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Impact KIDS PACKET

JUST VISITING

“And the Word became flesh and made his home among us”

John 1:14



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ABOUT IMPACT KIDS

Welcome to Impact Kids! Impact Kids is meant to be an introduction to mission engagement for your ministry with older children in grades 3-5 (6th graders may participate if they are part of your children's ministry). Kids will learn about God's Mission and have an age appropriate role in the Impact mission projects during the day, while spending mornings and evenings in Bible study and worship. Your kids will get to meet kids from other churches and work alongside them. Our goal is to challenge young Christians as we all wrestle with God's calling in our lives.

To help you prepare your kids and their families for the experience at camp, we've created this packet as a supplement to the Impact Leader Manual. It will serve as your source for most of the general information that you need. The specifics will come through regular communication from the Impact office. If you're new to Impact, hopefully you'll find the packet and manual intuitive and helpful. If you have any questions – please don't hesitate to contact us.

THEME: "JUST VISITING"

Our theme this year is "Just Visiting." We have been taking inspiration for our themes for the last few years from Matthew 25:31-45. This year our focus is, "I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me." We hope to challenge participants to consider how God "visited" us through the person of Christ and what call that places on our lives to be God's presence to others. Participants will be encouraged to think about how they share God's justice by being present to others and how they can do that every week of their lives, not just the one week they are at Impact.

GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

As the leader of your church group, you do have some responsibilities. We ask that you:

- provide registration information in a timely manner (see deadlines – page 3)
- prepare your group (Bible studies, pre-project mission experience, individual devotions)
- notify us of any changes to registration as soon as possible
- ask questions about anything you don't understand
- have a phone conversation with our office before the project (new leaders)

IMPACT OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES:

As the coordinators of your Impact experience, we commit to:

- provide regular updates and information about your project
- support you as you prepare your group
- answer any questions you may have
- provide whatever resources you need to have the best experience possible

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION

PARTICIPANTS

Impact Kids is open to kids who have completed 3rd through 5th (or 6th) grade. Sixth grade students can be part of Impact Kids or the traditional Impact Mission Camp. High School and College age students can participate as junior chaperones, teaching and supporting the kids camp. Other middle and high school students will be part of the traditional Impact camp.

JUNIOR CHAPERONES

Junior Chaperones are youth and young adults (college age) in your group who have a gift or calling in working with kids. They do not count as adult chaperones for purposes of supervision, but we do want to create an opportunity for them to serve in leadership to younger kids - giving those youth a chance to develop a different set of skills than what they might get to use at the traditional construction mission camp. They will have opportunities to work with and get to know Impact staff, as well.

ADULTS

Appropriate adult supervision is important for Impact Mission Camps to be a positive experience for everyone. Each group is responsible for providing an adult to student ratio of 1 to 6. For every six (6) students you will need to provide one (1) adult of the same gender to serve as a chaperone. If your group will be part of Impact Kids and the traditional camp, you will need adult supervision at both. An adult chaperone is defined by our office as any person aged 24 and older. There are a few exceptions that will be made to this rule on a case by case situation. Two examples include:

- A church leader is bringing a group of 22 students and provides 3 chaperones aged 24 and older. This youth/children's minister would be permitted to add a fourth 'student' chaperone between the ages of 18-23.
- A youth/children's minister under the age of 24 is bringing a group of six (6) or less (of the same gender as the youth minister).

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ADULTS

Impact works to create a safe work and living environment for students who are participants. We do ask that all churches complete background checks on adults serving in their churches and send us a form signed by the pastor or another church officer, indicating that these checks have been completed. We also ask each individual adult to sign the Sponsor/Volunteer Ethics form. These should be returned to Impact Office with registration information. Thanks for working with us to ensure the safety of all participants at Impact. You do not need to complete a background check on a participant who graduates high school in 2019.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are a few "extras" that are part of the Impact Kids experience that we want you to be aware of:

HOME CONNECTION

Recognizing that for many kids this will be their first significant trip away from home, we have included Home Connection time as part of the daily schedule. During Home Connection, kids receive notes and other items from home encouraging them and reminding them that home isn't that far away. We also encourage you to make part of Home Connection time a chance for kids to call home - as much for parents' sake as for the kids.

