

Lake Students Chaperone Commitment

Each Chaperone's commitment is personalized, based on the individual's availability.

After observing the Lake Students program, I have spent time in prayer and discussed my commitment with my family and agree to chaperone with the Lake Students Ministries. I commit to the following:

Responsible To:

Student Pastor, and Lead Pastor

Strategy:

At Lake Community Church we strongly believe in a relational ministry. Men and women of God are strategically placed alongside students to provide a healthy role model for them to follow. From the student perspective, the volunteer at Lake Community Church, Lake Students, will be an example of Jesus with skin on. The impact that life-on-life ministry has on today's youth cannot be underestimated.

About:

The Lake Students is open to all Middle School and High School students, grades 6th - 12th. However, any student attending M.S. or H.S. over the age of 19 will not be able to attend or participate in activities offsite.

When We Meet:

Lake Students meets at the church building on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. This is subject to change as necessary. Our meetings consist of a time of games, fellowship, a live or video teaching, and Connection Group time.

Requirements:

- All Chaperones must be at least 18 years old.
- Chaperones must have been out of High School for a period no shorter than 6 months.
- All Chaperones must fill out Lake Students Chaperon Commitment form.
- All Chaperones must be approved by the Student Pastor of The Lake.
- All Chaperones must submit to a background screening that must be completed before a volunteer may participate in the student meetings.
- All Chaperones may not be involved in a romantic relationship (whether implied and stated) with a student that is still attending H.S. and/or under the age of 18, regardless of whether or not that student is a part of the Lake Students.

The Process For Becoming A Chaperone In The Lake Students:

- Participate in training given by the Student Pastor, and reading the Policies and Procedures.
- After this, the person must fill out the Volunteer Commitment and Application in addition to signing the "Statement of Acknowledgement and Agreement" form which includes permission for Lake Community Church to perform a background check (attached at the end of the Policies/Procedures).
- As soon as the background check is complete, the person will be eligible to volunteer in the Lake Students.
- Lake Community Church will conduct a background check through Checkr. Each person will receive an email from noreply@Checkr.com prompting them to provide personal information and authorization for the background check. (All social security numbers are securely encrypted by Checkr. Lake Community Church will not have access or store any social security numbers unless the individual requests to fill out a form rather than apply through the email). Background checks will be repeated every 3 years on all active volunteers. Only the secretary, Student Pastor, and Lead Pastor will have access to the background checks.

Relationships:

WE BELIEVE THAT LOVING STUDENTS AND SHOWING THEM JESUS is the greatest way we can have an impact on them. Building individual relationships with the students in Lake Students Ministries through phone calls, notes, letters, visits, and activities is essential for effective ministry. Since we believe in a family-friendly youth ministry, this also includes making an effort to care about the members of the students' family.

Proper student relationships

I will use careful judgment when I minister to the opposite or same sex, such as following the safety rules of:

- Not driving the opposite sex student unless there is a third person in the vehicle.
- Not initiating hugs with the opposite sex student (side-hugs are acceptable).
- Not initiating or continuing intimately personal one-on-one conversations with students of the opposite sex.
- Do not be alone with a student one on one. **Ever!**
- Parents of the student(s) must be aware of where their child is at all times.
- Chaperones must inform and obtain approval from the Student Pastor anytime they will be taking a student or a group of students anywhere.
- Chaperones may not pursue a romantic or physically inappropriate relationship with a student under any circumstances.
- Chaperones may not engage in any form of physical contact that is characterized as non-romantic (hug, handshake, etc.) unless it is initiated by the student. No form of physical intimacy is accepted (kiss, extended hug, cuddling, etc.) at any time, and this type of physical contact will be cause for dismissal from volunteering with the students.
- Chaperones may not use any social media that uses untraceable means to communication (i.e. SnapChat, etc.). In addition to this, all volunteers must refrain from deleting any digital or written communication with a student.

- Chaperones must work to maintain an atmosphere of no secrecy. When a student asks to speak to you in confidence, you must, in a graceful and upfront way, inform them that there are things you can keep confidential, but anything that is unlawful or presents harm to another person must be shared with the Student Pastor or Lead Pastor.

I commit to relational ministry, knowing that every student counts, every student needs to be known, greeted, cared for, and loved.

Personal:

I acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in my life and have a personal relationship with Him.

I am committed to growing and maturing my relationship with God through quiet times, active church attendance, and involvement in some type of accountable relationship.

I am committed to choices and a lifestyle that are both godly and “above reproach.” This includes, but is not limited to, the abstaining of controversial liberties such as sexual immorality, the “worldly” partying image of alcohol abuse, drinking while responsible for students, smoking, drugs, and immoral behavior. This is my commitment knowing that my life is a model for the students with whom I work.

Supportiveness

I understand the Statement of Faith and Affirmation of our church and agree with the Lake Students Ministries' philosophy, mission, purpose, and vision.

I commit to staff support and unity through quickly resolving conflicts, supporting the leadership and all church decisions, and accepting and nurturing the new staff.

Only Chaperones that have been trained and had a background check can be a driver for an off-campus activity. Also, the driver must have a unexpired driver's license (with a copy kept on file with the church) and have been approved by the Student Pastor.

Lake Community Church has a ZERO tolerance for abuse. It is the responsibility of every staff member and chaperone to act in the best interest of all students by reporting suspicious or inappropriate behaviors to the Student Pastor or Lead Pastor immediately. The Student Pastor and Lead Pastor will maintain strict confidence of any individual reporting any incidence.

Violations of these policies and procedures will result in a face to face meeting with Student Pastor and Lead Pastor reviewing the policy, procedures, commitments, and expectations. If violations occur again could result in immediate dismissal from working with students.

This is your commitment for the position of Lake Students Volunteer. The Student Pastor and Lead Pastor will hold you accountable to this commitment. By signing this document you are agreeing with the information on the Volunteer Covenant and Commitment page and you have also read and understood your expectations expressed on your Volunteer description sheet. You were chosen for this position because of the love you have shown for students and your love for God. Please be above reproach in any and all situations and we will see lives changed. Students will grow as much as you grow.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Student Ministries Volunteer

Printed Name: _____
Student Ministries Volunteer

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Student Pastor

Please fill out with full legal name and information. Take your time and fill this application out thoughtfully, carefully and prayerfully. **We take this ministry very seriously, and therefore we take you very seriously.** Please read through the application, pray, and then complete it. The contents herein will be held confidential.

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____ City/Zip _____

Driver's License # _____ Auto Insurance Co. _____

Auto Insurance policy # _____ Birthdate _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____