

July 16, 2010

Dear Teen Takeover Participants,

The adult leaders of Teen Takeover would like to invite you to apply for the 2010-2011 Teen Takeover Team (“Team”). The 2010-2011 Team is the group that will be responsible for putting on the 26th Teen Takeover retreat in March of 2011. We are looking for teens willing to take on this challenging but rewarding leadership and learning opportunity. Attached is the application for joining Team. We sent you this application because you attended a Teen Takeover retreat and we are looking for a great group of 20 leaders to make the 26th Teen Takeover retreat the best one ever!

Please know that while Team is tons of fun and very rewarding, it is also a **big time commitment** and you should expect that it will be one of your most time consuming activities. We will have weekly meetings on Wednesdays (7:30 – 9:30pm) beginning on August 25th, which will go until the retreat scheduled for March 18th and 19th. We will also have two Sunday meetings, three overnights, a car wash and “Tech Week” in which we meet every night (Monday – Thursday) two weeks before the retreat. **Attendance is critical** and we don’t want any Team members to miss more than three meetings. **Please review the enclosed draft schedule of meetings when considering if you can make the commitment to Team.**

We are looking forward to a *new* Team. Please let go of any preconceptions or expectations that you may have as each new Team and retreat is a product of not only what has been done before, but also of the unique input that the members of Team bring with them such as creativity, leadership, energy, red hair, Harry Potter books and musical talent (Becca & Becky??).

If you are interested in joining Team and are willing and able to make the commitment, please fill out the application and **return it to Dan Lawler, the Ascension Youth Minister, before Friday, August 6th**. Please give serious and thorough answers on a separate sheet but also have fun and feel free to show us who you are through your answers. Also, please type if you have terrible hand writing (take a hint Bakker). The Teen Takeover adults will review your application and you will be called to come in for a group interview (BTW – your odds of getting on Team are best if you are a sophomore, your last name is Lyons or Woznica or if your last name is NOT Primak). Selections for Team based on the applications and interviews will be made the same week as the group interviews (Tom – we *strongly* advise you participate to the fullest during the interview this time).

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Dan Lawler at 708.434.1555. If you don’t have any questions, please call Tim at 630.229.1685 (he gets board after Isaac goes to bed). Don’t forget to mark down **all** of the times that you are available to meet for an interview.

The Teen Takeover Adults,
M.R. T.E.D.

DRAFT Teen Takeover 2010 - 2011 Meeting Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Meeting</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| August 25, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| September 1, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| September 4, 2010 | Saturday | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Convent Parking Lot | Car Wash |
| September 8, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| September 15, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| September 22, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| September 29, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| October 6, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| October 13, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| October 16-17, 2010 | Saturday-Sunday | 7:00 pm – 8:00 am | Pine Room | Overnight |
| October 20, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| October 27, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| November 3, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| November 10, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| November 12, 2010 | Friday-Saturday | 7:00 pm – 8:00 am | Pine Room | Theme Overnight |
| November 17, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| November 21, 2010 | Sunday | 10:00am – 4:00pm | Extended Day Room | Discernment |
| December 1, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| December 8, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| December 15, 2010 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| January 5, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| January 12, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| January 19, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| January 26, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| January 29-30, 2011 | Saturday-Sunday | 7:00 pm – 8:00 am | Pine Room | Overnight |
| February 2, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| February 9, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| February 16, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| February 20, 2011 | Sunday | 10:00am – 4:00pm | Extended Day Room | Reconciliation |
| February 23, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| March 2, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Regular Meeting |
| March 7, 2011 | Monday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Pine Room | Tech Week |
| March 8, 2011 | Tuesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Gym/Pine Room | Tech Week |
| March 9, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Pine Room | Tech Week |
| March 10, 2011 | Thursday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Pine Room | Tech Week |
| March 16, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:00 – 9:30 | Pine Room | Team Soak |
| March 17, 2011 | Thursday | 6:00 – 9:00 | Pine Room | Retreat Prep Meeting |
| March 18 - 19, 2011 | Friday-Saturday | 3:00 pm - ??? | TEEN TAKEOVER RETREAT | |
| April 6, 2011 | Wednesday | 7:30 – 9:30 | Convent Basement | Evaluation Meeting |
| April 17, 2011 | Sunday | 1:00pm – 3:00pm | Rehm Park or Gym | Reunion |

Teen Takeover 2010 – 2011 Team Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Your Home Phone: _____ Your Cell Phone: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parents Email: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Education: _____
School Attending _____ Graduation month & year _____

When are you available for a group interrogation/intimidation interview?

Please put a check next to **ALL** of the interview sessions that you would be available for.
(You'll be asked to attend only one – you'll get a call to confirm the date and time)

August 18th - Wednesday - 7:00 pm _____

August 18th - Wednesday - 8:00 pm _____

August 20th - Friday - 6:00 pm _____

August 20th - Friday - 7:00 pm _____

Please return this completed Team Application by Friday, August 6th. If you have any questions you can call Dan Lawler 708.434.1555. This Team Application should be returned and addressed to:

Teen Takeover Team Application
c/o Dan Lawler/Ascension Youth Ministry
808 S. East Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60304

Or if email is preferred:
dlawler@ascensionchurch.com

TEEN TAKEOVER APPLICATION QUESTIONS

(Please give thorough answers on a separate sheet of paper)

Past Group Experiences:

List the year(s) you were involved in a group (sports, clubs, etc.) and your responsibilities.

Activities during the School Year:

List the activities you will be involved in this school year (including work, school (extracurricular) and family), list your responsibilities with each activity and how much time each activity takes.

Your Thoughts on Teen Takeover, etc.

- 1. What are your reasons for wanting to be on the Teen Takeover Team this year?**
- 2. What talents do you possess that will be helpful to the Teen Takeover Team?**
- 3. What was your best experience at a Teen Takeover Retreat and why?**
- 4. How do you handle times of conflict when you are involved in the conflict AND when you are just observing the conflict?**
- 5. What characteristics do you like to see in an individual who is a part of a group? What characteristics do you dislike?**

Multiple Choice Question : Circle the correct answer

If you were on a plane that was about to crash, which Teen Takeover adult would you want with you?

- (a) Erica – she'll convince the plane that it doesn't want to crash**
- (b) Rob – no one will hear your screams over his**
- (c) Tim – because he might save everyone on the plane**
- (d) Dan – he's a youth minister – he has an "in"**
- (e) Matt – he'll lead you through the 7 stages of grief**
- (f) MR. TED – because we are many**