

WinShape Camps for Communities
Middle Schooler Engagement Program
Student Coordinator Guide

Purpose + Goal

Create an experience for Middle Schoolers in the community to participate in the fun of camp while experiencing the development of volunteer and service opportunity.

WinShape Camps for Communities offers camp programming for campers who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade. To volunteer at WinShape Camps for Communities, one must have completed ninth grade. Due to these age brackets, there has been a significant gap created between the two camp audiences that we hope to bridge as a result of the Middle Schooler Engagement Program. By providing an experience where Middle Schoolers can experience the fun culture of camp while dabbling in age-appropriate opportunities of service, Middle Schoolers will be able to continue their engagement in communal ministry, know their presence is valued, and stay connected to the church as they mature in their faith.

Requirements

As a community who has communicated their interest in participating in the pilot year of this experience, we ask that the following requirements are acknowledged and prepared for this program to be effective. These expectations will be shared with the camp team that is visiting your community.

- All Middle School Participants must be registered (in WIN).
- There is a capacity of students who can participate. If your camp capacity is < 250 campers, your middle school capacity is 25. If your camper capacity is at 300 campers, your middle school capacity is 30 students. There is no minimum number of middle school students.
- There must be an assigned Student Coordinator on site for the duration of each camp day.
- The Student Coordinator is responsible for and will be assigned to lead, work with, and oversee the Middle School Participants during the camp week. This includes eating lunch with the group and facilitating a Small Group/Discussion time with the Middle Schoolers twice a day. (Reference schedule below.)

Policies

Volunteer Numbers

WinShape Camps for Communities requires that there is one registered Volunteer for every ten campers. Because Middle School Participants are not official Volunteers, their numbers do not count towards your community's volunteer number.

Safety

Middle School participants are not required to wear a particular t-shirt; however they will need to wear their provided nametag.

Bathroom Policy

If you've partnered with WinShape before, you're aware of what we call the Rule of Three. This means that if there is a camper who needs to use the bathroom, they must be accompanied by two others (one of whom needs to be a volunteer or Summer Staffer). This protects both the camper who is going to the bathroom as well as the Summer Staffer/Volunteer who is facilitating the visit. Because Middle Schoolers are not registered volunteers, they can NOT be considered as the adult volunteer/summer staffer who is facilitating the bathroom trip, however they CAN be considered a third member. As it relates to their own going to the bathroom, they will be able to go by themselves.

Updates to come on our Bathroom signage – per the Safety team.

Camp Schedule

*Note that at various times of day throughout the week, the Volunteer Director may work with you (the Student Coordinator) to delegate a variety of tasks to Middle School participants such as counting inventory, prepping snack, etc.

Between 7:00 and 7:30 Volunteer Meeting

8:15 – 8:45 Check In / Village Training

8:50 – 9:25 Wake Up

9:35 – 10:25 Rec!

