

Dear UNITED 2020 Volunteer,

Thank you so much for your willingness and availability to help out with UNITED. I am writing to inform all United volunteers about some critical information regarding UNITED. It is just around the corner. In the subsequent pages you will discover some very important information. PLEASE plan to join us for the **UNITED VOLUNTEER MEETING...SUNDAY, JAN 19th after the AM Worship.**

UNITED Volunteer Contact Information :: On the Volunteer United Website you will soon find a link for the Volunteer Contact Handout. It will show you who you will be working with (host homes, home leaders, and the SS class that is providing snacks) and the contact information for each individual. This will be important that you have access to each other prior to and during the weekend of UNITED.

HOST HOME FAMILIES :: Just to remind you of some changes this year. Instead of Sunday school classes trying to coordinate with you what snacks to get & when to deliver them I will just provide you a gift card at least 1 week before United if not sooner so you can choose your own snacks for the students you'll be hosting. The three times you'll be providing food will be Friday Night Snack, Saturday AM Breakfast, & Saturday Night Snack. Here are some helpful hints...

- 1) Feel free to recruit another friend/mom/etc to help you with the snacks (planning/shopping) prior to United. During the weekend you should have 1-2 Adult Encouragers who are there to help you and the young adults (home leaders) chaperone the kids and transport them.
- 2) You may choose to get a lot of different kinds of snack foods for the weekend. Another option is to simply provide a themed snacks that might be easier for you to prepare (such as Nacho Bar, Barbecue Sandwiches, etc.) Having other varieties of snacks are not bad but this approach may help you not to juggle so many different kinds of snacks. Regardless you do what works best for you!

Given that each host home may have different sized groups some host homes may need more money to provide sufficient snacks. PLEASE do not spend your own money! We can use left over money from other gift cards or we can provide you more funds. Final note...We have several Sunday school classes that are donating money for you to buy pizza one night. I will be in touch about this.

UNITED Volunteer Specific Responsibilities :: On the last page you will find exactly what is expected out of you in the role that you will be fulfilling during UNITED. Please read this information carefully, and get back with me if you have any questions.

UNITED OPENING RALLY :: Wednesday night, Jan 22nd @ 6:30 pm –8 pm @ Eagle Heights. All of you are certainly invited, but not obligated to attend the opening rally.

UNITED WEEKEND :: Friday-Sunday, Jan 24-26th students will be dropped off at the host homes at 6pm. It would be well if all the volunteers could be at the host homes by 5:45 before students arrive. The goal will be for you to get the students to Eagle Heights by 6:45pm at the latest. Once at Eagle Heights I will meet with all the volunteers once kids are in their seats.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK :: As it has now become custom to better protect our students our church has added a policy to run background checks on anyone working directly or indirectly with minors. I will let you know if I need a background check from you.

The Info Sheet that I have included should answer most of your questions regarding UNITED, but feel free to contact me with additional questions. Feel free to visit the Emmaus UNITED Website at www.emmausokc.org/UNITED19 Again, if you have any questions you may reach me by phone @ 405-415- 5219 or by email at jeron@emmausokc.org Looking forward to UNITED and I can't wait to serve beside you.

God Bless,
Jeron Young, Emmaus Student Ministry



Not familiar with United?

UNITED seeks to bring South Oklahoma City Baptist Church's Student Ministries together for one weekend where we can be "UNITED" in our God-given mission.

While at school, we desire that students not be limited to being unified with other students who attend the same church but to expand that unity with other students because of their common bond in Christ.

Throughout the weekend all 7th-12th grade students will be brought together in one place for three worship services that will include Biblical worship and teaching. The rest of the weekend your student will be spending their time in his/her prospective "Host Home" with other students from Emmaus of the same gender and age. Your student will spend the night, have small group discussion, eat, etc... at the host home until UNITED ends on Sunday, Jan 26th.

UNITED is a great opportunity for students to be exposed to God's Word and deeper relationships to encourage them towards Christ!

Hey Volunteers...I Just Want to Say THANK YOU!!!

