



SF BAY REGION WORK CREW TRAINING 2010-2011

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REGIONAL WORK CREW TRAINING SCHEDULE 2010-2011

WORK CREW TRY-OUT DATES:

Weekend #1 January 14-17 (3 day weekend led by Bree Haskell and Mindy Thralls)

- ☒ **January 7th turn in names** attending via the Google Docs registration*

*Click [here](#) to register on Google docs. Click Jan. 14-17 tab.

Weekend #2 Jan. 28-30 (2 day weekend led by Jeannette Thralls and Jen Moody)

- ☒ **January 21st turn in names** attending via Google Docs registration*

*Click [here](#) to register on Google doc. Click on Jan. 28-30 tab.

PROCESS AND TIMELINE:

- December 15** Begin inviting kids to try out for Work Crew. Invite letter attached.
- January 7 or 14** Register your students and leaders for Work Crew Try-Out Weekend.
- January 14-17** Work Crew Try-Out weekend option #1
- January 28-30** Work Crew Try-Out Weekend option #2
- February** Begin (if not earlier) 4 weeks of Area Work Crew Training and end by March 1st. We have provided training materials for those meetings.
Hand out WC applications at the 1st training.
- February 14** **Work Crew Applications DUE! Mail completed applications of students that you ARE recommending for Work Crew to:**
Silicon Valley Young Life 1320 Lincoln Avenue San Jose, CA 95125
PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE ARRIVE TO SVYL BY FEB. 14TH.
- March 2nd** Work Crew Selection Day. You are invited to attend. Location: Fremont.
Time: 9:30-done. (Address tbd.) Please be near your phone on this day in case we have a question.
- Week of April 1st** Properties notify kids of their selection.
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CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION:

1. [Work Crew application \(Form: YL-6005\)](#) filled out completely by student.
 - Photo attached to application
 - Application SIGNED BY A PARENT
2. [Work Crew Recommendation \(Form: YL-6006\)](#) filled out by staff.
3. **Availability To Serve (ATTACHED):** dates filled out completely & SIGNED BY PARENT

REGIONAL TRY-OUT WEEKEND COMPONENTS:

Biblical Input

- Personal Quiet Time:
 - We will work through the book of 1 Thessalonians through a printed devotional outline for kids to use during an allocated personal devotional time each morning.
- Work Crew Meetings:
 - We will have club meetings each day. Each day the message will be given on one of the chapters of 1 Thess.
- Scripture Memorization:
 - Each morning kids will be challenged in their quiet time to memorize scripture pertaining to serving the Lord. They will have opportunities to practice these verses with their peers and small groups.
- Small Groups:
 - Throughout the day, kids will meet with a small group leader. The leader will be provided questions that pertain to the morning's devotion in 1 Thess. along with a time of reflection on how to apply scripture directly to serving and the heart of a servant.

Prayer

- Personal Quiet Time:
 - During their morning devotional readings they are encouraged to spend time praying. There are tangible examples of how Paul prayed, etc.
- Throughout Work Day:
 - Each job will begin with prayer, and kids will be encouraged to pray for those who will be benefiting from the work they are currently doing.

Work

- Kids will be challenged to be disciplined in serving and working alongside a team of others. The weekend provides an opportunity to observe kids in a service situation. They are evaluated on work ethic, cooperation and spiritual maturity.

Fellowship-Worship

- As stated above the weekend will be spent in fellowship with the Lord and others. During each club meeting, we will worship in music together, read scripture together, and be in a like minded community.

AREA TRAINING COMPONENTS:

Biblical Input

- Scripture memory verses. Assign two memory verses per meeting. Each kid is responsible for memorizing at least two verses per week, for a minimum of eight verses. (Scripture Memory Verses are attached)

Selected Books

- Select your own book for a Bible Study Discussion time. Ideas of books that areas have successfully used are: Transformation Bible study by Bill Hybels. Character Bible Study by Bill Hybels. Improving Your Serve by Chuck Swindoll.

