



Woodside Students: Summer 2017

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The summer months are perhaps the best opportunity to reach students and also invest in service and discipleship. By creating avenues for both relational and programmed elements, we will seek to create environments where students can grow closer together and deeper in their relationship with God while at the same time be motivated to invite new students to church!

With that in mind, we need you! As we've been sharing with you since our Leader's Training in August, the commitment for a small group leader (SGL) is from May to May. You're already familiar with what the school year commitment looks like so let us take a moment to share what the summer commitment looks like. The expectation for an SGL is 6 touchpoints with their small group over the 16 weeks of summer. Let us add a more clarification and the opportunities for you to make those 6 touchpoints happen. We're asking for:

- 1 connection in June
- 1 Small Group Sunday (further explained below)
- 2 Oasis events
- 1 Hangout
- 1 u-pick

We ask SGLs to be committed all year round because relationships and life happen all year round. Your students know, love, trust, and respect you (even when it doesn't seem like it). You have poured into their lives throughout the year and out of desire to make the most of the time God has given us to influence the lives of these students, we can't take the summer off.

The summer will have a mix of organic and organized events. Those events will range from unified Woodside Student events (Oasis & Wake together) to Oasis specific events to all-campus events and more! Last year, you leaders were amazing as you were intentionally involved in both the organic & organized events. The organized events this year we'll have similarities to those in the past (such as our Block Party), as well as, introduce some new opportunities for our students

We're bringing back some of our organic events like "Tasty Thursday's" taking place every Thursday in the summer from 12-1:30pm at local fast food places that one of our staff will be at to the Rochester Hills fireworks on June 28th at Borden Park. As always, if you show up at a Tasty Thursday, we are more than glad to buy your lunch 😊

We understand that there will be some conflicts in schedule that vacations are planned, and that things will pop up. Don't let that stop you from being invested and committed this summer instead let us know any of your questions or concerns so that we can best work together

We're excited for all that God is going to do in the lives of so many students this summer and we're humbled to be able to serve alongside you. Thank you for allowing us to do so!

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Transitions:

In the cycles of Student Ministry, stage-of-life transitions are crucial opportunities and key aspects to church involvement in the future. The transition from Kids Ministry into Oasis, Wake, and then the church-at-large is vital. We strive to leverage these seasons by coming alongside parents & students in meaningful ways.

Specifically:

- Oasis Takes-over Club 45, May 7th: We connect with the graduating 5th graders by taking over Club 45 and bringing them on down to the Underground to experience a unique 5th grade only, Deep End service
- 8th Grade Celebration, June 4th: Time to celebrate our graduating 8th graders. The end of middle school is something worth honoring and we look to do just that with a unique Deep End service (11:30am service hour) in which the families of 8th graders are invited to come to celebrate. During that time our 8th graders have the opportunity to share with their peers, their SGL's, & their family what God has taught them through their time in Oasis. We then follow the service up with a luncheon for families & leaders!
- Jumpstart for Parents, Sunday June 11th: This class is meant to connect and inform parents of upcoming 6th graders. This is a Sunday-morning class aimed at educating parents about Oasis, to discuss the journey & transition ahead for their student while building a trust-based rapport with the parent(s).
- Jumpstart for Students, Wednesday June 21st to Thursday, June 22nd: A multi-site overnight event to help graduating 5th graders transition into Oasis. We look to create an engaging & memorable experience for our new 6th graders as we look to kick-off their student ministry experience in the best way possible with insightful teaching, engaging worship, and a whole bunch of fun. The overnighter will end with a campus-specific pool party! Ours will be taking place at the Boyer's house from 12-2pm with the rest of our middle school students (7th-8th graders).
- Fresh Start, Friday July 28th to Saturday, July 29th: An overnight experience at Camp Ohiyesa in Holly, that is just for our upcoming freshmen. This overnighter gives us the chance to create a memorable experience for our upcoming freshmen as we share with them about being fully invested in their relationship with Christ as they transition into high school. Cost is \$50. We share this with you because we know some of you reading this our 8th grader leaders so this is a great thing for you to be aware of and to encourage your students to be a part of!