I want to say a tremendous word of thanks to you for making yourself available for UNITED. I am certainly aware of the sacrifices that you are making in order to be apart of this weekend & to make an eternal investment in the lives of Emmaus students & I want to say THANKS! I'm sure at some point in your past there has been someone who went out of their way to invest into your life, and now, you have an awesome opportunity to continue their investment in you by paying it forward to someone else. What an amazing spiritual relay race God has allowed us to be involved in! I am honored to serve beside you as God uses us to reach students with the love of Christ!

Thank You!
Jeron

Check out www.emmausokc.org/unitedvolunteers to formally register as a United Volunteer and for pertinent info for your role in United.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING UNITED PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT JERON YOUNG, STUDENT PASTOR
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UNITED SCHEDULE

UNITED RALLY

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22 (No REFUEL)

- 6:00 Leave for UNITED RALLY @ Eagle Heights (for those that need a ride...)
- 6:15 Arrive @ Eagle Heights
- 6:30. UNITED OPENING RALLY
- 8:00 Dismiss

UNITED WEEKEND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

- 6:00 Students Arrive @ their Host Home (Host Home Contact info provided soon)
- 7:00 UNITED RALLY #1 (Eagle Heights)
- 8:45 Dismissed to Host Home
- 9:30 Small Group #1 @ Host Home
- 12:00 Lights Out

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:00 Breakfast in Host Home
- 10:15 UNITED RALLY #2 (Eagle Heights)
- 11:45 Lunch & Small Group #2 @ Emmaus
- 1:15 Afternoon Activity
- 3:30'ish Back to Host Homes
- 5:15 Dinner @ Emmaus
- 6:45 Arrive @ Eagle Heights
- 7:00 UNITED RALLY #3 (Eagle Heights)
- 8:45 Small Group #3 @ Host Home
- 9:30 Dismissed to Host Homes
- 10:15 Pack Up & Clean Up Host Home (THEN AND ONLY THEN...Free Time)
- 12:00 Lights Out

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 7:45 Wake Up & Complete any unfinished packing & cleaning
- 9:15 Arrive @ Emmaus for Breakfast and UNITED Sunday School
- 10:30 Morning Worship @ Emmaus
- 12:00 UNITED IS OVER!!!

Parents/Guardians - You may take your students home after church.

HOST HOMES

- 7/8 GUYS: Justin & Jill Walters
- 9 GUYS: Adam & Dena Rogers
- 10 GUYS: Chad & Julie Chamberlain
- 11/12 GUYS: Chad & Andrea Cobble
- 7/8 GIRLS: David & Kara Ross
- 9/10 GIRLS: Bryan & Stacey Rice
- 11/12 GIRLS: Scott & Aimee Hicks

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT YOUR STUDENT NEEDS

- ___ Bible
- ___ Pen
- ___ Bath Towel
- ___ Hygiene Supplies
- ___ Bedding (for the floor!)
- ___ Pillow
- ___ Casual Clothes
- ___ Respectful attitude for the Host Home***

***Due to the nature of this event students will be spending the majority of their time in host homes. Those that have volunteered their homes have sacrificed much time and energy in order to provide their homes for your student.

Each student will be expected to respect their prospective host homes and to treat their host home better than they treat their own.

We in no way expect any problems with any student, but in the rare occasion we do, we will send uncooperative students home.

TRANSPORTATION

Once students arrive on Friday they will not be allowed to leave UNITED or drive for the remainder of the weekend unless parents inform Jeron through the registration process or via email. This means that the primary burden of transportation falls on the Hosts and Leaders for the weekend. Please understand that this is no small undertaking and we take very seriously the liabilities involved in transporting groups of students in personal vehicles. It is imperative that we do all we can to ensure the safety of all students.

VOLUNTEERS

UNITED is such a huge event that requires the help of so many people. On the bottom left you can see a list of **HOST HOMES**. These enlisted have opened up their homes for students to stay for the duration of the weekend.

We enlist **HOME LEADERS** to stay at the host home with the students throughout the weekend to help with leading discussion groups, building relationships with students, & other responsibilities.

We enlist **Adult Encouragers** to be at the homes during the weekend to help with transportation, assist the home leaders in discussion, serve the host home with misc. needs, or simply just be a positive presence in the home.

And finally, we have others that **VOLUNTEER** their time to help with transportation, Co-Hosting, Saturday Night Dinner serving & clean up, & other misc. responsibilities.