Prayer

- Have the kids keep a record of their daily quiet times, scripture readings, insights and prayer requests. Make a quiet time log or reflection sheet for them.

Fellowship-Worship

- Each applicant is required to attend church weekly and give a report on what they learned and experienced. Have them reflect on this in their log that they'll bring with them to training's.

Teaching Tools

- How to give a 3 Minute Testimony (attached).

AREA TRAINING AGENDA

Meeting #1

1. Worship
2. Introduction and expectations
3. Kids share why they want to try out for WC
4. Introduction to Bible study or book, assign homework.
5. Explain memory verses & set goals for next week.
6. Give out Quiet Time log and review how to have a quiet time.
7. Set goals for church attendance.
8. Give out WC application. Turn in at mtg. #3.
9. Close with group prayer.

Meeting #2

1. Worship
2. Review Quiet Time log.
3. Talk about church attendance.
4. Memory verses.
5. Review and discuss Bible study homework and assign next homework.
6. Discuss philosophy, purpose and expectations of the Work Crew.
7. Follow-up on applications and check if anyone needs assistance.
8. Close with group prayer.

Meeting #3

1. Worship
2. Review Quiet Time log.
3. Talk about church attendance.
4. Memory verses.
5. Review and discuss Bible study homework and assign next homework.
6. Study how to give a three-minute testimony.
7. Turn in completed application with photo and signatures.
8. Close with group prayer.

Meeting #4

1. Worship
2. Review Quiet Time log.
3. Talk about church attendance.
4. Memory verses.
5. Review Bible study homework
6. Give three-minute testimonies.
7. Q and A with past work crew kid.
8. Close with group prayer

AREA TRAINING: DETAILED EXAMPLE OF Silicon Valley YL WEEKLY MEETINGS

(HAND OUT TO KIDS EACH WEEK)

WORK CREW TRAINING #1

WEEK 1 TRAINING: Tues. February 1, 2011

- ☒ Introductions, expectations, benefits Gal. 5:22
- ☒ Share why you are here
- ☒ Go over requirements for Work Crew/Wyldlife leadership (see below)
- ☒ Review how to have a Quiet Time
- ☒ How to memorize scripture
- ☒ Give out Work Crew Applications: Turn in February 8th
- ☒ Assignments for next week
- ☒ Prayer

Requirements for Work Crew Try-Outs/Wyldlife Training

1. Attend each Work Crew/Wyldlife Training class, participate, and take notes
2. Attend a Work Crew Try Out weekend
3. Memorize given memory verses word for word. We will write and recite these.
4. Help out at home...even if it's difficult. We get to share Christ's love in our home too. Help out doing chores with a positive, cheerful attitude.
5. Read "Live Like This" Chapter 1 and 2. Bring to discuss.
6. Write a one page testimony: life before Christ, how you met Christ and your life now with Christ.
7. Fill out and return completed application for Work Crew by Feb. 8th.
8. Complete all assignments well and on time in preparation for your Work Crew experience.
9. Attend church weekly. If you're not currently involved in a church, go with someone you know in our group, with your YL leader, or a friend.

Assignments to be complete by Tuesday, Feb. 8th

- ☒ Ch. 1 & 2 of "Live Like This"
- ☒ Have your memory verse memorized (Phil. 4:13, Col. 3:23)
- ☒ Quiet Time Journal filled out
- ☒ Church attendance, Accountability, Helping at Home
- ☒ Complete Work Crew Application & Availability (don't forget to attach a picture to it)

WORK CREW TRAINING #2

WEEK 2 TRAINING: Tues. Feb. 8, 2011

- ☒ Review Quiet Time log, church, serving at home, accountability
- ☒ Repeat/write Memory Verse-Phil. 4:13
- ☒ Go over WC applications, make sure complete
- ☒ Review "Live Like This" Ch. 1 & 2
- ☒ How to give a personal testimony
- ☒ Pray

