

JHM CORE GROUP

APPLICATION

FALL 2019

DEAR STUDENTS AND PARENTS,

Part of the mission of EvFree Fullerton's Jr. High ministry is ensuring each student feels known, valued, and included in the larger body. It is because of this mission that we form and place students into Core Groups. A Core Group is a small group of about 6-10 students of the same gender and grade, placed under the leadership of a caring adult Core Group leader. Core Groups allow students to get connected in a smaller, more personal setting, while facilitating community and investment from their adult leader.

Our Core Group leaders are asked to attend Junior High Ministry every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Beyond that they are encouraged to join us on other junior high activities and trips, as well as finding ways to spend time with students outside of church. These volunteer leaders go through an application process, which includes 2 interviews and a fingerprinted background screening. The JHM paid staff oversee all of our Core Group leaders and spend time throughout the year investing in their lives, including ongoing trainings and spiritual development.

Our ministry also aims to include and involve parents in creative and meaningful ways. We are looking for one parent per Core Group to volunteer for the year in a support role we call the Core Group Parent Sponsor. These parents connect with the Core Group leader regularly offering support, encouragement and help with communication to parents and families in your group. If you are interested in this role, there is an attached form with further information.

In order for us to make wise decisions in placing students, we ask parents and students to complete the attached Core Group application. The deadline for finishing this form is Sun., Sept. 22nd, and groups will be finalized by Sept. 29th. Students are given the opportunity to request friends with whom they would like to be grouped. While we do our best to honor these requests we are not always able to place them with all they list.

On Wed., Oct. 2nd, our Core Group leaders will be planning a fun night out for your kids to get to know them better. Please feel free to contact us anytime with questions regarding our Core Groups or any other aspect of Junior High ministry.

We are excited for what God has for us in the year to come!

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STUDENT SECTION:

FULL NAME:

CELL/EMAIL:

PLACE PICTURE HERE

HOW MANY SUN. DO YOU
ATTEND A MONTH? (1-4)

HOW MANY WED. DO YOU
ATTEND A MONTH? (1-4)

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN? IF
YOU HAD A FREE DAY, WHAT
WOULD YOU DO?

WHAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL? (SPORTS,
SCOUTS, DANCE, ECT.)

DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONALITY-
ARE YOU OUTGOING, SHY,
MUSICAL, ATHLETIC, ECT.

WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED FOR &
NERVOUS ABOUT FOR CORE
GROUPS?

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STUDENT SECTION:

FULL NAME:

WHO WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE IN YOUR CORE GROUP?
(LIST FULL NAMES)

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

WHAT LEADERS DO YOU KNOW/ WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WITH:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

PLEASE NOTE THAT CORE GROUPS ARE DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS, NOT FRIEND GROUPS- YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF IN A GROUP WITH UNEXPECTED PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP YOU GROW CLOSER TO JESUS.

WE WILL TRY TO GROUP YOU WITH WHO YOU GET ALONG WITH, BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL BE WITH EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST.

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PARENT SECTION:

STUDENT NAME:

PARENT NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

CELL:

HOME:

EMAILS:

STUDENT

BIRTHDAY (M/D/YY): _____

WHO DOES THE STUDENT LIVE WITH?

MOM

DAD

GRANDPARENTS

OTHER (EXPLAIN):

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) NAMES AND RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT (MOM, DAD, STEPMOM, STEPDAD, GUARDIAN)

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

NUMBER OF BROTHERS/SISTERS: /

NAME: _____

AGE:

NAME: _____

AGE:

NAME: _____

AGE:

NAME: _____

AGE:

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PARENT SECTION:

STUDENT NAME:

PARENT NAME:

Does your family attend First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton? Yes No
If you answered yes, how long has your family attended our church?
1 year or less 1-3 years 3-10 years Over 10 years

Are there any issues you would like us to be aware of before your student is placed in a Core Group?

Are there any health or medical concerns we should be aware of?

What conflicts/barriers do you foresee in your student attending regularly/being involved in JHM?

Do you have an interest in serving as a Parent Sponsor for this upcoming year? Yes No

What resources would you have available for the Core Group to use? (ie. Pool, large van, cabin etc)

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Note to parents:

Please turn these forms in to one of our Junior High staff members or bring to the Church offices, by September 22nd.

(Hours 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday)

Participation in church related events and activities constitutes approval by you, the parents, for your student to possibly be photographed and to have these photographs placed in church-related publications, including the church website, www.evfreefullerton.com.

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PARENT SPONSOR

INFORMATION

We are looking for parents to join us this year by becoming a Core Group Parent Sponsor. As a way of encouraging and supporting our volunteer staff and improving connections to families, we hope to have a Parent Core Group Sponsor for each Core Group.

Here's what this role of Core Group Parent Sponsor might include:

Communication:

- **Calling the CoreGroup Leader to touch base, offer support, and give positive feedback or encouragement.**
- **Working with the Core Group Leader and other parents in the Core Group to help organize occasional off-campus events for the Core Group (within a home or other venue for a Core Group Night Out).**

Coordination:

- **Support Core Group activities and help organize transportation.**
- **Mobilize encouragement for your kid's Core Group Leader (take him/her out for coffee, write a card of support, offer a meal, collect a gift card blessing).**
- **Offer activity ideas or resources to your Core Group Leader to help foster relationships among the Core Group.**

Commitment:

- **We would ask you to commit to being the Core Group Parent Sponsor through August 2020.**
- **We would ask you check in with the Core Group Leader twice a month. This can be via email, text message, phone call etc.**
- **Your role does not mean you need to take on all of the needs but rather to help delegate with other parents in the Core Group.**

Here's what the role of "Core Group Sponsor" does not include:

- **You would not be responsible to mentor your student's Core Group Leader.**
- **It does not mean you must attend JHM events.**
- **There is no obligation to host events at your own home.**
- **You are not responsible to deliver critical feedback to any Core Group Leader, but can have open communication with them for encouragement and you can speak to our JHM Staff (Kody, Becca, or Kate) if concerns arise.**

If you would like to volunteer as a Parent Sponsor please indicate it on the parent section of the Core Group Application or email Miriam.mohler@fullertonfree.com.