10:35 – 11:05 Team Time

11:10 – 11:20 Village Rally & Snack City

11:25 – 12:15 Skill 1

12:20 – 12:30 Village Rally

12:35 – 1:10 Lunch

1:20 – 2:05 Worship

2:15 – 2:50 Team Time

3:00 – 3:10 Village Rally & Snack City

3:15 – 4:05 Skill 2

4:10 – 4:20 Village Rally

4:25 – 4:50 Power Surge

5:00 Check Out

Camp Day Schedule: Friday Family Fun Day

Between 7:00 and 7:30 Volunteer Meeting

8:15 – 8:45 Check In / Village Training

8:50 – 9:20 Wake Up

9:30 – 10:25 Super Rec! Showdown

10:35 – 11:10 Team Time

11:15 – 11:30 Check Out

11:35 – 12:05 Closing Session
12:10 Lunch

Suggested Schedule Activities

TIME	ACTIVITY	SUPERVISOR	MS ACTIVITY
7:45AM – 8:10AM	Meetings	SC/VD	Volunteer Meeting
8:15AM – 8:45AM	Village Training	SC/VD	Entrance to VT, helping with Lunch Bags
8:50AM – 9:30AM	Wake Up	SC/AD/PD	Tear down VT, help set up Rec!, join Wake Up if time (PD rows in back)
9:35AM – 10:30AM	Rec!	SC/AD	Entrance to Rec, help with games, help with water, deliver icy juicy's, etc.
10:35AM – 11:05AM	Team Time 1	SC/AD/VD	Tear down rec, help prep snack 1, if time do their own devo
11:10AM – 11:20AM	Village Rally	SC/VD	Deliver snacks, head to skills
11:25AM – 12:15PM	Skill One	SC	Volunteer in Skill One
12:20PM – 12:30PM	Village Rally	SC	Back to SC
12:35PM – 1:15PM	Lunch	SC/VD	Help deliver lunch, eat
1:20PM – 2:10PM	Worship	SC/PD	Join in worship
2:15PM – 2:55PM	Team Time 2	SC	Have their own devo // could restock skills water, prep snack 2
3:00PM – 3:10PM	Snack City	SC/VD	Deliver snack, head to skills
3:15PM – 4:05PM	Skill Two	SC	Volunteer in Skill Two
4:10PM – 4:20PM	Village Rally	SC	Back to SC
4:25PM – 4:55PM	Power Surge	SC/PD	Clean Up VR, help set up check out, join Power Surge if time
5:00PM – 5:10PM	Check Out	SC/CD	Help check out process, or go with SC
5:10PM – 5:25PM	Meeting	SC/VD	EOD volunteer meeting or separate mtg

SC = Student Coordinator

VD = Volunteer Director

AD = Activities Director

PD = Production Director

Working with the Volunteer Director

While the camp team's Volunteer Director will not directly oversee/be responsible for leading Middle School participants, they will hold a great level of context for role placement, what tasks need to take place for a smooth camp operation, policies, communication with the camp Leadership Team, etc.

To most effectively know how to delegate roles to and communicate with your Middle School participants, clear communication with your camp team's Volunteer Director will be imperative. Like how a Volunteer Director will be placing volunteers in their prospective roles, you (the

Student Coordinator) will place Middle School Participants in assigned roles (Ex: Placing each Middle Schooler in Team Time for Rec and in a Skill during Skills).

To maximize pre-camp week communication with your camp team's Volunteer Director, connect with your Camp Host to access their email/contact information.

Role Placement

While Volunteer Directors place Volunteers in their roles (Lunch Crew, Check Point, Team Time/Skills, etc.), there will be a few areas of camp in which Middle Schoolers will also receive an assigned placement.

Reference the schedule above (elements are listed in bold) to notate when Middle Schoolers would assist in the perspective areas of camp.

- **Team Time during Rec** (especially Ocean & Safari Team Times)
 - Play the Rec game with campers.
 - Assist in distributing water cups / giving out water.
 - Assist in cleaning up / organizing Rec equipment.
- **Skills** (twice a day)
 - Limit assignments to one Middle Schooler per Skill.
 - Connect with the Volunteer Director to see which Skills could use more assistance.

You have creative liberty in how you would like to collect interest from Middle Schoolers as it pertains to what Team Time/Skill they would like to assist. They do not have to stick with one group/one Skill the entire week. Listed below are a few ways in which you could facilitate a placement.

- Pre-place your Middle Schoolers in Team Times / Skills and host a fun “reveal” of sorts.
 - Middle Schoolers of all grades are welcome to assist Ocean and Safari Team Times. It is preferred that only 8th graders assist Alpine Team Times so that there is a maximized age gap.
- Have Middle Schoolers sign up for their Team Time/Skill each morning as they arrive to camp.
- Have Middle Schoolers draw their Skill placement from a hat.

Team Time

Team Time happens twice a day for campers at WinShape Camps for Communities. During this time, campers learn about the Theme, participate in age appropriate activities, work in their camper workbooks, and build relational equity with their Team Time Leader and Volunteer. This space is usually relational, educational, and serves as a way for campers to make friends, establish a team culture, and learn about Jesus.

In the same way, these portions of the camp day can be used to cultivate meaningful moments for Middle School Participants. As the Student Coordinator, you will be able to use these

scheduled moments however you and your ministry best sees fit. The time allocated for this group time ranges from 30 – 35 minutes and takes place twice a day.

Listed below is an approximate run-of-show for how you could use this window of time with your students:

- Ice Breaker Game – 8 to 10 minutes
- Transition from game to opening question / discussion / relatable story
- Scripture reading
- Discussion questions about the Scripture shared
- Share Takeaways