Assignments to be complete by Tuesday, Feb. 15th

- ☒ Read Ch. 3 and Ch. 4 of "Live Like This"
- ☒ Have your memory verses memorized (Prov. 3:5-6, Col. 3:13)
- ☒ Quiet Time Journal filled out
- ☒ Church attendance/Service at home
- ☒ Follow up with your leader to make sure they've completed your WC recommendation or Wyldlife recommendation
- ☒ Write out your one page testimony

WORK CREW TRAINING #3

WEEK 3 TRAINING: Tues. Feb. 15, 2011

- ☒ Review Quiet Time log, church, serving at home
- ☒ Repeat/write Memory Verse-(Prov. 3:5-6, Col. 3:13)
- ☒ Review "Live Like This" Ch. 3 & 4
- ☒ Turn in your written testimony
- ☒ A few people give testimonies
- ☒ Pray

Assignments to be complete by Tues., Feb. 22nd

- ☒ Read Ch. 5 & 6 of "Live Like This"
- ☒ Have your memory verses memorized (Romans 12:1-2, Phil. 2:14, Luke 12:7)
- ☒ Quiet Time Journal filled out
- ☒ Church attendance/Service at home
- ☒ Work on giving your testimony

WORK CREW TRAINING #4

WEEK 4 TRAINING: Tues. Feb. 22, 2011

- ☒ Review Quiet Time log, church, serving at home
- ☒ Repeat/write Memory Verse-(Romans 12:1-2, Phil. 2:14, Luke 12:7)
- ☒ Review "Live Like This" Ch. 5 & 6
- ☒ A few people give testimonies
- ☒ Turn in Work Crew Application if you haven't already
- ☒ Pray together for your time on Work Crew

Finishing Strong

- ☒ Memorize Ephesians 2:8, John 3:16
- ☒ Continue to pray for each other, spend time with Jesus each day.
- ☒ Read Ch. 7,8,9 of "Live Like This" and review with your YL Leader.

Scripture Memory Verses for First Year Work Crew

Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Philippians 2:14

Do everything without complaining or arguing.

Luke 12:7

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet, not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs on your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Amos 5:6

Seek the Lord and live...

Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Scripture Memory Verses for Second Year Work Crew

Matthew 6:33

I John 2:1

John 15:5

John 16:33

Galatians 2:20-21

Ephesians 3:20

Ephesians 4:29

Philippians 4: 6-7

Philippians 4:19

2 Timothy 2:15

James 1: 2-4

I Samuel 16:7b

HOW TO PREPARE A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

A carefully prepared testimony, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can be of immediate and effective use in nearly every situation. It should be our desire to represent Christ in such a clear and attractive, yet simple way, so that those who hear will not only want to know Him, but will want to know "how" to know Him.

"DO'S" AND "DON'TS" OF A 3-MINUTE TESTIMONY

DO

1. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you write. (James 1:5, 6)
2. Use the following outline:
 - I. Before you met Christ: Give a brief description of your family background and what your life was like before you met Christ.
 - II. How you met Christ: Tell us how you invited Christ into your life (where and when it was and what attracted you to Christ).
 - III. How have you changed since knowing Christ: How has knowing Christ made a difference in your thinking, behavior or relationships? What does Christ mean to you right now? Be specific. (If you met Christ at an early age, what has Christ done in your life recently?)
3. Begin with an interesting, attention-getting sentence, and close with a strong conclusion. Memorize your opening and closing sentences.
4. Write it so that others can relate with your past and present experiences.
5. Give enough interest to arouse and hold interest.
6. Consider using a verse from Scripture, if particularly meaningful to you.
7. Edit carefully and rewrite as necessary before final draft.

