



2011-2012 **io Student Ministry Parent Volunteer Opportunities**

*“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. **You'll be changed from the inside out.** Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”*

- Romans 12:1, 2 The Message

Parent involvement is extremely important in making the opportunities available to the youth of FUMC a success. Let's begin to take our youth's faith as seriously as we take their education, health, and athletic involvement. Any adult who chooses to work with the youth MUST complete a medical form as well as the Safe Sanctuary Procedure set by FUMC. Please prayerfully consider where you are able to serve.

io Student Advisor

An advisor's main priority: to invest your life into the students. An advisor should be there as much as possible, with one Sunday evening off a month - anything less, it would be difficult for him/her to really connect with the students. As an advisor, you should not volunteer for things that will take you away from the students (ie: sign-in table, snacks, etc). An advisor should be “hanging out” with the students, and not other adults, be receptive to new students and feel “comfortable” leading a small group with a co-leader. An advisor should arrive at least 15 minutes early to the events they are involved in and not leave prior to all students leaving (unless there is ample coverage). Advisors will focus on but not be exclusive to a specific age group and gender (ex. Female Senior High Advisor).

io SNYF Sign-In Table Volunteer

The Sign-in Table Volunteer for Sunday Night Youth Fellowship is a great way to get to know some of the students while filling a vital position in making io SNYF a safe, secure place for our youth. You are asked to arrive by 5:30 to set up the sign-in table. As students arrive, have them sign in and verify that they've filled out a medical release/permission slip form. If not, give them a blank one at the end of the evening to take home with them. Make sure students are not wandering around the building. Encourage other parents to volunteer. Keep First Aid Kit at hand for emergencies as well as greet ALL visitors coming into the building to help them find their way.

io Student Ministry Fundraisers & Budget

This is a job for those who like to work behind the scene and who is organized. The hope for io Student Ministries is to begin building up funds. Currently this is an extremely minimal amount of money that can be used for retreats, and even SNYF. This makes events costly for all those involve. Students, especially low-income students, seeking something they cannot wrap their mind around, should not be discouraged due to cost. Every youth matters and deserves equal opportunity. This can be done by budgeting and holding profitable fundraisers. This is not a one person job this can people multiple people along with the youth leader coming together to make a difference.

Confirmation Retreat @ Mount Gretna

The Confirmation Class will be going to Mount Gretna for a Confirmation Retreat on October 14-16, 2011. The staff at Mount Gretna will be facilitating the retreat, however we will need chaperones for this event. Cost for chaperones is \$30.

io Phone Chain

A point person or two is needed in case of emergency, change of plans due to weather, participation, etc. The Phone Chain volunteer would set up and initiate the Phone Chain call, text, email. How would you like to be contacted? Phone, text, e-mail? Filling out an "Is Anyone Out There" card will help us set this up efficiently.

Sunday School Teacher/Helper

Do you want to be a part of our Sunday School teacher rotation? Let us know! Senior High teachers are on a monthly rotation. Do you have an interest in challenging the lives of our 7th graders, please sign up! Two (2) teachers are needed, along with substitutes. If you're willing to be placed on a substitute list, that would be very helpful.

io SNYF Snack/Dinner Coordinator

On Sunday evenings, the youth are given an opportunity to fellowship with their friends at the beginning of the evening. Food is a part of fellowship. Providing the snack/light dinner for the evening is a great way for you to get to know the students. You are asked to arrive in ample time to be ready to serve by 5:30. Please provide enough food for at least 25 people. Drinks are provided by the Student Ministry and are kept in the Fellowship Hall kitchen refrigerator. Paper supplies can be found in the closet outside of room 1. (Youth Leader and sexton will have a key for the closet). Clean up after 6:30 (cleaning supplies are in FH kitchen). If drink supply is low, tell the youth leader BEFORE you leave. After cleaning up, you are asked to be a floater – ie: making sure students are where they are supposed to be with adult supervision.

io Youth Praise Band

Josh Betty will be heading up the youth praise band this year along with anyone interested using their musical and technical expertise. The youth praise band will practice in room 9/10 but time and day of the week are to be determined. Responsibilities would include being at practice, encouraging the team, being a team player, and making sure all equipment is being properly cared for and stored. The band will play at SNYF and in the Spring they might be playing for Sunday School.

