

Adult Leader Packet

DTown, January 31-February 2, 2020

DTown Adult Leader Portal:

http://www.watermark.org/dtownleaders

I. Leader Responsibilities

- Be prepared. Review schedule, packing list, booklet (coming soon), arrange transportation (trade cars with parents)
- Be in charge. Monitor everything (phones + vaping + don't go to sleep early). Stay with kids. Follow the schedule (please enforce a curfew). Safety first. Ensure everyone has a seatbelt. No bed-sharing with students
- Be pastoral. Initiate Christ-centered conversations. Catch up on how students are really doing. Listen, empathize, advise, and pray. Review <u>safety policies</u> and pastoral guidelines (page 37-44 of <u>Handbook</u>)
 Document and report significant pastoral conversations https://watermark.formstack.com/forms/dtownconvos
- Be fun and wise. NO pranks. NO field trips. Headline Test "Local Youth Group..."
- NEW! Help with a video. Email screenshots of students' earliest Instagram posts to hindsight@watermark.org

II. Staff Contacts

Questions during DTown? Text or leave a voicemail. If urgent, keep trying different people until someone answers.

- Sydney Cude 903-343-1691 *Emergency
- David Penuel 214-403-4482
- Jermaine Harrison 501-701-0664
- Austin Mankin 972-345-5573
- Kaylee Wright 918-704-5465
- Sean Hill 830-708-7510
- Rebe Long 214-546-9262

- Jacob Alger 512-804-9334
- Ryan Oakes 281-630-2790
- Seth Higgins 325-277-0650
- Drew Zeiler 281-433-6722
- Harrison Ross 469-438-5067
- Daniel Smith 225-953-2049
- Madison Roberts 903-277-6162

III. Rosters Real time updates are available online when you login at http://my.watermark.org

- Sydney Cude (SCude@watermark.org) needs host home and extra leader info ASAP
- Student Leader Ratio (SLR): Registration is strictly limited to 7 students per adult leader
- Plan transportation, housing, and leader presence for maximum SLR
- Use online DTown roster info to email all parents on Thursday (1/30) with a brief introduction and your contact info

IV. Check-In at Host Homes, Leaders arrive at homes at 6:15 pm on Friday

- Eat dinner prior to arrival. Be prepared to welcome students
- Wear DTown t-shirt and lanyard with name badge
- Students are told to arrive at host homes at 6:45 pm
- Take role using rosters online at http://my.watermark.org
- If someone shows up who is not on your list, call Sydney Cude at 903-343-1691
- If there are no-shows, call them to check on their status
- Depart from your host home by 7:15 pm at the latest. Everyone brings Bible and pen
- Doors open at 7:30 pm. Use seating chart. Find seats first. Keep cell phones handy for late arrivals

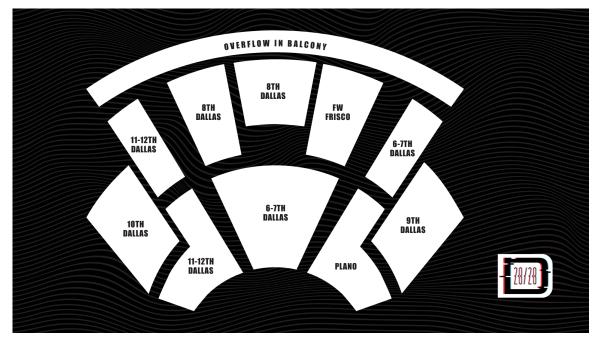
^{*}A volunteer from Watermark's Medical Team will be on site during all activities on Watermark's campus. In the event of an off-site emergency, contact Sydney Cude. She has waivers and parent contact info for every student. Be sensitive and aware of special needs (allergies, diets, meds, etc.) throughout the weekend.

V. Tubs

- Send one leader per Small Group to pick up tub(s) in Bunker (1st Floor, under Chapel stairs) on Friday night
- Tubs contain breakfast food, t-shirts, and cash (high school only) for dinner
- Return empty tubs and money (no food) to Bunker on Saturday before Session #3 at 7:30 pm

VI. Seating Chart

Find seats for your Small Group in the appointed section.



VII. Come and Go, Payment Policy

We get requests for partial payment every year and our policy has always been to keep one price and allow kids to come and go. With 2,000+ participants, we can't possibly accommodate price adjustments for every unique scenario. Students who wish to participate in any part of DTown are required to register just like everyone else. We understand there are unavoidable conflicts, students are allowed to come and go as long as they communicate and coordinate their schedule with the adult leader(s) in charge of their Small Group.

If finances are an issue, we will work with families to pay over time on a plan that fits their budget. We also encourage them to share the need with their Small Group or Community Group. The process always starts at www.watermark.org/dtown

VIII. Schedule Awareness

- Friday: Check-in at host homes. Leaders arrive at 6:15 pm. Students arrive at 6:45 pm
- Friday: Seniors only, post-club house party with Rightfield concert and snacks outside Chapel
- Saturday: Quiet time followed by discussion, 11:15 am Main Session, Lunch, Breakouts
- Saturday: 2:15 pm Small Group time, please <u>avoid</u> Stage 2 and 2nd Floor West Tower
- Saturday Dinner assignments 5:00-7:00 pm

All 6th Grade, Jump Street (Plano) – Host: Oakley Winters (580)-890-0041 6505 W. Park Blvd #200 Plano, TX 75093

All 7th Grade, Main Event (Plano) – Host: Emma Dotter (210)-323-5485 3941 Central Expressway Plano, TX 75023

All 8th Grade, PinStack (Irving) – Host: Jacob Gallo (916)-316-2162 2750 W Lyndon B Johnson Fwy, Irving, TX 75063

