



# 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 WKND 2022 holds...

# SCHEDULE

**NOTE: ELEMENT takes place at the Highpoint East Memphis Campus. Schedule is subject to change.**

## **FRIDAY :: JANUARY 28th**

<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Food Trucks On Site (IF You/Your Student Wants to Purchase Food)</b>
<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Students Arrive, Check-In and head to meet up with leaders</b>
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Session One</b>
<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>Groups</b>
<b>9:45 PM</b>	<b>HS : Black Light Battle in the Gym</b>
	<b>MS : Hangs &amp; Gibsons Donuts in the Lounge</b>
<b>10:30 PM</b>	<b>HS : Hangs &amp; Gibsons Donuts in the Lounge</b>
	<b>MS : Black Light Battle in the Gym</b>
<b>11:15 PM</b>	<b>Parent Pick-Up</b>

## **SATURDAY :: JANUARY 29th**

<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Session Two</b>
<b>12:00 NN</b>	<b>CFA Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Students, Leaders and Staff Depart for ELEMENT Serve &amp; 901 Hangs</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>ELEMENT Serve (WITH Small Groups) Around the 901</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>901 Hangs (WITH Small Groups) Around the 901</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Pizza Dinner</b>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session Three</b>
<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>Groups</b>
<b>9:45 PM</b>	<b>Hangs &amp; Ice Cream in the Lounge</b>
<b>10:30 PM</b>	<b>Parent Pick-Up</b>

# FAQ

## **WHY ARE YOU HAVING ELEMENT WKND ON SITE?**

The body of Christ gathering together in community to worship their Savior is a POWERFUL thing. It's a powerful time of growth in relationships with one another, of freedom from burdens and shame, of unity as a body, and of growth in relationship with and lifting up glory to Father, Son and Spirit. We as a staff have spent A LOT of time praying, discussing, and learning about all the things we can do to gather students together safely in this season. We are doing everything in our power to set up an event that not only honors the recommendations in place by CDC and SCHD, but also gives students a place to honor and worship their Savior.

## **WHAT ABOUT COVID?**

A few of the logistics of Element will look different, but the heart of Element will be the same. There will still be incredible teaching and worship. There will still be small groups and games and giveaways. Like past events, we are going to do EVERYTHING in our power to honor all the regulations that CDC, SCHD and local health departments have in place. We do not know YET the exact policies that will be in place, but we will honor all regulations in place at the time of ELEMENT.

## **WHAT IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID?**

Should an ELEMENT Staffer, Volunteer, Guest or Student test positive for COVID in a timeframe that indicates potential exposure could have occurred at ELEMENT Weekend, the ELEMENT Staff should be contacted immediately. All ELEMENT participants will be notified of the COVID positive result, NOT the identity of the student. From there, each person will be responsible for communicating with her/his own medical doctor as to the next medical steps to take.

## **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TO/FROM ELEMENT TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS?**

Parents are responsible for dropping off, picking up or coordinating to/from transport for their students.

## **HOW WILL SMALL GROUPS BE DETERMINED?**

We will divide students into groups based on grade, gender, school, group member requests, and current CREW Group leadership and participation. If a regular CREW attendee invites a guest to ELEMENT WKND, we will do our best to get them in the same group.

## **WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF MY STUDENT'S GROUP?**

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

## **ARE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK?**

Yes! All 18+ volunteers are taken through our Volunteer Screening, which involves a background check, screening interview, reference checks and Ministry Safe Child Abuse Awareness Training. Those who regularly serve at CREW, Beach Week and/or ELEMENT have already been through this screening process.

## **WILL STUDENTS BE STAYING OVERNIGHT THIS YEAR?**

No. Parents/Guardians will drop off and pick up their students at Highpoint. Students will not be staying in Highpoint-coordinated Host Homes.

## **WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD?**

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 Group Leaders, and we will coordinate alternate food for your student if he/she has ALLERGIES to food items.

## **HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD MY STUDENT BRING?**

Saturday Lunch & Dinner, ELEMENT Serve, Late Night Lounge Snacks, and everything taking place on site at HP is included in the cost of ELEMENT Weekend. Plan to send \$10-\$25 with your student for 901 Hangs. If your student would like to purchase items in the ELEMENT store, please send \$\$ for those items. The cost per item typically ranges \$10-\$20.

