

Element

PARENT PACKET

WE CAN'T WAIT!!!

There's just something about ELEMENT... Yes, it's FUN. Yes, it's packed with time with FRIENDS and AMAZING LEADERS. Yes, we'll have some of the best teaching and music around. Yes, it's a great event for your teen to invite friends to - friends who may have never been to church before. But above all, it's a time for students to grow closer to Jesus - to discover more about their RELATIONSHIPS with Him, and OWN THEIR OWN FAITH. THAT is the heartbeat of ELEMENT. THANK YOU for allowing your student to join us! We cannot wait to see what ELEMENT 2019 holds...

SCHEDULE

NOTE: ELEMENT takes place at the Highpoint East Memphis Campus.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25:

- 6:30PM Food Trucks on site for students/volunteers/host homes/parents to purchase dinner (THIS IS OPTIONAL - we know a lot will grab food before they come/on the way.)
- 6:45PM Check-In Open (Lobby)
*After check-in, students head to designated small group rooms to meet Group Leaders & Host Home families, and load luggage into cars.
- 7:30PM Large Group Session #1 (Auditorium)
- 9:00PM Small Group #1 (Small Group Rooms)
- 9:45PM HANGS in the ELEMENT Lounge
- 10:45PM Late Night with Small Group (Designated Options)
- 11:30PM Must be at Host Home for the Night

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26:

- 8:45AM Breakfast (At Host Homes) & Priority Time
- 10:00AM ELEMENT Serve (Different Memphis Non-Profits)
- 12:15PM Chick-fil-A Lunch Begins
- 12:30PM Large Group Session #2 (Auditorium)
- 1:45PM Small Group #2 (Small Group Rooms)
- 2:30PM Free Time with Group (Designated Options)
- 6:30PM Lobby Doors Open
- 6:45PM Pizza Dinner Begins
- 7:30PM Large Group Session #3 (Auditorium)
- 9:30PM Small Group #3 (Small Group Rooms)
- 10:00PM HANGS in the ELEMENT Lounge
- 11:00PM Late Night with Small Groups (Designated Options)
- 11:30PM Must be at Host Home for the Night

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27:

- + Breakfast (At Host Homes) & Priority Time (Time varies based on campus and service time.)
- + Pack Up and Clean Up
- + Host Homes and Group Leaders return students to their respective Highpoint campuses. Leaders and Students, and any volunteers, are invited to sit in the Student Section during the 11:00AM service.

PACKING LIST

NOTE: Limit “non-bedding” luggage to ONE smaller piece.

STUFF TO BRING

- ▶ Toiletries (hair stuff, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc)
- ▶ DEODORANT (PLEASE)
- ▶ Waterproof Jacket/Pancho/SMALL PACKABLE umbrella for rain (IF you don't want to get wet if it rains.)
- ▶ Plastic Bag for dirty/wet clothing
- ▶ Bag/Fanny Pack/Wallet - somewhere to keep your cash, key and ID during the weekend
- ▶ \$25-\$40 spending money for Free Time options, Merch, etc
- ▶ Bible (NOTE: Journals and pens will be given to each student)
- ▶ Your FAVE Snack Foods!!! (Meals will be provided BUT it's always fun to have some late night munchies around!)
- ▶ Sleeping Bag and Pillow (Host Homes are being asked to provide floor space for students. It is NOT guaranteed that students will have couches or beds.)
- ▶ Modest and warm clothing/shoes (You will need a change of clothes for Saturday and Sunday, and pjs for Friday/Saturday evening.)
- ▶ Towel & Washcloth

STUFF TO LEAVE HOME

- ▶ Inappropriate clothing (with questionable sayings/slogans, clothing that will distract others from being able to focus)
- ▶ DVDs, Movies, Etc. (including electronics with movies loaded on them)
- ▶ ANY weapons (including pocket knives, bb guns, air rifles)
- ▶ Fireworks
- ▶ Water balloons
- ▶ Tobacco, alcohol, illegal/nonprescription drugs
- ▶ Large amounts of extra cash (For your own safety)
- ▶ Anything that requires WiFi, because the students will not have access to wifi at their host homes
- ▶ Lighters, or any “fire emitting” instruments of any kind

FAQ

HOW WILL THE GROUPS BE DETERMINED?

We will divide students into groups based on grade, gender, school, roomie requests, and current CREW Group leadership and participation. Also playing into this is the actual amount of SPACE in a Host Home.

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF MY STUDENT'S GROUP & HOST HOME?

The week before ELEMENT Keri will email you a list of your student's group, as well as contact info for your students' Group Leaders and Host Home family.

ARE LEADERS & HOST HOMES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK?

Yes. In order to be approved as a Leader or Host Family, we must have a current background check on file for all individuals 18 and over. We will also complete screening interviews with any individuals/families who do not regularly serve at CREW, as they have already been screened.

WHAT ARE THE BEDDING REQUIREMENTS / NEEDS?

Host Homes are not expected to provide beds or couches for students. We WILL make sure there is enough sleeping space. Students are expected to sleep on the floor and will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow for the weekend. They CAN bring air mattresses, but are responsible for keeping up with their own mattresses - both transporting and inflating/deflating. Some host homes MAY have beds available but that is NOT guaranteed.

HOW DO I KNOW MY CHILD IS SAFE IN A HOST HOME?

In order to be approved as a Host Home, we will have a background check on file for every adult member living or staying in the home the weekend of ELEMENT. Any time the Small Group is AT the Host Home, at least one adult member of the Host Home family is required to be present in case of emergency. Every home will have at least two adult Group Leaders with their group.

WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD?