All 9-12th grade groups are on your own, \$15 cash per person provided "Order at the counter" restaurant or catering/delivery of your choice! (See attached list for inspiration)

- Saturday: Return tubs and money (no food) to Bunker before Session #3 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday Morning: Highlight video and video devotional at www.watermark.org/dtownleaders (9:30 am)
- Sunday Morning: Quiet time followed by discussion, consider worship
- Sunday Morning: Pick Up at Host Homes (11:00 am)

IX. Theme "20/20"

This year's theme is "20/20". An eye doctor's job is to help patients achieve 20/20 vision. We believe our job is to help students see life clearly. Today's world is deeply divided. Students are constantly bombarded with persuasive yet conflicting messages. It's more difficult than ever to discern what is true and right. In Mark 8, there is a story of Jesus miraculously giving sight to a blind man. The story ends with the phrase, "he could see everything clearly." Our prayer is that students would encounter Jesus Christ at DTown and leave the weekend with a new ability to navigate all aspects of life with a Christ-centered "20/20" vision.

X. Letter, Packing List, Schedule

Review the attached letter, packing list, and schedule that will be going out to all participants next Sunday (1/26/20)

"Order at the Counter" Restaurant Inspiration for High School Groups

Torchy's Tacos Modern Market

Fuzzy's Tacos Palio's Pizza

Rusty Taco Primo Brothers Pizza

Velvet Taco Chick-Fil-A

Pei Wei Asian Diner Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

Spring Creek BBQ Super Chix

Dickey's BBQ Bubba's Cooks Country

Sonny Bryan's BBQ Wingstop

Ten 50 BBQ Fuddrucker's Hamburgers

Snappy Salads Chip's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

Baker Brothers American Deli JG's Old Fashioned Hamburger

McAlister's Deli Village Burger Bar

Dog Haus Haystack Burger

East Hampton Sandwich Co. Shady's Burger Joint

Urban Eatz Shake Shack

Café Express Gazeebo Burger

Corner Bakery Cafe In-N-Out Burger

Which Wich Sandwiches Whataburger

Potbelly Sandwiches Mooyah Burger

Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches Five Guys Burger

Jersey Mike's Subs Twisted Root Burger Company

QDoba Mexican Grill Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy

Freebirds World Burrito Wild About Harry's

Chipotle Mexican Grill Flower Child

Taco Joint Bellagreen

La Madeleine Piada

Zoe's Kitchen Sky Rocket Burger (look it up!)



Dear DTowners.

DTown is coming up January 31 – February 2, 2020 and we couldn't be more excited about all the things in store for our ministry. We've got great messages, great Bible studies, great music, and tons of fun planned for everyone. Here's everything you need to know to prepare for a fantastic weekend:

Packing List

You'll want to come prepared so here is a recommended packing list:

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Air mattress (optional)
- Toiletries
- Towel
- Casual clothing

- Pajamas
- Bible, Journal, and Pen
- Phone charger
- Snacks to share with Small Group (One "Sweet" and One "Salty")

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, parents may contact Sydney Cude at (903) 343-1691

Important Drop-off & Pick-up Details Both drop-off and pick up are at the host homes.

Students should arrive for check-in at their host home at 6:45 pm on Friday night. Parents should pick up students at the same host home at 11:00 am on Sunday morning. A complete schedule of the weekend is included with this letter. Small Group leaders will email out host home information on the week of the event.

Food will be provided for each group, and the adult leaders in charge of the host homes will be coordinating transportation to and from all of our activities. Parents, please consider offering to help your child's small group leader(s) with transportation. Specifically, it would be very helpful if you reached out and offered leaders the use of a Suburban (or comparably sized vehicle).

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We've been thinking about and working on this weekend for a long, long time and can't wait to make eternally significant, Christ-exalting memories at DTown...See you soon!

Blessings,

The Watermark Students Team



Schedule, January 31-February 2, 2020

Friday

6:45 pm Check-in at Host Homes

8:00 - 10:00 pm *Leaders Drive Session #1 at Watermark Dallas

10:00 pm *Leaders Drive Load up and Head to the Homes *Leaders grab tubs with food.

10:30 pm - 12:00 am Discussion and Free Time

12:00 am Lights Out

Saturday

9:00 - 10:45 am Sleep in, Eat Breakfast, Devotional and Discussion

11:00 am *Leaders Drive Meet at Watermark for Session #2

11:15 am - 12:00 pm Session #2 at Watermark Dallas

12:15 - 1:00 pm Breakout #1 at Watermark Dallas (Boxed Lunches)

1:15 - 2:00 pm Breakout #2 at Watermark Dallas

2:15 - 3:30 pm Small Group Time

3:30 - 5:00 pm *Leaders Drive Break, Free Time, Showers, etc.

5:00 - 7:00 pm *Leaders Drive Dinner Out

7:30 pm Meet back at Watermark

*Leaders bring back EMPTY tubs and cash. DO NOT return

food.

7:45 - 9:45 pm Session #3 at Watermark

10:00 - 11:30 pm After Party at Watermark Dallas

11:30 pm *Leaders Drive Load up and Head back to the Homes

12:00 am Lights Out

Sunday

9:00 am Eat Breakfast and Pack Up

9:30 - 11:00 am Highlight Video and Small Group Time at Host Homes

11:00 am Parents pick up at Host Homes

*Leaders stay until all students are picked up.

Come & Go Policy:

We prefer that students participate in all activities throughout the weekend. If students absolutely must leave for any reason, they will be directed to communicate & coordinate their schedule with the adult leader(s) in charge of their Small Group.