WORSHIP WITH OTHER KIDS

We will strike a balance over the course of the week between worship times with everyone - where kids will be welcomed to join the larger group worship service and worship services with just the kids present. Kids will be part of the planning and leading of those "Kids only" worship services.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

We would like to encourage community during the evening beyond simply offering free-time. Our staff will engage your students during that time to get to know one another – across church groups as well as gaining a deeper connection with members of their own groups. We will have more information about what specific activities will be offered in the weeks before camp, with final information when you arrive on Sunday night.

CHANGE MATTERS®

Change Matters® is an offering collected solely at Virginia Baptist youth and children's events that goes to support initiatives that churches can engage in a variety of ways. Groups have supported clean water in South Africa, food at an orphanage in Haiti, hunger ministries in food deserts in Virginia, and mosquito net distribution and church planting in Ghana. Participants will receive information about what the Change Matters® offering will support this year at camp. Kids will have a specific opportunity to share their offering as part of the larger camp offering.

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES

Impact will create a devotional resource booklet for everyone to access before, during, and after camp to help them prepare for and interpret their faith experience at camp. These will be available for download or in print. We are also working to develop a web-based version for participants to access via mobile devices. Kids will have time during the week specifically for individual devotion time. It's an extended quiet time that lets kids decompress and (hopefully) rest!

PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

This sheet provides basic information on the project and what your child will be doing the week she or he is serving with us. If you have further questions, your group leader should be able to answer them. Please also feel free to contact Glenn Maddox, camp coordinator, at 800.255.2428, ext. 7269, or glenn.maddox@bgav.org.

Impact is a week-long mission camp for kids who have completed grades 3-6. Sixth grade students can be part of Impact Kids or the traditional Impact Mission Camp. Kids will be learning and working alongside kids from other churches and will learn about, see, and support the work of the traditional mission camp.

Students spend time in Recreation, Bible Study, Individual Devotion Time, and Mission Activity. The Mission Activity may include lighter "construction adjacent" work (cleanup, yard beautification), but will not include actual construction work. Each night ends with Home Connection time, which your group leader will explain further, giving your church a chance to support your kids while they are at camp.

Students will sleep in dorm rooms on the same hall with their church. We rely on adult chaperones to manage behavior in the dorm rooms.

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 Rise and Shine: Impact Youth Camp Morning Celebration (OPTIONAL) 8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Recreation and Bible Study

10:00 Snack Break

10:30 Mission Activity

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Individual Devotion Time

2:00 Afternoon Adventure

4:30 Free Time and Quiet/Rest Time

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Worship

8:30 Free Time and Home Connection

10:00 Lights Out

Wednesday will follow this schedule through lunch. Groups will be on their own for dinner and evening activities.

RELEASE AND RESPONSIBILITY INFORMATION

- The nature of the work of Impact Mission Camps is construction-oriented. While Kids will not do actual construction work, they will likely spend time on a site. They will have adult supervision and a qualified construction crew chief on site.
- Many Impact projects are located in "high-need", low-income communities where people live at or below the United States poverty level.
- The insurance coverage provided by Impact Mission Camps is a very limited policy. It is considered secondary insurance and is intended to cover minor incidents while attending the project. Any expenses incurred beyond the scope of the policy are the responsibility of the participant and/or their legal guardians. A summary of the policy is available from our office. It is recommended that students come with a copy of their primary insurance card and that all students (or their leaders) know or have access to their social security number.
- Impact Mission Camps take seriously the safety and well-being of your child. There are many safety measures in place including a mandatory criminal background check for all adults attending an Impact Mission Camp (including college students).

More information about the project will be provided to your group leader before the project start date. It will have site-specific information such as housing, opportunities for the free day, and contact information. Please feel free to contact us by email or phone if you have questions.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to Impact! We're excited you'll be part of this mission experience with us this year! Here's the information you need to make your experience the best possible:

Each participant at Impact will receive:

- T-shirt
- Water Bottle
- Basic safety glasses

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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9:00 Recreation and Bible Study
10:00 Snack Break
10:30 Mission Activity
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Individual Devotion Time
2:00 Afternoon Adventure
4:30 Free Time and Quiet/Rest Time
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Worship
8:30 Free Time and Home Connection
10:00 Lights Out

Wednesday will be a free day after lunch. Your leader will let you know what you will do that afternoon and for dinner that night.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bible, Pen or Pencil
- Bedding - single size sheets or sleeping bag (sleeping bag preferred)
- Clothes that can get messy
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Sunscreen
- Hat/sunglasses
- Regular clothes, including a long sleeve or sweatshirt (it can get cold in the evening)
- Towels and Washcloth
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Money for camp offering and camp store
- Flip flops or shower shoes

CLOTHING AND TECHNOLOGY EXPECTATIONS (JUST TO CLARIFY)

It is highly recommended that each participant bring at least one set of clothes that can get messy, preferably with long pants for safety on a worksite. Clothing should otherwise be of appropriate length and free of inappropriate images or messages. Church leaders and Impact staff have final say on what is considered inappropriate.