Breakfast will be student-friendly items provided by the Host Homes. Saturday lunch is Chick Fil-A, and Saturday dinner is Pizza. ***If your student has any food allergies or sensitivities of which we need to be aware, please make sure those are indicated on the Medical & Release Form.*** We will make sure these are communicated to the Host Home families AND Group Leaders.

HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD MY STUDENT BRING?

The following meals are covered in the cost of the weekend: Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast. However, there may be times where Small Groups have the opportunity to do some extra activities such as Late Night Snack Runs to Sonic (just for example) or some fun activities during Free Time. They may also want to purchase an item from the ELEMENT Store. The suggested amount to send with your student for the weekend if you wish them to be able to participate in those things is \$25-\$40 in spending money, which they will keep up with on their own.

WHAT GOES ON DURING FREE TIME/LATE NIGHT ACTIVITIES?

It's very important that everyone understand that the designated LATE NIGHTS & FREE TIME on the schedule are not a "free for all" or a "go do what you want to type of thing." All Late Nights & Free Time will be structured with specific options that will be provided by our team for each group to choose from. There WILL be curfews for ALL groups each night.

WHAT ARE STUDENTS NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE/DO OVER THE WEEKEND?

Throughout the weekend (whether at Highpoint, at the Host Home, during Free Time, or being transported to/from Highpoint) students are not allowed to...

- Leave the Host Home after curfew
- Leave the Host Home at anytime without their Group Leader
- Be alone with any member of the Host Home family or a Group Leader (in the Host Home, in an automobile, during Free Time, in a non-public place at Highpoint)
- Watch movies (the rating doesn't matter): this includes at a theatre, DVD, BluRay, Netflix, Hulu, Apple TV, Amazon....you get the picture
- Leave and go to another Host Home at any time for any reason
- Practice or show off their parkour or ninja skills at the Host Home
- Drive their own cars or borrow/steal their leader's car (No...seriously!!)
- Be in possession of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, or non-prescription drugs
- Have any weapons in their possession (guns, knives, air rifles, fireworks, pocket knives, ninja throwing stars, etc.)
- Have lighters in their possession
- Wear inappropriate bathing suits OR clothing. If you're asking "is it inappropriate?" then the answer is probably yes.
- Have ANY outside visitors in the Host Homes, Small Groups, or Large Groups during any part of the weekend. Family of students are permitted on a case-by-case basis with the approval of Keri no later than Monday, January 21st.
- Anything else that could be seen as destructive or illegal such as pranking, leaving after curfew, or leaving with anyone (including parents - unless approval has been given by our staff).

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

GENERAL:

- Students are expected to attend ALL large and small group meetings.
- Students may bring phones, but will have certain times when they are not allowed to be ON their phones.
- Students WILL need a Bible. They CAN bring a journal! We will also be providing Listening Guides and Pens.
- During large and small group meetings, please wear appropriate casual clothing.
- Please always recognize WHO and WHAT we are representing - Jesus.

DAMAGES:

If a student is at fault for ANY damages that occur, **that student/student's family is responsible**. We will call you to see how you'd like this to be handled. This includes any incidentals, broken, or missing items. Highpoint Church is not be responsible for your student's intentional or unintentional damages to a home, property, or individual.

SUPERVISION:

At least two adult Group Leaders will be in a Host Home with students. Group Leaders will not share beds with students. Group Leaders will not room one-on-one in rooms with students, or be one-on-one alone in a non-public place at any time with students. Neither Group Leaders nor Host Homes will transport an individual student alone in a car. At least one adult member of the Host Home family is required to be at the Host Home any time the group is at the residence.

MEDICATION:

Each students parent/guardian will be required to list any medications their student takes on their release and medical form - both prescription AND non-prescription. Part of this will require you to tell us if we need to dispense the medicine to your kids or if it is OK for them to keep their medicine and take it on their own. The Group Leaders will be responsible for dispensing a student's medication if a parent requests that their child NOT dispense it themselves.

CELL PHONES:

Students are allowed to have their phones at Element. We want to give them the chance to capture the special moments and memories of the weekend. However, students will be expected to put them away during large & small group times. ***There is also a PHONE CURFEW each evening. Students MUST turn in their phones to their Group Leaders at midnight each night, and get them back at 8AM the next morning.***

PRANKS:

No student or leader is to leave the Host Home after or during the times designated for them to be there. That means absolutely no pranks or sneaking out of any kind.

CURFEW:

These times are not optional. Students and Group Leaders must be in their assigned Host Homes at the designated time on the schedule. EACH EVENING Group Leaders must check-in with our SECURITY TEAM by curfew to confirm that everyone is safe and in the Host Home for the evening.

FREE TIME:

It's very important that everyone understand that the designated LATE NIGHTS & FREE TIME on the schedule are not a "free for all" or a "go do what you want to type of thing." Leaders and students have to be together at all times - even during Free Time. Leaders receive a list of approved Free Time options from which they can choose.

STUDENTS DRIVING:

Any student who drives to Element will be required to leave their car in the church parking lot for the entire weekend. Students are NOT allowed to drive to/from the Host Home OR during any of the off-site Free Times.

STUDENTS LEAVING:

Students should not leave the Host Home at any time. With that said, we understand students may have scheduling conflicts through the weekend. Students will ONLY be allowed to leave ELEMENT if you (parent/guardian) have completed a TIME AWAY FORM and its been approved by our staff. If this is the case, the Host Home and the adult Group Leader will receive a copy of the Time Away Form. ***Time Away Forms MUST be completed and approved NO LATER THAN Wednesday, January 23, 2019.*** Time Away Forms will not be approved after this date and can't be filled out during the weekend.