

Family Ministry Covenant



Thank you for your interest to serve in our WHFC family ministry environments! There are a few things we wanted you to know about our volunteer positions in these environments. First, know that as a volunteer in this ministry, you're in a leadership position, and the children and students here will watch what you say and do closely. We think that's great! You should be a role model for the next generation. And as a role model, your lifestyle is important to us. We want to make sure who you are on Sunday is who you are the rest of the week.

REGARDING YOUR PERSONAL MINISTRY

We believe that you serve from an overflow of the heart. Your personal growth is vital to your health as a leader.

- I will attend Sunday morning worship regularly.
- I will trust the leadership of the church.
- If I have a question or concern I will go directly to my ministry leader and will not discuss with other leaders/members.
- I commit to prepare for ministry by growing in my personal relationship with Christ.
- I will treat all children with respect and consideration.
- I have read and understand the job description for the position I serve in and understand the expectations.
- I will wear the provided t-shirt so that parents and kids can easily identify me as part of the team.
- I am a member or am planning to attend the next Starting Point (woodhills.org/connect/starting-point/).

REGARDING SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

We believe that sex was created by God as an expression of intimacy within the content of marriage. Volunteers who embrace a lifestyle that contradicts this teaching will find themselves having to pretend to be something they're not and believe something they don't. To prevent you from a potentially awkward situation, we may ask you not to serve for the following reasons:

- If you are involved in a sexual relationship and not married.
- If you are currently living with someone of the opposite sex and not married.
- If you are married and are currently involved in a sexual relationship outside of your marriage.
- If you are pursuing a same sex relationship.

We believe children are a gift and have been entrusted to us.

- I will not abuse children in any way, including but not limited to:
 - Physical abuse (strike, shake, slap)
 - Verbal/Mental abuse (humiliate, degrade, threaten)
 - Sexual abuse (inappropriate touch, or exposure)

REGARDING SUBSTANCE BEHAVIOR

If you have a history of alcohol or drug abuse, this might be something God uses in a positive way to impact the future of the next generation. We'd love to talk with you further about your story and how it can impact the children and students in our ministry. We have a few guidelines that will determine your volunteer placement, and a few reasons we may ask you not to serve at this time:

- If you have been arrested for or convicted of an alcohol or drug-related offense in the past twelve months.
- If you are currently being treated for alcohol or drug abuse.
- If you have used any illegal substance in the past twelve months.
- If consuming alcohol to the point of being unable to drive legally is a regular part of your lifestyle.

REGARDING SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

The kids (and/or the parents of the kids) in your group will definitely visit your Facebook page. If you blog, tweet, Periscope, Vine, Instagram or Snapchat, your few will probably follow you through those platforms. We think social media can be a great way to connect with your few outside of Sunday! However, they'll also be able to see everything you post publically. Please leverage your social media with your group in a positive way. Please be mindful of these guidelines, and we may ask you not to serve for the following reasons:

- If you use inappropriate language on a regular basis.
- If you post pictures of yourself in revealing clothes.

I agree to the terms above as long as I am a volunteer of Woodland Hills Family Church's Family Ministry. If I am unable to uphold this covenant I understand that I will need to resign from my volunteer position or that I may be asked by the leadership to resign.

Print Name _____

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____