

Time for Youth Group:

We will continue the Youth Group time of 11:30am to 1pm on Sunday mornings. This has worked in the past and we feel this is still the best time for the group to meet. We might ask that the high school members meet also later in the week - with parents - to discuss mission trip details, but that will not be a weekly occurrence.

By having Youth Group right after service, we hope it will also encourage youth to attend worship on a regular basis. If they're already here for worship, why not stay for youth group!

Middle School Youth Group:

In the past, middle school youth has met with the high school group each Sunday. We feel this is a great venue for our high school members to be role models for our middle school members. This has worked well and we will continue it this next year.

Registration forms:

I would like all parents/guardians to fill out a new registration form(s) for their child(ren) so we have current contact information on file. Please fill out a separate form for each child that will be participating in our youth programs. It might be the same information, but it is important that we stay current.

Medical Release forms:

There will be a one-time form that will need to be filled out for your child(ren) for the new school year. We will keep these on file so we have it readily available for any of our activities and events, both on/off site. In addition, there will be a section on the form that will ask for authorization to use your child's photographs in Trinity publications (i.e. Facebook posts, church newsletter, slideshow announcements used in church service, etc.).

Meals for Youth Group:

We like to offer a simple lunch at the beginning of Youth Group for students and leaders. OWe would like to have the congregation sign up to cook/provide the meal each week as a way to support to the members of the Youth Group program. There is a sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen and any help in filling it out to provide food is greatly appreciated.

Prior to accepting the meal each week, we will take a moment for prayer as a group. Please wait until everyone is there.

Weekly Bible Study for Fall:

Another part that we will use is a weekly devotional reading. Members who read the text, come to the meeting, and participate in the discussion will be given a ticket to enter into a drawing. Everyone will participate in the discussion regardless.

Youth Group devotion theme for Fall:

Our devotion theme for fall (for middle/high school) will be utilizing movie outtakes to study God's word. This comes from a Christian book by Doug Fields and Eddie James called *Videos that Teach 2*. Most of the movies are PG-13, but only specific clips will be utilized and IF there is an R rated movie clip that is used, it will be verbally and visually safe to use - as per the authors of the book. (I will verify).

Coffee Cart Responsibilities:

We will continue to run coffee cart as normal on Sunday mornings. Christina will continue to create the staffing of the coffee cart based on input from the members availability. While this is not a big fundraiser for us, the congregation does appreciate the youth making the drinks before church. Please be here no later than 8:15 am to run coffee cart. If the member is working the machine, they should be here by 8 am to turn it on and get the working pressure started.

High School members or leaders will run the espresso machine. The machine is a high temperature, high pressure unit that must be operated correctly. We would like all of the members to have a food handler's licenses. If they do not, the Youth Group will reimburse them for successful completion of the training (online) and verification by providing a copy of the license (like any food establishment would ask for).

Middle School members will be taught customer service, proper change counting, and basic drink order creation. The Middle School member will be responsible for counting the till and placing the money earned that week in an envelope marked "Youth Group" in the offering plate during service.

A past Youth Group member recently stated that it was his experience here that secured a job at a coffee shop while in college.

We expect members working the coffee cart to quickly clean up and count the till once the congregation has entered into service. The expectation is that coffee cart workers quietly enter service at an opportune time, typically before the readings during the children's message.

Fundraising and Volunteering:

We will be doing several activities in the coming year as well as the summer mission trip. This year we will be recording who is participating and the length of time that they spend on the activities leading up to each event. We recognize that not all youth will be able to participate 100% in the activities but want to avoid an uneven system. We do encourage everyone to try to participate in any manner.

At the year end the amount of time that is put forth by each member will be taken into consideration when deciding on the monetary benefit they receive to participate in the mission trip.

This will hopefully avoid a disparity of efforts vs rewards among members of the Youth Group.

Group Etiquette:

Respect God, Respect Others, Respect Yourself. Listen and participate. Your responses may be the ones that help another member understand or provide a basis for their continuing exploration.