

Name/Date: _____



StudentServe Application
Term: Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
Due: Sunday, July 10

What is StudentServe?

StudentServe is a *ministry leadership experience* for students grades 8-12. Its purpose is *to produce a disciple-making lifestyle in you* through a biblical understanding of Christian identity, training in Jesus' leadership strategy, guided development of Gospel-centered peer relationships, and experiential ministry ownership.

What will you get to experience through StudentServe?

StudentServe members experience a wide range of exciting challenges and teaching, most of which take place during our twice-a-month Sunday night meetings. This year, members will enjoy *exclusive movie nights, guest speakers, weekly games and snacks, worship, and peer-lead Bible study!*

During meetings, we *discuss the biggest questions surrounding spiritual growth and leadership*: "How do I know and imitate Jesus in a personal way? How can I become more comfortable, clear, and confident when studying and explaining the Bible? How do I explain the difference between Christianity and other religions, and share the Gospel with people from those backgrounds? How do I become a master at building Gospel-centered relationships, and develop the instincts and skills needed to reach and lead my peers?"

StudentServe members also attend *4 special outreach encounters* around Phoenix throughout the year, where we'll build ministry skills and serve our neighbors. Further, each member will participate in *this year's Discipleship Excursion: A 7-day trip to Washington D.C.!* (More details on pg. 3).

When are meetings? What is the schedule for the year?

StudentServe follows the school year. We meet roughly **two Sundays a month, from 5-7pm**. Meetings are usually held in a home, but sometimes we get adventurous and take the fun elsewhere (always communicated in advance)! Here is this year's schedule*:

Sunday, July 10: COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE | **Sunday, July 17: ACCEPTED MEMBERS NOTIFIED**

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| 1. FIRST MEETING: Sunday, July 24 | 11. Sunday, January 8 |
| 2. Sunday, August 7 | 12. Sunday, January 22 |
| 3. Sunday, August 21 | 13. Sunday, February 5 |
| 4. Sunday, September 4 | 14. Sunday, February 19 |
| 5. Sunday, September 18 | 15. Sunday, March 5 |
| 6. Sunday, October 2 | March 19-25 (Sun-Sat): D.C. TRIP |
| 7. Sunday, October 16 | 16. Sunday, April 2 |
| 8. Sunday, November 6 | 17. Sunday, April 16 |
| 9. Sunday, November 20 | 18. Sunday, April 30 |
| 10. Sunday, December 4 | 19. Sunday, May 7: "Season Finale" Party |

*This does NOT include the 4 additional outreach encounters, to be scheduled later per team availability.

What are the requirements and commitments for members?

Members have a lot of fun, but they should take this commitment seriously. You will get as much out of your StudentServe experience as you are willing to put into it. Evaluate whether you have time in your schedule to attend meetings, attend both services on Sunday mornings, and attend youth on Wednesday nights. Evaluate if you are willing and eager to grow, learn, and be challenged spiritually. Evaluate if you are willing to get “out of your comfort zone” and have fun leading others in achievable ways. We believe that ***you can do it!***

Here is what we'll expect of you—and what you are committing to do—if you join StudentServe:

- Be an example to your peers by demonstrating the attitude and behaviors of a spiritual leader: Purity, dependability, teachability, self-sacrifice, enthusiasm and, above all, an active, personal pursuit of Jesus Christ.
- Attend StudentServe meetings, with **no more than 2 absences** all year (1 per semester).
- Attend Wednesday nights and **both** services on Sunday mornings (9a Sunday school & 11a service).
- Bring a hard-copy Bible and pen with you to meetings and **all** church activities.
- Enthusiastically participate in ministry leadership activities: Event planning, leading discussions and devotions (team meetings and in small groups), outreach events, and serving/investing in peers.
- Attend **a minimum of 3** of the 4 outreach encounters to be scheduled later in the year.
- IMPORTANT**: Attend the spring break trip to Washington D.C. (March 19-25, '23), which involves personal fundraising/payments and preparational requirements during meetings (see pg. 3 for info).

STUDENT: After reviewing the list of expectations above, please **check each box** in the list and **sign** below, indicating your understanding of and agreement to fulfill these expectations, before filling out the rest of this form.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN: After **reviewing the list of expectations above**, please **initial in front of each checkbox** and then **sign** below, indicating your willingness to facilitate your student's participation in StudentServe.

Parent/Guardian Signature(s)

Date

THIS PAGE INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE '23 SPRING BREAK TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.
PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY!



