



CONSUMING FIRE YOUTH PARENT HANDBOOK



PARKVIEW ASSEMBLY



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REMIND APP

Our main form of communication is through the Remind App. Parents and students will receive announcements and reminders via text message about what is currently going on each week. Reach out to Pastor CJ for more information on how to be added to the Remind group.

OUR MISSION

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Our mission is for every youth to find Christ, grow in Christ, and then lead in Christ.

VISION

Our vision is to **Reach Up, Reach Out, and Reach In.**

Reach Up: John 15:5 states, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." Jesus calls us to reach up to Him in our everyday life. We teach students this through worship, prayer, preaching, and Bible Study.

Reach Out: John 15:12 states, "This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you." Jesus calls us to reach out and serve others. We teach students to love and serve their community through our local nonprofit, the Delaware Regional Dream Center. We also encourage them to invite their friends to our Friday Night Services at the Dream Center.

Reach In: Matthew 28:19-20 states, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jesus calls us to be discipled and make disciples. We disciple through Bible Study, one on one mentorship, and preaching.



OUR WEEKLY PROGRAMS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

These nights consist of games, hangout time, worship, a short Sermon/Bible Study and a breakout into small groups. This is a night to dive deeper into God's Word.



FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH SERVICE

These nights take place on the first and third Friday of every Month. This is our big invite night and we encourage students to invite their friends. The night consists of food, games, fellowship, worship, and sermon. If there is a 5th Friday in a month, often that night we will do a service project. We have special invite nights for the following:

- Summer Kickoff – May
- Back to School Bash – August
- Autumn Blaze – October
- Live Nativity – December

Throughout the Summer we will have beach trips, pool events, special trips, ice cream outings and more. We require students to attend at least 50% of Sunday service, Wednesday Bible Study, and Friday Youth Nights in order to participate in these outings.



DATING & MORE



At Consuming Fire Youth, our main goal is to see your youth grow and develop into the young men and women of God He desires them to be. As they develop in Christ, we understand that a relationship with others may become a desire of theirs. When this becomes the case, there are some simple guidelines to follow.

We first encourage and require both sets of parents to be informed of this. Next, we ask that youth keep leadership informed. When dating within Consuming Fire Youth, we ask that a meeting take place between leadership, parents, and youth involved. This keeps the leadership aware of the situation and allows us to properly care for and watch over your youth.



Lastly, public displays of affection (PDA) are not allowed. This includes kissing, hugging, holding hands, etc. This rule applies all students, whether they be in a relationship or not.

DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

Every staff member and volunteer in our ministry is a mandated reporter, which means we are legally required to report any dangerous or potentially dangerous situations immediately, including:

- If a youth is being harmed, neglected or abused.
- If a youth is harming or abusing someone else.
- If a youth is harming or at risk of harming themselves.



DELAWARE REGIONAL DREAM CENTER

At the Dream Center, we will teach the youth how to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus. John 15:12 states, "This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you." Jesus wants us to show the love of Christ to our community. We want our youth to know how to serve and how they can do outreach. Here are some of the ways the youth can serve:

- Pack Boxes of Hope
- Serve on the Food Truck
- Assemble Eater baskets
- Hand out Back to School backpacks
- Wrap toys for Christmas

Primarily, service nights will take place on a Friday Night youth service; however, there are other nights intermittently throughout the year that the youth can serve. Youth can also volunteer with their family and serve. For more information please visit the Dream Center website: <http://dreamcenterde.org/home>



THE PARENT'S ROLE

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Your role as a parent/caretaker/guardian is very important. Discipling your teen is important!

Matthew 5:13-14 - "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."

As a parent/caretaker/guardian of a youth student, it is your responsibility to cultivate and imitate the life of Christ. Your student will follow what you are modeling in your own spiritual walk.

As such, it is just as important that you are attending Sunday Service, Wednesday night service, Bible Studies, and serving as an example to your youth.

Ephesians 6:4 - "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."



SAFETY

GUIDELINES

BOUNDARIES

We have a set number of guidelines for our youth ministry staff and volunteers. As a parent, you can help us make sure your youth is well-cared for by helping us maintain these boundaries.

- No staff member or volunteer should initiate a one-on-one meeting with a youth without the knowledge and consent of you, their parents.
- No staff member or volunteer should transport a youth in a vehicle alone. If a youth needs a ride, we must arrange to have another youth or adult accompany them.
- All staff members and volunteers must always maintain appropriate physical boundaries with youth.

VOLUNTEERS

Before any volunteer is permitted to serve with us, they undergo a rigorous application and interview process, including a criminal background check.

PERMISSION SLIPS

We will ask for your consent for youth to attend any event, retreat, or gathering outside of our regular weekly youth program.

PENNDEL

DISTRICT EVENTS

These are Assembly of God district events within our network of church. These are sleep-away trips open strictly to Parkview youth. These events empower and challenge our youth to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. They include

- Winter Retreat - January
- Network Fine Arts - March
- Summer Camp - June
- National Fine Arts - August
- Youth Convention - October

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(Exceptions permissible.)

