

~~STUDENT~~ Core Group Application

Dear 7th Grade Students and Parents,

Let us explain what a core group is and how the process of placing you into a core group works. Our entire Junior High Staff is committed to the growth of our students' faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To help encourage that growth, our church has established "core groups" in our Junior High and High School Ministry.

A core group is a small group of about 6-10 students of the same gender who are joined together in the seventh grade and placed under the leadership of a Core Group Leader. Core groups allow students to be plugged into our ministry and be connected in a deeper way with other students, as well as being in a discipling relationship with the core group leader.

A core group leader discipled a small group of students by being actively involved in students' lives, teaching Sunday morning lessons, and attending Junior High Ministry programs and events with students as much as possible. These volunteer leaders go through an extensive application process which includes interviews, background screening, and much more. We would encourage you to come and get to know these leaders. These devoted volunteers are an essential part of our ministry and we are so thankful for their service. Core Group Leaders are asked to make a one year commitment. They may extend that time or, in unique circumstances, may need to step out of that role before the commitment is fulfilled. The core group of students will generally stay together until their senior year of high school.

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, sometimes a student may not be placed with all of the students they listed. We do however, take those requests seriously and try to place them with some of their requested peers.

We encourage you to take some time as a family to pray for your future core group and for guidance as you list preferences for friends for your group. We ask for your prayers for direction and wisdom as we place students in groups and leaders over those groups.

In order for us to make the wisest decisions in placing students, both students and parents are asked to fill out a Core Group Application (***attached to this letter***) before the start of the seventh grade school year. That application, along with getting to know students, gives us an idea of how to prayerfully assemble a core group.

✓ **DON'T FORGET TO ATTACH A PHOTO TO THE APPLICATION!** -

The deadline for turning in the application is **Sunday, September 11th**. We hope to have all core groups finalized by the week of **September 25th**, but we'll keep you posted. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding core groups at 714.257.4361.

With great excitement for the year to come!

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7th Grade Students: Please fill out this section

First Name _____ Last Name _____

What excites you the most about joining a core group?

Is there anything that makes you nervous about joining a core group?
If so, what?

Which Junior High School do you attend?

List the names of friends you would like in your core group, in order of preference:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

➤ ***Important note:*** We will try to place you in a group with at least some of the people you have requested, however, it will likely be impossible to have all your requests honored.

If you have a core group leader preference, who is it?

7th Grade parents: Please fill out this section

Student Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ zip: _____

Home phone: () _____ Student Cell Phone: () _____

Student's e-mail: _____

Parents e-mail: _____

Birthday (month/day/year): _____/_____/_____ Grade: _____

Who does the student live with? Mom Dad Grandparents

Other (explain):

Parent(s) names and relationship to you (mom, dad, stepmom, stepdad, guardian)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

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Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Number of brothers/sisters: _____/_____

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

7th Grade parents: Please fill out this section

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?

✓ **Please attach any sized photo of your student.**

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

➤ Note to parents:

Please turn these forms in to one of our Junior High staff members or bring to the North Campus Student Ministries office **by September 11th**, (hours 8a.m-5:00p.m. Monday thru Friday or use the drop box in the high school lobby).

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.

➤ Questions?

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