While the use of technology is greatly discouraged for kids campers during the day, leaders do have ultimate say about how their kids use it. There is a built in time (Home Connection time) for kids to be in touch with parents, and kids should rarely have need for phones, tablets, etc., outside of that time. We strongly recommend that devices be put away other than Home Connection time. If any participant is using technology in an unsafe or distracting way, that device will need to be held by a leader from that participant's church.

INSTRUCTION SHEET

These forms are also available as electronic forms that you can complete with information about your group. Please complete the electronic forms if at all possible. We would be happy to assist you in completing those forms.

FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO IMPACT OFFICE AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO CAMP

- **Transportation Form**
 - Church vehicles are responsible for transporting students to and from job sites
 - You must provide enough seats to cover the number in your group (though you will transport other students)
 - Your vehicles will only be operated by your drivers
- **Participant Information Form**
 - Information we use to make crew assignments
 - Please type if possible (form can be edited and saved), write neatly if you cannot type
 - Comments section is for informing us of medical or other physical conditions that may affect the type of project a person is assigned
 - Please also let us know if certain people should or should not be together. We do not place family members together unless requested
- **Criminal Background Checks**
 - Impact works to create a safe work and living environment for students who are participants. We do ask that all churches complete background checks on adults serving in their churches and send us a form signed by the pastor or another church officer indicating that these checks have been completed. We also ask each individual adult to sign the Sponsor/Volunteer Ethics form. These should be returned to Impact Office with registration information. Thanks for working with us to ensure the safety of all participants at Impact.

Each of the above forms can be downloaded from *ImpactMissionCamps.org*, filled out, and then submitted by:
- e-mail to *impact.virginia@bgav.org*
- fax to 804-915-2447
- mail to *Impact Mission Camps, 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Henrico, VA 23294*

FORMS TO BRING TO CAMP (PLEASE BRING TWO COPIES OF EACH!)

- **General Release and Authorization Form**
 - To be completed by each participant (regardless of age). Please be sure that all areas are properly initialed or signed before leaving your church. The Impact Office will require two sets of these completed forms for youth and adults. Participants **WILL NOT** be permitted on job sites without this form.
- **Participant Health and Medical Information Form**
 - To be completed by each participant (regardless of age). The Impact Office will require two sets of these completed forms for youth and adults. Participants **WILL NOT** be permitted on job sites without this form.

IMPACT KIDS TRANSPORTATION FORM

TO BE RETURNED TO IMPACT OFFICE AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO CAMP

Church: _____ Project Location: _____

Group Leader: _____

Buses and vans (with adult drivers) will be needed to transport crews to work sites each day. **Each church is *required* to provide, at minimum, on site transportation to and from the work projects for the same number of participants that came with the church group.** Drivers will be assigned to the crew they transport and will be fully participating crew members. Please provide the following information about available vehicles. (NOTE: For seating capacity, please list the total number of seats, including drivers, who will be available during Impact Mission Camps, (For example - if you have a 15-passenger van but have removed the back seat, list the capacity as 11 instead of 15.)

VEHICLE #1

Type and seating capacity _____

Approved Driver(s) _____

VEHICLE #2

Type and seating capacity _____

Approved Driver(s) _____

VEHICLE #3

Type and seating capacity _____

Approved Driver(s) _____

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IMPACT KIDS ADULT LEADER INFORMATION

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Church: _____

Project Location: _____

Group Leader: _____

CREW CHIEFS

(Crew chiefs DO NOT pay to attend Impact Mission Camps. Their inclusion on this form is to allow us to gather other information pertinent to their participation.)

NAME	HOUSING OPTION		COMMENTS	SHIRT SIZE (S,M,L, XL, XXL)
	With Students	With Crew Chiefs		
1.				
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4.				

