

YOUTH LEADER INFORMATION PACKET



THE SUMMIT
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY



**YOUTH GROUP:
THE NEXT GENERATION
(4TH-6TH GRADE MINISTRY)**

Interested in serving Jesus in youth ministry? Check out the information in this packet on our exciting youth ministries! We are looking for men and women who have a commitment to Christ and a desire to care for students. Please take the time to read this material and pray about the possibility of your involvement. We place great value on this ministry, so we place great value on our staff. When you're ready to set up an initial appointment to discuss your involvement, please contact us via phone (756-3923) or e-mail. Thanks!

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For more info, check out our websites:

www.ucov.com/edge

www.ucov.com/summit

Welcome to UCC Youth Ministries!

Thanks for your interest in UCC Youth Ministries! In taking this step, you are about to plunge into a challenging and exciting world where God will use you immensely in the lives of students!

UCC Youth encompasses three different ministries:

Youth Group: The Next Generation (the 4th-6th grade youth group)

The Edge (Junior High Youth Ministries)

The Summit (Senior High Youth Ministries)

This information and application packet applies to all three ministries. **The Next Generation** is a program-centered ministry where leaders have the opportunity to lead Bible lessons and games for 4th-6th grade students at their weekly youth program. The program is largely run by high school students, with assistance and supervision from adult leaders. Leadership in this group will involve getting to know the 4th-6th grade students as well as empowering high school students to lead.

The Edge and **The Summit** are relationally-centered ministries in which adult leaders are encouraged to build mentoring relationships with students and serve as role models for them. Leadership in various programs (youth group, small groups, and/or a Sunday morning class) is needed to keep the programs running and to facilitate building relationships with the students.

You may already be drawn to one particular age or you might be wondering which group would be the best fit for you. If the latter is true, your first step would be to observe the various programs, see how they operate, pray about your involvement, and make a decision. If you already know which ministry you are interested in getting involved in, you can begin filling out the application even as you observe the program.

If you'd like to see more of what the ministries are about, visit our websites at www.ucov.com/edge and www.ucov.com/summit. Feel free to call or email either of the youth staff to get more information as well.

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UCC - Youth Leadership Program

What do I need to do to get involved?

1. Receive youth ministry material (if you're reading this, you're already this far!)

You will be given literature detailing the different areas of our youth ministry including a list of programs, meeting times and places and the philosophy behind the programs. You will also receive the application packet.

2. Observe programs and prayerfully consider your commitment

While you are still in process of completing the application packet, you are encouraged to observe our programs. This is an important opportunity to get a feel for the ministry without having expectations or responsibilities placed on you. You will have a chance to meet students, other staff, and ask questions about the program. Observing can often be overwhelming or uncomfortable (students don't typically go out of their way to make you feel welcome. . .until you get to know them). This is a natural feeling and we encourage you to continue observing. During this phase, please be prayerfully considering your commitment as you move towards the next step.

3. Complete application packet

As soon as you have filled out the application questions, feel free to submit them to us — you don't need to wait to have all your references in. Please also submit the signed commitment sheet and abuse policies statement.

4. Circulate references

Two references need to be completed. One reference is a pastoral reference, which needs to be completed by someone in church leadership (at your previous church if you have been at UCC for less than three years). The other reference is an employer reference, which can be completed by any current or previous employer.

5. Interview with staff

This is an opportunity for you to share thoughts from your observations, describe your spiritual journey, and discuss in more detail your gifts and desires for working in the youth ministry. It's a chance for us to get to know you better and for you to ask questions about the ministry.

6. Get your Live Scan fingerprinting

We will give you a form that you can take to the Davis Police Department to get your Live Scan. Please call the Davis PD at 747-5400 to set up an appointment. The Live Scan is the only expense we ask new leaders to take on (all events and trips are covered for leaders in our budget) and will cost you \$12.

7. Receive youth ministry materials and begin ministry!

Each new leader will receive a staff binder containing the UCC Youth Staff Manual, chock full of ideas and tips for how to be a great youth leader! You'll also receive a complimentary book called *Help! I'm a Volunteer Youth Worker!* Now you're OFFICIAL!