



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 House Hangout
- 2 Wake 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 Oasis to Wake to Collective, and then the church-at-large is vital. We strive to leverage these seasons by coming alongside parents & students in meaningful ways.

Specifically:

- Senior Retreat, May 19th-20th @ Timberwolf: For the first time ever, we will be having a Seniors only retreat! This will be a time of worship, teaching, prayer, fun, and a few other special elements as we make the most of the last moments we have with our graduating class. The cost per student is \$45 and \$20 for senior SGLs.
- Wake Grad Party, Sunday – June 4th: The bittersweet time of celebrating our graduating seniors. This evening provides a chance to look back on what God has done throughout their years in student ministry. We encourage all students to come and join in the fun as we celebrate our seniors!
- 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 overnigher 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

Events:

- Wake Block Party, Saturday June 17th, 7-10pm: Ending the school year with a bang as we start off summer with our first ever, Wake only Block Party! From food trucks to live music to bonfires to a 3-on-3 tourney...there'll be no shortage of fun, good times, and great memories. Cost is \$5 and students will want to bring extra \$ for food.
- House Hangout - Pool Party, Thursday June 22nd, 7-10pm: 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 some swimming, bonfire, volleyball, and great times!
- Sundown Cinema; Thursday August 10th, 7:30-10pm: The sun will set and the popcorn will pop as we bust out the lawn chairs & blankets for an outdoor movie night with our Wake family!
- Growing Roots: One-Day Conference, August 17th: This time of worship and teaching will be for Wake students and will be focused on deepening their relationship with Christ as we explore & dive into various spiritual disciplines. Cost is \$5 and we will have dinner.

- Kickball Tourney; Thursday August 24th, 7-10pm: Bringing back the backyard classic and we're doing it in style with our first ever Wake Kickball Tourney! We'll enjoy some throwback treats & be good sports when it comes to any bad beats as we enjoy this school yard throwback!

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.
- House Parties: (7pm) are an opportunity for students to connect with one another and with you while enjoying a meal & all the good times Summer months have to offer. House Hangouts also provide an outreach opportunity for students to bring their friends into a Christ-centered environment where they'll be able to meet other high school students and leaders. The hope is that through the relationships formed for that friend during a House Hangout will encourage them to come to other events that summer & get plugged into a Wake group in the fall. Here are the dates for the summer House Hangouts:
 - June 22nd
 - July 13th
 - July 27th
 - August 3rd
- 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 & Celebrations:

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! We've already got an amazing group of students heading to Cran-Hill (July 2nd – 7th) to serve special need adults at their summer camp and an awesome group heading out to Uganda (June 24th – July 6th). We have plenty more opportunities going on throughout the summer for students to serve & to grow in their faith!

- 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.
- **Cran-Hill Celebration, Friday, July 7th:** Last year we celebrated the return of our Cran-Hill team by hosting a desert reception for them upon their arrival back at Woodside Troy. This year we will be doing the same thing and want to make it even better by packing the place out with Wake students & leaders ready to celebrate with our Cran-Hill team all of the work that God had done in & through them that week. The night will be filled with worship, stories from the week, and a little hangout time afterward.
- **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. You’ve already read of one of those opportunities with the One Day conference on August 17th, here are two more:

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

	Date	Event	Other
June:			
Sun.	4 th	Wake Grad Party	
Sat.	10 th	House Hangout	

Sun.	11 th	Hope Week Meeting	Mandatory meeting for all Hope Week participants & a parent. Right after the 11:30am service in The Garage.
Sat.	17 th	Wake Block Party	
Thurs.	22 nd	House Hangout – Pool Party	@ the Boyers
	June 24 th -July 6 th	Uganda Mission Trip!	
Mon.	26 th	Post-Flip Hangout	Popsicles on the Patio
Tue.	27 th	Post-Flip Hangout	Putt-Putt at CJ Barrymores
Wed.	28 th	Rochester Hills Fireworks	
Thurs.	29 th	Tasty Thursday (12-1:30pm)	Plaza by the church (Salsaritas, Noodles, JJ's)
July:			
Sun-Fri	2 nd – 7 th	Cran-Hill Mission Trip	
Thurs.	6 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Thurs.	6 th	House Hangout	Starts at 7pm
Fri	7 th	Cran-Hill Celebration!	in the Garage!
Thurs	13 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Thurs.	13 th	House Hangout	Starts at 7:00pm
Sat-Thurs	15 th – 20 th	Hope Week	
Thurs	20 th	Hope Week Celebration	
Thurs	27 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Thurs	27 th	House Hangout	Starts at 7pm
Fri-Sat	28 th -29 th	Fresh Start	@ Camp Ohiyesa
August:			
Thurs	3 rd	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Thurs	3 rd	Bible Study	Starts at 5:30pm
Thurs	3 rd	House Hangout	Starts at 7:00pm
Thurs	10 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Thurs	10 th	Bible Study	Starts at 5:30pm
Thurs	10 th	Sundown Cinema	Starts at 7:30pm
Thurs	17 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Thurs	17 th	Bible Study	Starts at 4:30pm
Thurs	17 th	Growing Roots: One Day Conference	Starts at 6pm
Sun	20 th	All Day Leaders Training	3-8pm
Thurs	24 th	Tasty Thursday	12-1:30pm
Thurs	24 th	Bible Study	Starts at 5:00pm
Thurs	24 th	Kickball Tourney	Starts at 7pm

