you to connect with others on the Empowered Kids team.
8. **Serve with Empowered Kids** – you will be placed to serve in a ministry area where your specific gifts and talents will be a resource. Commit to serve 2-4 times a month for a minimum of 6 months.

Please review these general classroom Do's & Don'ts for all youth volunteers below.

Things on the DO list make you stand out and shine!

- **Do arrive on time** to designated class no less than **15 minutes before service begins**, and stay until you are dismissed by the Team Leader (after toys and teaching items are picked up and put away).
- **Do wear your EK t-shirt & name badge whenever serving** in the classroom.
- **Do be responsible** and **call your Team Leader or Dept. Coordinator** if an emergency comes up and you aren't going to be at a service even though you are scheduled to work. Their phone numbers are on your schedule. If you don't show up or call 3 times in a row, you will not be allowed to serve any longer in Empowered Kids.

Things on the DON'T list will put you on the team leaders "watch" list.

- **Don't bring friends** into the classroom with you to work. Only approved workers can work in a class.
- **Don't wear any facial piercings**, they must be removed and cover any large tattoos.
- **Don't use your cell phone** (including texting) during your ministry time!

Ready to join the team?

- Great! **Complete the Junior Volunteer application attached.**
- **KEEP THIS PARENT LETTER** for your reference.

Have additional questions? We'd love to speak with you!

Please contact our ministry office at: 909-463-0103 x4226 or childrens@wateroflifecc.org
So we can connect you with an EK team member that will have all the answers!

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