Events:

These events are an opportunity for students to invite their friends to be a part of having some ridiculous fun while connecting with the church!

- Oasis Block Party, Friday, June 16th, 6-9pm: Ending the school year with a bang as the Block Party returns. Our upcoming 6th graders are invited to join the rest of Oasis from across the campuses for a ridiculous amount of fun as we enjoy the rock walls, inflatables, our 3rd annual octaball tournament, food trucks, and much more! Cost is \$5 and students will want to bring extra \$ for food.
- Pool Party, Thursday June 22nd, 12-2pm: We'll keep the summer fun rolling with a Wake only pool party at the Boyer's house on Thursday, June 22nd. No costs just come ready for swimming & fun!
- Sundown Cinema; Wednesday August 9th, 7:00-9pm: The sun will set and the popcorn will pop as we bust out the lawn chairs & blankets for an outdoor movie night with our Oasis family!
- Splash Party; Wednesday August 16th, 7-9pm: Enjoying the summer sun with a little water fight! The night will be filled with all sorts of ridiculously fun water games! It will be a fun and memorable night like none other!
- Backyard BBQ; Wednesday, August 23rd, 7-9pm: We'll wrap the summer up with a classic backyard BBQ. We'll enjoy food, play games, have some outdoor worship, and a whole bunch of fun!

Gatherings:

Intentional opportunities for students to connect & spend time with one another and with leaders.

- Tasty Thursdays will occur every Thursday from 12:00pm – 1:30pm beginning June 29th and continuing until August 24th with the exception of July 20th. Some days Tasty Thursdays will take place at local fast food places, other days at the lake, and some at the pool! Check the calendar below for more info.
- Post Flip activities will take place for our students who are serving at Flip (June 26th-29th) On Monday we'll be hanging out on the back patio of Woodside enjoying some popsicles, on Tuesday we're heading over to CJ Barrymores for some putt-putt, Wednesday all of Woodside Students is invited to the Rochester Hills Fireworks & Thursday are Tasty Thursday location will be the restaurants right by the church so any students who are volunteering can walk up & join any other students!
- Wednesday, June 28th Rochester Hills Fireworks: For the past few years, we have headed over early to Borden Park to reserve a large area for a whole bunch of Oasis, Wake, and Woodside families to come hangout and enjoy the fireworks together. Come, hangout, and have fun! We'll save a spot for you

Service Opportunities & Celebration:

Not only does summer provide a lot of opportunities for students to hangout, connect with leaders, & have a blast but also a great time for us to encourage & challenge them to make the most of their time by serving!

- **Flip Camp, June 26th–29th:** Our four-day kid’s ministry day camp is HUGE, exciting, and an amazing way for our students to start off their summer by serving! There are a lot of opportunities from being a small group leader to helping with games to being another pair of helpful hands for set-up & much more!
- **Hope Week, Saturday afternoon, July 15th – Thursday evening July 20th:** Every summer we set aside a week for our middle and high school students to spend time sharing and showing the love of Christ to others by serving. Our middle school students (those who will be in 7th & 8th grade this fall) will be serving in Pontiac. Our high school students (those who will be in 9th-12th grade this fall) will be serving in all around Metro Detroit. This year we will be back staying all together at Rochester College! It was an incredible time last year staying at Rochester College as it created opportunities for both middle school and high school to have sessions together where they engaged in powerful worship and were challenged by God’s Word. Although we’re altogether we still have plenty of Oasis and Wake specific time! Our housing will still be broken up by gender and ministry (Oasis/Wake). We’ll be doing all of our training together on Saturday & Sunday, Oasis will attend the Pontiac campus for church on Sunday while Wake will be heading to the various Woodside campuses that we’ll be partnering with. Finally, we’ll end the week all together at the Troy campus that Thursday night for desert, worship, and a chance for parents to hear stories about the week! We would love to talk more with any of you who has a desire to spend the week on this trip as a leader.
- **Hope Week Celebration, Thursday, July 20th:** Last year we ended Hope Week in a powerful way as leaders, other students, & the families of every student joined our Hope Week family back in the main worship center at Troy for worship, to hear stories from the week, to watch & celebrate the baptism of 32 students, and to celebrate all that God had done in & through the team that week! This is a night that you do not want to miss...we hear it’s made even better if you spend the week serving on the trip 😊

