

Parent Handbook



Hi and welcome to Northpoint Student Ministries! Let's face it, life as a student can be tough. Days consist of roaming the halls of a humongous school full of people who are trying to pull you in every direction. Decisions have to be made about homework, activities, what to wear, what to watch on TV, where to spend your time, about... everything! If only there was a place where you could find great principles to guide the answers to all these questions. Well good news! There is, and that's what Northpoint Student Ministries is all about. We come together to have an amazing time of fun, games, and singing, but most importantly a time of digging deep into the Word of God to find out how it should affect our lives where we are and guide the decisions we make every day.

Our goal is to come alongside you as the parents of students and support you in making the most of leading and pointing your students to our great God. We can't replace you as parents and are firmly convinced that you are the primary disciplers and mentors; however we understand that God has given responsibilities to the church as well. That's where we come in.

Each year we have loads of opportunities planned for your student: midweek Bible Studies, Sunday morning worship times, monthly events, service projects, amazing winter and summer camps, and much more. All of these are in place to support you in raising students who understand the gospel and embody biblical Christ-likeness. We believe that there is no higher calling than to be in a personal relationship with Jesus, and our goal is to cultivate that in any way possible.

In this small booklet you will find helpful information about Student Ministries here at Northpoint and also contact information for myself and others. Please contact us if we can assist you, pray for you, or support you in any way. And please continue praying for not only your student(s), but for all students here at Northpoint to grow this year in their relationships with Christ.

Sincerely, Jonathan Clubb Pastor of Discipleship, Students jclubb@northpointcorona.org

Northpoint Student Ministries Mission and Purpose

Building a community through the Gospel for our mission to the church, our cities, and the world so that God is worshipped.

Philosophy of Northpoint Student Ministries

Northpoint Student Ministries is above all things focused on studying and understanding the Word of God. We come together with the intent of knowing the entirety of the Gospel, understanding the principles and commandments that God has given us in the Bible, and preparing the students to rightfully handle the Word of God. We desire to know Him and the wonderful salvation that He has provided through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to the deepest of our abilities. We come together as a group of young people to encourage one another in the practical outworking of Biblical principles in our lives and to apply those principles to the situations that are specific to the trials of youth. Our goal is to live our lives as Christ-like as possible and to glorify God in all that we do. The end goal of Northpoint Student Ministries is to develop young adults who have a personal relationship with Christ, know, understand, and live the gospel, and continually seek the wisdom of God as they show the Bible to be the source of absolute truth for their lives.

Discipleship

Discipleship through small groups and one-on-one relationships are foundational to the growth of any believer and particularly so in the life of students. Northpoint Student Ministries encourages each student to be involved in various discipleship relationships beginning with parents and including ministry directors, small group leaders, and other students. Our goal in discipleship is to support parents in their leadership over their students and to provide Godly influences and friends in small group leaders who are willing to help the student improve their strengths and overcome their weaknesses, and to continually grow students in their relationships with God through teaching, reproof, correction (2 Tim. 3:16) exhortation, encouragement (1 Thess. 2:12) and the fellowship of the body of Christ (1 John 1:3-4). These relationships are intended to provide a solid support system for each student to lean on and to learn from so that they may in turn grow in their walk to the point that they fulfill the command of Matthew 28:19-20 in going and making "disciples of all the nations."

1 Timothy 4:12

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

Outreach/Evangelism

Growth in our knowledge of God and understanding the truth of what He has provided to us through salvation should produce a great desire to share the Gospel message with all we come in contact with. Just as all believers, youth are called to evangelize and witness to the lost. Northpoint Student Ministries desires to bring students to spiritual maturity that allows them to "always be prepared to give an account to anyone for the hope that is in us" (1 Peter 3:15). We desire to have students who have compassion for the lost and are "not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16) but boldly proclaim the good news to family, friends, and the world. To prepare the students for evangelism and outreach opportunities, emphasis will be placed on training that directly addresses how to approach people with the Gospel, how to clearly communicate the full Gospel message, as well as what it means to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1).

Teaching

Everything Northpoint Student Ministries does is focused on fulfilling Biblical ministry to the best of our abilities and instilling that same idea in the lives of students. The foundational aspect of that is devoting time to reading, studying, discussing, and teaching what the Bible instructs. The Bible is clear in its command to all believers that we should "like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it we may grow up into salvation" (1 Peter 2:2). Our goal is to continue that growth in students and bring them to the point that they are ready for the "solid food" that is for the mature believer who is trained by constant practice in the Word (Hebrews 5:14). To accomplish this, Northpoint Student Ministries drives teaching that centers on the Bible. Your student should come prepared to hear a steady dose of what God has given to us through the Scriptures during Sunday morning studies, mid-week studies, small groups, one-on-one discipleship, and various other Student Ministries interactions.

Major Student Ministry Meetings and Events:

*These dates are subject to change. Please stay tuned to the resource folder, weekly parent emails and flyers sent home for any date changes. If you have any questions please call Carolee Jefferson at the church office 951.281.2818 or email cjefferson@northpointcorona.org

Sunday Bible Study: Senior High 9:00 am, Jr. High 10:30 am

Every Sunday morning we meet to study God's Word and worship Him together. Sunday morning meetings serve as the main teaching time and drives what the students participate in during the mid-week studies.

Midweek Bible Study: Senior High Tuesday 7-9 pm, Jr. High Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm

Mid-Week study meets to enjoy fellowship, study God's Word, and challenge each other through small discipleship groups.

<u>Monthly Events:</u> Each month, we usually do one event as an opportunity for fun and fellowship. Some events are service-oriented events where we get outside of our comfort zone and selflessly serve others. These events and the dates will be published in the weekly parent email and also will be communicated through flyers and the resource folder.