MALE ADULTS (DO NOT INCLUDE JUNIOR CHAPERONES)

NAME	AGE	WILLING TO SERVE AS A CREW YOUTH LEADER?	CREW ASSIGNMENT COMMENTS (construction experience, etc)	SHIRT SIZE (S,M,L, XL, XXL)
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2.				
3.				
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FEMALE ADULTS (DO NOT INCLUDE JUNIOR CHAPERONES)

NAME	AGE	WILLING TO SERVE AS A CREW YOUTH LEADER?	CREW ASSIGNMENT COMMENTS (construction experience, etc)	SHIRT SIZE (S,M,L, XL, XXL)
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2.				
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IMPACT KIDS PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

TO BE RETURNED TO IMPACT OFFICE AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO CAMP

Church: _____ Project Location: _____

Group Leader: _____

BOYS

NAME	AGE	ALLERGIES	COMMENTS (medical, restrictions, etc.)	SHIRT SIZE (S,M,L, XL, XXL)
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IMPACT KIDS PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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Church: _____ Project Location: _____

Group Leader: _____

GIRLS

NAME	AGE	ALLERGIES	COMMENTS (medical, restrictions, etc.)	SHIRT SIZE (S,M,L, XL, XXL)
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JUNIOR CHAPERONE INFORMATION FORM

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Note: Junior Chaperones will room in the same area as the rest of their church. They will provide support to the Impact KIDS sessions and be given opportunities to lead students in all aspects of the week.

Church: _____ Project Location: _____

Group Leader: _____

MALE JUNIOR CHAPERONES

NAME	AGE	COMMENTS (special gifts or experience, medical concerns, etc.)	SHIRT SIZE (S,M,L, XL, XXL)
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3.			
4.			
5.			

FEMALE JUNIOR CHAPERONES

NAME	AGE	COMMENTS (special gifts or experience, medical concerns, etc.)	SHIRT SIZE (S,M,L, XL, XXL)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

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GENERAL RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

GENERAL RELEASE

I have read the Parent Information Sheet detailing the nature and ministry of Impact Mission Camps and I acknowledge and understand the information, release, and responsibility issues related with Impact Mission Camps.

Initial here:

_____ Parent

_____ Participant

AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT

I, the undersigned, for myself and/or on behalf of my child under 21 years of age, give permission for an attending physician or hospital staff to administer medical care if deemed necessary by Impact Mission Camps and the physician or hospital staff during the Impact Mission Camps project.

Initial here:

_____ Parent

_____ Participant

RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

I, the undersigned, for myself and/or on behalf of my child under 21 years of age, do hereby release from all claims and forever hold harmless the directors, employees, and agents of Impact Mission Camps and the Baptist General Association of Virginia from any and all claims and demands for personal injury, sickness and death, as well as property damage and expenses of any nature incurred by myself or my child.

Initial here:

_____ Parent

_____ Participant

RELEASE OF LIKENESS

I, the undersigned, for myself and/or on behalf of my child under 21 years of age, give permission for pictures and videos to be taken and used for promotion of the Impact Mission Camps project.

Initial here:

_____ Parent

_____ Participant

ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

I, the undersigned, for myself and/or on behalf of my child under 21 years of age, do also assume personal responsibility for all medical bills in excess of the applicable medical insurance plan provided by Impact Mission Camps. A copy of this policy is available from the Impact office

Furthermore, I assume all costs for damages incurred by my child due to his or her negligence of rules and restrictions placed on them by Impact Mission Camps. And, should it be necessary for my child to return home due to disciplinary action, medical reasons, or otherwise, I hereby assume responsibility for all transportation costs.

Initial here:

_____ Parent

_____ Participant

Participant's Signature

Date

Signature of Custodial Parent/Guardian

Date

Forms are not valid without proper initials and signatures in all areas.

PLEASE BRING TWO SETS WITH YOU TO CAMP (DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM TO OUR OFFICE)!

PARTICIPANT HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Church: _____ Project Location: _____

Group Leader: _____

The following information is required to secure medical treatment should it become necessary. Please answer all questions completely.

1. List any medications you are CURRENTLY taking:

2. List any medical conditions for which you are CURRENTLY being treated:

3. List any medications or other substances to which you are allergic:

4. Date of last Tetanus Shot: _____

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

Health Insurance Carrier:

Phone: _____

Insurance Policy Number:

Primary Policy Holder's Name:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

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