Opportunities to Grow:

We also want to capitalize on the opportunity throughout the summer to encourage & challenge students to grow deeper in their faith.

- **Summer Reading Plan:** We will provide a summer Bible reading plan for students who desire to be dedicated & disciplined in reading the word each day throughout the summer break. It will start on Sunday June 11th and carry on throughout the summer months.
- **Deep End:** Every Sunday morning during the 11:30am service, we will continue to meet for worship and teaching as we’ll take the summer to focus on a few topics. We’ll go through three series this summer; one focused on identity & purpose, another on the character of God, and our final series of the summer will be on building spiritual disciplines. Six of those Sundays will be small group Sundays.
- **Small Group Sundays:** On six Sundays throughout the summer, we will be creating an intentional opportunity for you to connect with your small group during the Deep End. On those Sundays, you will attend the Deep End and at the end of the message circle up with your small group to discuss the message. There’ll be opportunities for you to hang out and catch up with them on the front end of the Deep End as well. You are being asked to commit to one small group Sunday but you can be at

more. The dates for Small Group Sundays can be found below. Please let us know which one(s) you'll be at

- **August Bible Study:** The first four Wednesdays in August we will gathering together for Bible Study and discipleship. On those nights we'll meet before the events scheduled (reference above).

Month	Date	Event	Other
June:			
Sun.	4 th	8 th Grade Celebration	
Sun.	11 th	Jumpstart for Parents	
Sun.	11 th	Hope Week Meeting	Mandatory meeting for all Hope Week participants & a parent. Right after the 11:30am service in The Garage.
Fri.	16 th	Oasis Block Party	
Wed-Thurs	21 st -22 nd	Jumpstart for Students: Overnight	
Thurs.	23 rd	Oasis Pool Party	12-2pm @ The Boyers.
Sun	25 th	Small Group Sunday	
Mon	26 th	Post-Flip Hangout	Popsicles on the Patio
Tues	27 th	Post-Flip Hangout	Putt-Putt at CJ Barrymores
Wed.	28 th	Rochester Hills Fireworks	Borden Park
Thurs.	29 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
July:			
Sun	2 nd	Small Group Sunday	
Thurs	6 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Sun	9 th	Small Group Sunday	
Thurs	13 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Sat-Thurs	15 th – 20 th	Hope Week	
Thurs	20 th	Hope Week Celebration	
Thurs	27 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Fri-Sat	28 th -29 th	Fresh Start	@ Camp Ohiyesa
Sun.	30 th	Small Group Sunday	
August:			
Wed	2 nd	Bible Study	Starts at 5:30pm
Thurs	3 rd	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Sun	6 th	Small Group Sunday	
Wed.	9 th	Bible Study	Starts at 5:30pm
Wed.	9 th	Sundown Cinema	7-9pm
Thurs.	10 th	Tasty Thursday	
Sun	13 th	Small Group Sunday	
Wed.	16 th	Bible Study	Starts at 5:30pm

Wed.	16 th	Splash Party	7-9pm
Thurs	17 th	Tasty Thursday	
Sun.	20 th	Small Group Sunday	
Sun	20 th	All Day Leaders Training	3-8pm
Wed.	23 ^d	Bible Study	Starts at 5:30pm
Wed.	23 ^d	Backyard BBQ	7-pm