## **WHAT IS THE BLACK LIGHT BATTLE?**

The Black Light Battle is an ALL NEW competition that will pit Small Group against Small Group in something crazy fun AND under the backlights. There are no special skills needed to compete. It does not matter what age or gender you are! It is just FUN and a winning Small Group will be declared. ALSO, your student can bring something fun to wear under the lights if he/she wants!

## **WHAT GOES ON DURING ELEMENT SERVE?**

For the second year in a row, students will serve TOGETHER at different locations around the city. Last year's SERVE locations included Asha's Refuge, Memphis Athletic Ministries, and Overton High School. Students will be transported by staff, leaders and vans/buses from Highpoint East Memphis, and transported to their SERVE locations. Students will serve with their Small Groups. We will let you know if any special clothing is needed for the weekend, or if there are any supplies your student can bring.

## **WHAT GOES ON DURING 901 HANGS?**

After ELEMENT Serve, students will be transported to pre-determined locations around the 901. EACH GROUP'S LEADERS will coordinate with parents and students as to their group's preferences and ultimate choice for 901 Hangs. Among the different locations groups have chosen in the past are Get Air, Highpoint Climbing, Memphis Escape Rooms, Crosstown Concourse, etc.

## **DO WE HAVE TO EAT AT THE FOOD TRUCKS ON FRIDAY?**

Nope! Food Trucks will be on site as a convenience for those who would like to order.

## **WHAT ABOUT 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.

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

Throughout the weekend (whether at Highpoint, at ELEMENT Serve, during Fun Time, etc) students are not allowed to...

- Leave Highpoint Supervision at any time unless pre-arranged by a designated Parent/Guardian, AND unless picked up by said Parent/Guardian
- Be alone with any ELEMENT WKND Group Leader or Volunteer (in a group room, in an automobile, in a non-public place at Highpoint, etc)
- Be in possession of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, lighters, or non-prescription drugs
- Have any weapons in their possession (guns, knives, air rifles, fireworks, pocket knives, ninja throwing stars, etc.)
- Bully/shame other students for any reason (INCLUDING opinions about masks, vaccinations, etc)
- Wear inappropriate bathing suits OR clothing. If you're asking "is it inappropriate?" then the answer is probably yes.
- Invite non-registered students/adults to ELEMENT WKND, without approval from Keri Davis.
- Anything else that could be seen as destructive or illegal.
- Disregard safety protocols and procedures in place due to COVID

### **WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS BRING WITH THEM EACH DAY?**

- IF IT IS RAINING ON SATURDAY, please bring a Waterproof Jacket/Pancho/SMALL PACKABLE umbrella for rain (IF you don't want to get wet if it rains.)
- Spending money for merch
- Bible & Journal (NOTE: Session Note Cards and pens will be available on site)
- Jacket/Hoodie (It can get cold in the rooms and auditorium.)

### **WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED AT ELEMENT WKND?**

- Inappropriate clothing (with questionable sayings/slogans, clothing that will distract others from being able to focus)
- ANY weapons/projectiles (including pocket knives, water balloons, bb guns, air rifles)
- Fireworks, Lighters, or any "fire emitting" instruments of any kind
- 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 it

# 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.
- 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 property, or individual.

## SUPERVISION:

At least two adult Group Leaders will be assigned to each Small Group. 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.

## MEDICATION:

IF POSSIBLE, please do not send medication to ELEMENT WKND with your student. We WILL have a Medical Team on site for emergencies, who will have basic over-the-counter meds on hand. 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. Any medications brought TO ELEMENT WKND must be turned into the ELEMENT Medical Team.

## PARENT PICK-UP:

EACH EVENING Parents are responsible for picking up their students at Highpoint East Memphis. Please make sure to be out front in the Car Line by the Designated Pick-Up Time.

## STUDENTS DRIVING:

Students ARE allowed to drive to and from ELEMENT WKND. However, throughout the day on Saturday, they are NOT allowed to drive to ELEMENT Serve OR the ELEMENT 901 Hangs Locations. Students MUST ride on the buses, vans or with adult group leaders.

## STUDENTS LEAVING:

Throughout ELEMENT WEEKEND, Students should not leave Highpoint supervision 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 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 22, 2020.* Time Away Forms will not be approved after this date and can't be filled out during the weekend.