io Wednesday Night Outreach

This is a new idea and will hopefully be kicking off sometime in October. It will start as fellowship time for those youth who are here on Wednesday nights throughout the school year who have siblings in choir, parents who have meetings, or just want to hangout. The youth wing will be open to everyone as a fun, safe, and laid back place to be. Eventually the goal is to become more of an outreach program and then possibly incorporate small group studies. It will be open for youth to inviting friends, youth from the co-op, and youth from the community. The possibilities are endless: coffee house, pizza night, video games, etc.

io Small Groups

Small groups are an important part of ministry. It is a time when two or more gather to study God's word and grow together. It is a time when leaders can disciple and be a living example for our youth along with learning from them. **Inspire** nights of SNYF will be small group studies. There will be some nights that will split senior and junior high and others that will split girls and boys. Wednesdays will hopefully be a night when some small groups may form. Small groups can happen whenever, wherever, and with whomever as long as the intention are set on strengthening a relationship with God.

September & October 2011 Calendar

Monday September 5- Somalia Famine Fundraiser 7am-1pm
Sunday September 11- Youth Kickoff: Scoops Ice Cream & Grill 5:30-8pm
Sunday September 18- *io* SNYF: **Inspire** 6-8pm
Sunday September 25- **Impact**: Crispus Attucks
Sunday October 2- *io* SNYF: **Ignite** 6-8pm
Sunday October 9- *io* SNYF: **Inspire** 6-8pm
Friday October 14-16 –Confirmation Retreat @ Mount Gretna (no SNYF)
Saturday October 15-16 - Lock-in (no SNYF)
Sunday October 23- *io* SNYF: **Impact** 6-8pm
Sunday October 30- *io* SNYF: Fall Party 6-8pm
Wednesday October ??? Outreach Kickoff

FUTURE EVENTS/IDEAS

- *io Leadership Team Meetings*
- *Quarterly Parent/Volunteer Meetings*
- *November- io Fall Retreat*
- *December – io Babysitting Fundraiser*
- **January 6-8, 2012 – Ocean City Youth Rally**
- *io Jr. High Retreat @ Pocono Plateau*
- *io Sr. High Retreat*
- *February – Spaghetti Dinner*
- **April 27&28, 2012 - 30-Hour Famine**
- **May 5th – Confirmation Banquet**
- *Creation 2012*
- *io Summer Missions Trip*

YES!! I WANT TO BE A VOLUNTEER!

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

For phone chain purposes, please contact me by _____

Student(s) involved in the Youth Program: _____

As a volunteer driver for events, I am able to transport _____ students/adults.

Donation: Food Books Games

io Sunday Night Fellowship

- io* Senior High Student Advisor
- io* Junior High Student Advisor
- Sign-in Table Volunteer
- Snack Volunteer/Floater

io Sunday School Teacher

- Senior High Teacher
 - o Substitute
- 7th Grade Teacher
 - o Substitute

io Student Ministry Fundraiser & Budget

Confirmation Retreat Chaperone @ Mt. Gretna
(OCTOBER 14-16, 2011)

io Youth Praise Band Advisor

io Phone Chain Coordinator

io Wednesday Night Outreach

io Small Groups

io Fall Retreat (NOVEMBER)

- Food Coordinator
- Driver/Chaperone
- Chaperone

io Babysitting Fundraiser (DECEMBER)

- Food/Kitchen Coordinator
- Craft Coordinator
- Game Coordinator
- Chaperone

Ocean City Youth Rally (JANUARY 6-8th)

io Spaghetti Dinner (FEBRUARY)

30-Hour Famine (APRIL 27 & 28)

- Table Volunteer Coordinator
 - o Table Volunteer
- Break-the-Fast Coordinator
 - o Break-the-Fast Volunteer
- Drink Coordinator
- Location Volunteer (works w/Youth Leader)

io Jr High Spring Retreat @ Pocono Plateau

io Sr High Spring Retreat

Confirmation Banquet (MAY 5th)

- Banquet Coordinator
 - o Kitchen Volunteer
 - o Decoration Volunteer
 - o Server Coordinator
 - o Clean-up Coordinator

Creation 2012

io Summer Missions Trip Chaperons

When volunteering for any of the above mentioned opportunities, please mark your calendar accordingly. If you do not hear from someone in a timely manner of the event date, PLEASE contact Kate Beiler, Youth Leader, kbeiler@EngageGodFirst.org or Evelyn in the church office (394-7231). Your commitment is greatly appreciated.