

# Student Core Group Application

Dear Students and Parents,

Throughout the school year junior high ministry is structured around Core Groups. A core group is a small group of about 4-8 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 and more personal setting with a caring adult investing in the student's life.

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 Junior High directors, Jordan and Lacey, oversee all of our core group leaders and spend time throughout the year investing in their lives, training and spiritual development.

There are also opportunities for parents to help with core groups. We are looking for one parent sponsor 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 core group members. If you are interested in this role, there is a more thorough explanation of the sponsor role.

In order for us to make wise decisions in placing students, we have the attached core group application with sections for both the student and a parent to fill in. The deadline for finishing this form is Sun., Sept. 17th, so that we can have the time to prayerfully assemble the new core groups. Core groups will be finalized by Oct 1st, and Core group leaders will call to introduce themselves after that date. 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 the friends they list. (Note: if you miss the deadline we will still put your child in a core group but they are less likely to be with those they list)

On Sunday, Oct. 1st, during the 11:30 junior high hour, in the JH room on North Campus, we will be hosting an open house to give parents and students the chance to meet with your student's new core group leader and other families in the same core group. On Wed., Oct. 4th, 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.

With great excitement for the year to come!

**Lacey Anderson**  
*JH Girls Lead Director*  
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**Kody Stavert**  
*Junior High Pastor*  
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**Jordan Swigart**  
*JH Guys Lead Director*  
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## Students: Please fill out this section

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Attach Photo Here!

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many Sundays do you attend a month?

1                      2                      3                      4

How many Wednesday nights do you attend a month?

1                      2                      3                      4

What do you like to do for fun?

What is your favorite movie or TV show?

Would you rather have jelly beans for teeth or spaghetti for hair?

Describe your personality to us. Are you outgoing, shy, talkative, quiet, musical, athletic...etc.?

What excites you the most about joining a Core group? What makes you nervous?

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

➤ 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 preference on which Core group leader you are assigned, who is it?

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# Parents: Please fill out this section

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## Student Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parents: Please fill out this section

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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?

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

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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)

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Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ➤ Note to parents:

Please turn these forms in to one of our Junior High staff members or bring to the Student Ministries office in the Modular, next to the main church offices by **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. (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](http://www.evfreefullerton.com).

### ➤ Questions?

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# Core Group Parent Sponsor Description

We are looking for parents to join us this year by becoming a Core Group Sponsor. In Junior High ministry we have two directors, one for the girls (Lacey Anderson) and one for the guys (Jordan Swigart). These full-time staff members oversee the Core Group Leaders who volunteer their time to work with your kids. As a way of encouraging and supporting our volunteer staff 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 Core Group 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 at the Well, 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 2015.
- We would ask you check in with the Core group Leader twice a month. This can be via a 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 all 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 Directors (Jordan and Lacey) or pastor (Kody) 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@evfreefulleton.com](mailto:Miriam.mohler@evfreefulleton.com).