<u>Summer Camps:</u> Senior High — July 8 to July 13, Jr. High — June 29 to July 3 Summer Camps are our time to kick off the year and spend a week studying God's Word, growing together, and doing all sorts of great stuff like games, singing, and chowing down on camp grub. Sign up soon for this one!

<u>Senior and Junior High Hot Summer Nights:</u> During the summer months (July and August) we meet at various homes to enjoy fellowship and swimming while studying God's Word. Maps to Hot Summer Night locations are available in the youth room as well as the Church office. Contact Carolee Jefferson if you would like to host a Hot Summer Night at your place.

Winter Camps: Senior High & Junior High — January 11-13

Grab your coats, hats, gloves, and snowboard as we head to Thousand Pines Camp for a weekend of growing in our love for God, enjoying friendships, and hitting the powder!

Student Ministries Standards:

Modesty Standards:

Girls

- 1. No 2-piece swim suits or Tankinis (Exception: they may be worn with a dark [not transparent when wet] shirt that covers both the top and the bottom)
- 2. No bare midriffs
- 3. No plunging necklines
- 4. Tank Tops must be appropriate
- 5. No halter-tops, bare-back tops, or tube-tops
- 6. No excessively tight clothing

<u>Guys</u>

- 1. Shirts must be worn everywhere except when swimming
- 2. No visible "sagging" of pants or shorts
- 3. No Speedos.. please

(When the staff feels it necessary or appropriate students may be asked to change their clothing, be offered the opportunity to go purchase some modest clothing or be offered an item of clothing from our "modesty selection". Generally, this will only take place when the person has chosen to disregard previous instruction or if a visitor presents an extreme situation.)

<u>Affection</u>

Please see the "behavior standards". Please refrain from all forms of physical touching (hugging, kissing and hand-holding).

Behavior Standards:

In-House Rules

- 1. Listen to and obey learders.
- 2. Be on time and at everything wholeheartedly.
- 3. Respect the property we are using.
- 4. Do not be alone with opposite gender.
- 5. Think before you act
- 6. If you aren't sure ask a leader.

Student Ministries Staffing:

Staff Accountability- Staff are to be "above reproach" in all regards. Because of this standard, there are some ground rules by which the staff must abide. First, staff will not ride alone in vehicles with students of the opposite gender, unless there are more than one present. Second, there will always be at least two staff present on campus after meetings until all students have been picked up or have gone home. All staff are committed to the spiritual growth of your students and the only reason for these standards is to remain above reproach in all respects.

Small Groups and Discipleship Leaders- The purpose of small groups is to provide a consistent time for a group of students to meet with a discipleship leader (of the same gender) and learn, discuss life, and grow together. The discipleship leaders who lead these groups are committed to the spiritual growth of the students in their groups and will be pursuing these students at meetings and during the week. Don't be surprised when a discipleship leader calls your student and asks them to grab coffee or lunch with him or her. Their goal is to come alongside you as parents and challenge and encourage your students in their spiritual walk. Please get to know the discipleship leader for your student's small group. They definitely need encouragement and prayer.

Information You May Want:

Permission Slips- Permissions slips are required for every off-campus event unless otherwise noted. These are important in helping us ensure the safety of your student. Students will not be able to attend off-campus events unless they have a permission slip on file. Permission slips can be obtained by you or your student in the Student Ministries Office, the Church Office, on the student ministries webpage (www.northpointcorona.org), or during any midweek or Sunday meeting. Permission slips last for the entire school year.

Payment Information- All checks can be made payable to Northpoint Evangelical Free Church, or Northpoint. Please include the name of the event that you are paying for, whether it is for Jr. High or Sr. High, and the name of your student(s) on the memo line of the check so that we know what to put the money toward. You can pay at the registration table in the courtyard, or in the Student Ministries room (T202 & T203). You can also bring any payments by the church office during office hours (Mon-Fri). Usually, registration for events begins four weeks prior to an event and ends one week prior to the event.

Communication- Upcoming events and meetings that are not a part of the normal weekly schedule are communicated in the following ways: flyers given to the students, on the Student Ministries' webpage (www.northpointcorona.org), in the Resource Folder, through announcements during the midweek and Sunday meetings, through Student Ministries' slides shown at midweek and Sunday meetings, and at the registration table located in the courtyard. The communication of upcoming events usually begins at least one month prior to the event's occurrence. Registration for these events, if required, will also begin one month prior and will end one week prior to the events.

Quick Contact Page:

For anything you need regarding student ministries, feel free to contact:

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For event information, sign-ups, or any other student ministries questions, feel free to contact:

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2012-2013 Student Ministry Staff

Junior High

7th Grade

Girls ~ Lara Schaefer & Sarah Sanchez

Guys ~ Ludwing Perez & Drew Schinderwolf,

Colin Cordill & Jesse Sanchez

8th Grade

Girls ~ Kelsey Sanderson, Janelle Annand & Michelle Watson

Guys ∼ Nathan Abbe, Jose Flores & Taylor Mendoza

Senior High

9th Grade

Girls ~ Katie Marble & Jessica Davis

Guys ∼ Ryley Marble & James Aeschliman

10th Grade

Girls ~ Clarissa Diaz & Ellen Van Druten

Guys ∼ Bob Jandro & DJ Jefferson

11th grade

Girls ∼ Kelly Kiker & Madeline Jefferson

Guys ~ James Dieckmeyer & Randy Weston

12th Grade

Girls ~ Molly Dieckmeyer & Abby Jefferson

Guys ~ DJ Sanchez & Dan Johnson

Staff Support ~ David Hensley

Ministry Assistant ∼ Carolee Jefferson

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