DON'T

1. Don't use Christian jargon. Words such as "saved", "convicted", "born again" and "sin" because they do not communicate truth to the average non-Christian. These words are often misunderstood and consequently ridiculed by non-Christians.
2. Don't be too wordy, beat around the bush, or emphasize how bad you used to be.
3. Don't mention church denominations in a derogatory way.
4. Don't speak critically or negatively about any individual or group.
5. Don't give the impression that the Christian life is "always perfect."

WHEN ASKED TO GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY, BE SURE TO:

1. Share it with loving enthusiasm in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Eph 5:18) Be real, and let your story unfold.
2. Speak loudly and clearly in a natural, relaxed tone of voice.
3. Avoid mannerisms when you speak such as rubbing your nose, jingling coins in your pocket, swaying, clearing your throat and using "um's" and "you know's."
4. Avoid arguing and other high-pressure methods of getting a "decision" for Christ. Remember people are "born of the Spirit" and not through persuasiveness or logic of people, although God may use both.
5. Avoid preaching at people. Tell your story.
6. Smile often! Ask the Lord to give you a happy, radiant face.
7. Memorize your testimony and practice it until it becomes natural.
8. Don't go too long and make sure you know your ending. What is your last sentence? This helpful in case you get nervous and don't know how to end! :)

WORK CREW INVITATION LETTER

December 13, 2010

Dear KID'S NAME,

You have been nominated by your Young Life leader to be apart of the 2011 Work Crew, with the goal of spending a month serving at a Young Life property this summer! Congratulations! It is a great honor to serve on Work Crew, and only those who desire to serve God and work hard will make it and we think you would be an amazing fit!

The training will start with a try-out **weekend spent at Woodleaf** serving and training. The weekend will be followed by **four training sessions in San Jose**, and it is mandatory that you attend the weekend and all the sessions to be considered. It is an amazing experience.

The Work Crew Try-Out Weekend at Woodleaf is:
Friday, January 14th – Monday, January 17th

The training sessions that follow will be on **Tuesday afternoons from 4-5:30PM**
February 1st
February 8th
February 15th
February 22nd

These training sessions will be at the Yoder's home at 1624 Juanita Ave. San Jose, CA 95125 in Willow Glen. Please be on time as we will start right at 4:00.

During the training sessions we will be studying a great book together, memorizing Scripture, writing and sharing your testimony (how you came to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and how you are walking with Him now), and praying together. There will be homework each week along with memorizing Scriptures. This will be a very valuable time for you now and in the future and we can't wait to walk alongside you.

We realize that this course is demanding, but you have been selected because your Young Life leader feels you can do it. We are excited to go through it with you as well as attend the Work Crew Try-Out Weekend with you. Please let us know if you are going to participate in Work Crew try-outs by calling the Young Life office. Please leave a message if we are not there. If you have any questions about the weekend or training sessions, or conflicts with the schedule, please call Bree at (408) 286-6374.

Yours in Christ,

Bree Haskell, Area Director and your Young Life Leader

AVAILABILITY TO SERVE ON WORK CREW 2011

Please turn this in with your Work Crew Application.

Name: _____ Area Name _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Please select and rank your choices. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th...etc.) If you are not available for a session, please write "NA" AND the reason why you are unavailable.

Rank # or NA Reason

WOODLEAF:

Session #1 June 3 - July 2 _____

Session #2 July 2 - July 23 _____

Session #3 July 23 - Aug. 14 _____

MALIBU CLUB:

Session #3 July 17 - Aug. 14 _____

Lost Canyon

Session #2 June 19 - July 8 (girls only) _____

Session #3 July 8 - Aug. 6 (guys only) _____

WASHINGTON FAMILY RANCH (Canyon)

Session #2 July 8 - July 29 _____

WASHINGTON FAMILY RANCH (Creekside)

Session #2 July 12 – Aug. 6 _____

Session #3 Aug. 6 – Aug. 25 _____

OAKBRIDGE

Session #1 June 13 - July 8 (guys only) _____

Session #2 July 9 - Aug. 3 (guys only) _____