

SWERVE

STUDENTS WHO SERVE

LEADER GUIDE & AGREEMENT
FALL 2019

Swerve Guide

Hello!

We're excited that you're interested in joining a Swerve Team! By joining Swerve, you can be a part of something – a movement of students that come together to pray and serve each other. Our hope is that Swerve challenges you to step out of your comfort zone and grow in your walk with the Lord as you develop as a leader and become a fully devoted follower of Christ. Take a few moments to look over this Leader Guide and review the Leader Agreements. **In order to join Swerve, the Leader Agreement must be completed and signed by both you and your parent and returned to Pastor Bryson.**

Swerve Standards

Being held to a higher standard means there are Biblical mandates you're expected to follow and live out. All Student Leaders will be held to these standards:

- Strives for a consistent Bible study and prayer life
- Faithful to church and actively participates in a Sunday morning Life Group
- Able to faithfully attend Student Worship services
- Able to attend weekly meeting (5:30pm during your Student Worship night)
- Reaches out to friends and peers who are not saved/unchurched
- Abstains from alcohol and situations where alcohol is present
- Maintains modesty in appearance, conduct, and speech
- Supportive of leadership
- Able to commit to at least one school year

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We Get To Do This!

This is bigger than us and not about us.

We trust God to do more than we could ask, think or imagine and constantly seek to bring Him glory through our actions. The why will always come before the what or the how.

Those Not Yet Here

Everybody is somebody's someone.

We don't always know how long someone has been prayed for, fought for and invited before they said "yes" to church. We know that we only get a few moments to make it meaningful and make a lasting impact. We treat every guest like they are our somebody.

Get In Here!

We've been waiting for you!

We've prayed and prepared and we want others to know that we are excited they are here! We can't wait for them to get inside and be a part of what God is doing at First Students!

Set The Temperature

We are thermostats, not thermometers.

We are the first impression. We set the standard, tone and temperature for our guest's experience. Our body language, smiles and interactions should show others genuine joy and excitement!

One At A Time

Every person matters to us because every person matters to God.

We make each interaction personal and loving!

Far From Forgettable

We always go the extra mile.

We will exceed the expectations of our guests with action, care and connection.

Enjoy It!

We have fun!

We have fun because not having fun is boring.

Host Team

This is a team of students who work together to create a welcoming atmosphere before people walk through the doors of our church. Serving on the Host Team means being the first impression of our church/ministry and will include:

- Opening the door for our students and first-time guest
- Welcoming people as they enter into the building
- Creating a high-energy atmosphere
- Directing students and parents

Here's what we're looking for in a Host Team member:

- Energetic and outgoing
- A desire to create a high-energy atmosphere
- Not afraid to smile, high five and welcome others
- Able to make quick and meaningful connections

Connect Team

This is a team of students who use their gifts and talents to connect with students and guests. Serving on the Connect Team means making lasting connections with our guests and will include:

- Greeting students at the Welcome/Check-in tables
- Collecting information from first-time guests and distributing welcome bags
- Showing students the different areas of First Students and introducing them to others
- Follow up with students who have visited for the first time

Here's what we're looking for in a Connect Team member:

- Energetic and outgoing
- Loves to talk and can strike up a conversation easily
- Enjoys meeting new people and making new friendships
- Actively encourages others students to be involved

Operations Team

This is a team of students who set the stage and prepare for the Student Worship services. Serving on the Operations Team means working behind the scenes and will include the setup and tear down of:

- 9-Square & Gaga-ball
- Banners, flags and welcome tables
- Chairs and stage area
- Able to arrive at 5:15pm on Sunday (HS) or Wednesday (JH)

Here's what we're looking for in an Operations Team member:

- Doesn't mind hard work
- Able to lift heavy objects
- Enjoys serving behind the scenes
- Desires to serve others through acts of service

Worship Team

This is a team of students who use their gifts and talents to serve the Lord through music and media. Serving on the Worship Team means humbling leading the students in worship each week and there are three primary ways to serve on this team:

- Singing rotation (band)
- Instrumental rotation (band)
- Running screens & sound (media)

Here's what we're looking for in a Worship Team member:

- Energetic and outgoing
- Has a humble heart that's eager to serve
- Able to sing or play an instrument (band)*
- Able to run screens and knowledgeable in sound systems (media)**

**The band is the only area of Swerve that requires auditions and approval of the Student Ministry Worship Director before joining.*

***Sound system can be taught if student is willing to learn*

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Weekly Meetings

Each week at 5:30pm (on your Student Worship night), Swerve Students will gather together for a time of prayer and to make sure that all tasks and job assignments are ready for the Student Worship service. While Swerve Students are welcome to meet each week, they are only required to attend the meeting on the week(s) they are assigned to serve. If a student is unable to attend the meeting or is unable to serve, they should promptly inform their Swerve Team Leader. *Consistent* failure to communicate absences may result in the removal of a student from their Swerve team.

Student Involvement

Being a leader means being involved. When it comes to events, service projects and other ministry opportunities, we ask that Swerve Students make every effort to be in attendance when possible. Attendance to these events/activities are not required but highly encouraged!

Spiritual Growth

The goal of Swerve isn't just to give students an opportunity to volunteer, but to see students step up as leaders and to grow closer to Jesus. Swerve students will be encouraged throughout the week and will be given spiritual challenges to push them out of their comfort zone.

Leadership Retreat

Part of being actively involved with Swerve means being a part of a leadership retreat that will take place in the Spring semester. This will be a weekend trip that allows students to get away, to grow closer to God and each other and begin thinking through vision and goals for the next year.

Details on this trip will be made available later in the year. There will be a small cost associated with this trip. If a Swerve Student desires to attend but cannot afford, scholarship opportunities will be available.

Swerve Application

Student's Name (First & Last)

Student's Current Address (No PO Boxes)

Student's Phone

Student's Email

Student's Current Grade (19-20 School Year)

Student's Date of Birth

Student's Shirt Size

First Team Preference

- Connect Team
- Host Team
- Operations Team
- Worship Team

Second Team Preference

- Connect Team
- Host Team
- Operations Team
- Worship Team

Share a brief testimony of when/how you became a Christian

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Parent/Guardian Information

Parent's Name (First & Last)

Parent's Phone

Parent's Email

Student Agreement

I understand that serving at First Baptist O'Fallon and First Students is a privilege. I agree to make my personal worship experience my first priority before serving. I will dress modestly and appropriately at all times. I will respect authority by following the lead of adult volunteers and model the character of Christ in my attitude and actions. I will follow all policies and procedures of First Students.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature (if student is under age 18)