Overview: Join us for a 7-day exploration of Washington D.C., led by *Joshua Expeditions* and chaperoned by TCAA pastors and Student Min. leaders. Students will explore D.C.'s most famous, beautiful, and significant sites, including museums, monuments, battlefields, and more. Along the way, they will explore the biblical foundations of our nation, grasp the preeminence of their Kingdom citizenship over their earthly citizenship, and be equipped and commissioned to engage their culture's controversies as uncompromising and effective Kingdom ambassadors.

Destination Highlights:

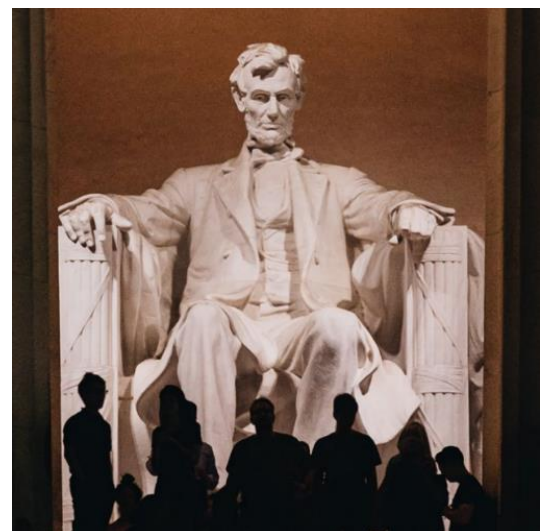
- **Philadelphia:** Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Museum of the American Revolution
- **Washington D.C.:** Capitol Hill, Mall Memorials, Smithsonian Museum, Library of Congress, Museum of the Bible, Arlington National Cemetery, WWII Memorial, exterior visits to White House & Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
- **Bonus Sites:** Mt. Vernon, Williamsburg, Iwo Jima Memorial, Harper's Ferry, and more!

Includes: Roundtrip airfare, quality hotel accommodations, all entry fees & private tour tickets, private coach transportation, breakfasts, destination dinners, cancelation insurance.

Fundraising & Payment: Students will be provided with personalized fundraising materials and guided through achievable steps to make the cost attainable for all. A \$200 deposit is due by July 31st. Payment plans are available for remaining amount (standard, monthly recurring, and more—see www.joshuaexpeditions.org).

All members are asked to attend. Please indicate your willingness below (check one) after discussion with your parents:

- I will attend & pay the deposit. I don't think I can attend.



Spiritual Identity

- a. What do you think it means to be a Christian? How does someone know if they are saved?
- b. Are you a Christian? Please circle one: **YES** / **NO** / **NOT SURE**
- c. If you are a Christian, please share a brief story of how you came to know Jesus as your Savior (staple additional pages if more space is needed):
- d. The word ***“testimony”*** is a legal/courtroom term. It’s used to describe the first-hand evidence that a witness presents to the jury to convince them to make a certain decision, based on what’s true.
As Christians, we should think of our “testimonies” the same way: We are giving someone personal evidence—things we’ve experienced first-hand—to convince them to make a decision: To follow Jesus, just like we have.
So, what’s *your* testimony? This is different than question “a.” above: ***What have you personally experienced since become a Christian that have convinced you that Jesus is worth following?*** How have you seen Him at work in your life? What would you be missing without Him? Please share briefly below (staple additional pages if more space is needed):
- e. Describe your weekly spiritual life in detail (Bible reading, prayer, church activity, study, Christian relationships, etc.):
- f. In **at least 3 sentences**, describe how have you seen yourself change spiritually—for better or worse—in the past year (growth, struggles, identity, etc.):
- g. What is one **specific** way you want to grow spiritually in the coming year?

Background

- a. Please list three people (one from TCAA, two outside TCAA) whom you believe know you fairly well. They **CANNOT be relatives** (parents, grandparents, uncles, etc.). Indicate your relationship to them (boss, mentor, coach, teacher, etc.) and include a phone number and email where they may be reached.

Name	Relationship to You	Phone #	Email
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_____	_____	_____	_____
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- b. If there is anything else you want us to know about you, or about something else related to your serving with StudentServe, please share it below:

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I, _____ (print name), having read and completed this application in its entirety, I am hereby committing (should I be accepted) to fulfill the outlined requirements for StudentServe, for the Fall '22 – Spring '23 commitment term.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:

I, _____ (print name), having read the requirements for StudentServe members included on pg. 2 of this form, I hereby commit to facilitate my student's participation for the Fall '22 – Spring '23 commitment term.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date