



Dear DNOW Attendee Parents,

DNOW is right around the corner, and I could not be more excited! Lots of prayer, planning and anticipation has gone into making it an unforgettably fun and Gospel-centered weekend. The goal of putting on a ministry event like DNOW is not to simply have fun or to “refuel” students’ spiritual gas tanks only to see them running on empty by the time Summer Camp arrives (which is May 31 - June 3, btw – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!). Instead, our goal is to put them in a setting where life-change happens, where they encounter the Lord in such a way that they find true faith and repentance, and where they find biblical community at Westwood in a fresh way that puts them on a path of righteousness.

These life-changing milestones do not happen without the Lord, so let me first invite you to check out the prayer card inside this packet. On this card, you will find a simple guide to ways you can specifically pray for your student. Let me also invite you to pray for the small group bible study times, the worship gatherings, our trip to Next LEVL and even their hang out times in the homes. EVERY moment matters during a weekend like this. ANY moment could be used by the Holy Spirit to convict, encourage, and change lives. So PRAY!

Let me also invite you to thoroughly read through this packet to make sure that you and your student(s) are ready for DNOW 2019!

Until Every Student Hears,

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THEME

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own."

Philippians 3:12

Our theme is "The Pursuit". Students will learn how our pursuit of sin separates us from a holy God. They will see that rather than leaving us dead in our sin, our holy and righteous King seeks us out and justifies us as new creations. This atonement was made possible by Jesus' pursuit of His mission of paying the ransom for our sin debt. Finally, students will dig deep into how the Holy Spirit pursues and sanctifies us daily, allowing us to put to death our sin and to renew our minds in Christ.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 5:00 – 6:00 Drop of luggage at Host Home
(Please make sure your student has had dinner prior to registration.)
- 5:00 Tribe Leader Meeting (Westwood Room)
6:00 Tribe Leader Dinner (Westwood Atrium)
6:30 Check in begins
7:00 GATHERING (Worship Center)
9:00 Head to Next LEVL Jump Park
10:00 Next LEVL Jump Park
12:00 Head to Host Homes
1:00 Lights OUT

SATURDAY

- 7:30 Breakfast (Host Home)
8:00 Devotions
8:30 Bible Study 1
10:30 GATHERING (Worship Center)
12:00 Lunch (Westwood Atrium)
1:00 Free Time
3:00 Bible Study 2
5:15 Dinner (Westwood Atrium)
6:15 GATHERING (Worship Center)
8:30 Head to Host Homes
9:30 Bible Study 3
11:30 Lights OUT

SUNDAY

- 8:00 Breakfast (Host Home)
8:30 Devotions
10:15 Group Picture (On the Lawn)
10:45 GATHERING (Worship Center)
12:00 Lunch (Westwood Room)
12:30 Head to Host Homes
12:45 Bible Study 4
1:30 Free Time
5:45 Luggage Drop-off (Upstairs)
6:00 Dinner (Westwood Atrium)
7:00 GATHERING (Worship Center)
8:30 Dismiss

CHECK IN / PICK UP

- Check in is Friday, January 18th from 6:30 PM, Westwood's Lower Atrium
- Make sure to drop your son/daughter's luggage off at their host home before arriving at check-in at Westwood on Friday. You can begin dropping luggage off at 5:00 PM.
- Make sure your son/daughter eats dinner before arriving at check-in, as we are only providing snacks after the worship Gathering.
- Guardians/Parents MUST come inside for check in so that we can provide the host home-specific emergency contact lists and make sure we have all necessary forms from you for the weekend.
- Bring your signed Next LEVL Waiver form!
- If you have not turned in a 2019 medical release form to our office, please make sure to bring your child's medical release form to check in. We must have this form in order for your child to attend DNOW.
- The weekend will be finished at 8:30 PM on Sunday. Your child's luggage/belongings will be available for pick up in the upper atrium organized by gender. We would love to have you join us at any of our 3 services on Sunday to see the highlights from the weekend and worship alongside our faith family!

HOST HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Every student will be staying in host homes according to their grade/gender. All of our hosts are Westwood members who have had a background check and are graciously opening their homes for this experience. You will receive a phone call directly from the hosts whose home your son/daughter will be staying in sometime within the 24-48 hours prior to Friday, January 18th. If you do NOT receive contact from them, please call Ginger Edwards (Host Home Coordinator): (205) 296-7999.

FORMS/WAIVERS

Medical release form – This form MUST be filled out every new calendar year. The form from DNOW will cover your student for all other student/church events through December 2019. You can find it online at gowestwood.org/students and also included in this packet. These forms must be notarized and the church has several notaries available during the week.

Next LEVL Jump Park Waiver: You MUST sign the waiver (attached) form from Next LEVL in order for your child to jump on Friday night! We will also have these available at check in on Friday.

PACKING LIST

What to Bring:

** Please mark your name clearly on all of your belongings

- Bible/Notepad/Pen
- 2-Liter drink & snacks
- Sleeping pad (Students will be sleeping on the floor)
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- "Around the house" clothes
- Athletic clothes (for Next LEVL)
- Casual Worship Service clothes
- Remember, modesty is always best!
- Toiletries/towel
- A few extra bucks for the offering we will take up at each service.

What NOT to Bring:

- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, e-cigs, etc.
- Weapons/fireworks
- Laptops, tablets, game systems, etc.
- Anything that might cause you to get into trouble.

The Cell Phone:

We are asking all of our host homes to take up phones on Friday night at the start of the weekend. Students will receive their phones back on Sunday (unless they need it because they are leaving and have filled out a Time Away form). If you have an emergency and need to get reach with your child at any time during the weekend, please call any of the "Emergency Contacts" listed on the last page of this document.

Remember that this weekend is about connecting students with Christ and His people, not a device. Please partner with us in coaching your students to help them see the importance of retreating from devices to focus on the Gospel.

THE LINEUP

SPEAKER



Chris Culver is the pastor of teaching and vision at Birmingham Community Church. Prior to this, Chris served as an interim youth minister, Sunday school teacher, youth praise team director and preached weekly to Junior High School students. Chris met his wife, Wendi at Centrifuge in Jackson, TN in 1993. They married eight years later and live in Birmingham with their son Gibson and their dog Bean.

BAND



Formed in college while at the University of Mobile, The Garrett Romine Band is united by their heart for the church and seeing Christ followers bringing praise to King Jesus.

COMMUNICATION

TEXT UPDATES:

To receive updates, as well as, specific prayer requests throughout the weekend you can subscribe to our text message service.

Text the message, "@wwstu" to the number "81010"

SOCIAL MEDIA

- + *Instagram* - @wwstudents

- + *YouTube* – Search "Westwood Students" (There are two channels called Westwood Students. Look at the description to make sure you are subscribing to the Alabaster, AL channel). We will be uploading the highlight video on YouTube at the conclusion of DNOW!

- + *Facebook* – www.facebook.com/groups/wwstudents/

LIVE STREAM:

Each service is going to be live streamed on our website. Check the schedule to tune in at the right times and worship alongside us. Here is the link:

<http://www.gowestwood.org/livestream>

You may also watch on your mobile device by downloading our app by following the directions here: <http://echurchapps.net/k/gowestwoodapp>

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