

#### NeverThirst Teens Handbook

#### What is NeverThirst Teens?

Never thirst Teens is the name of the junior high – senior high Bible club ministry of Positive action for Christ. This program works within framework of the local church and has been geared to meet the needs of a ministry with volunteer workers.

The purpose of the NeverThirst Ministries Youth group is to produce mature Christian Youth capable of doing the work of the ministry.



Five qualities characterize mature Christians. They are saved, studying the Word, have a burden for souls, have a servant's heart, and are separated and surrendered to the Lord. It is our aim to see these five characteristics evident in the lives of all the teens in our church.

#### **Devotions**

NeverThirst Teens develops the habit of daily time with God. However, since teens are on different spiritual levels, what is effective for one may be too simple for another. For this reason, our devotionals will cover different topics through the Bible, typically focused on one central truth. Our Devotionals will usually be inline with the same truth as that week's lesson.

Teens will receive 5 points for each day they complete the devotion. A total of 25 points a week can be accumulated this way. M-F, Saturday and Sunday are used to reflect on the devotions of the previous week.

### Scripture Memory Course

The Two-Edged Sword will be the scripture memory for the year. These verses are to be memorized and quoted by passage. A passage is made up of (5) verses. You will receive 25 points per passage that is completed.

There are a total of 90 verses in Level 1. Points are scored after the initial passage has been quoted: Romans 12:1-2. You cannot quote more than 6 passages per months. This allows a teen to complete the entire Level 1 verse set within 4 months!

#### **Practical Christian Work**

When you complete a Practical Christian work, you will receive 25 points. No more than 2 assignments per month can be counted for scores. The second PCW must be different from the 1<sup>st</sup>. You can reach out to the Youth Pastor for further assistance and clarification. A list of accepted PCW assignments will be generated each year and are subject to change.

# Servant Leadership

Servant Leadership will consist of ministries that require a person to serve with direct involvement in the ministering of people. This will be rewarded 25 points FOR YOUR TEAM. The following are suggested ministries: Passing out bulletins, Ushering, Nursery, cleaning up rooms after services, breaking down and setting up of ministries, etc.

## Reading Christian Books

Living Water Bible Church offers you the opportunity to read good Christian literature and gives you credit for doing so. One of our Youth Leaders will give you a list of approved books from which you may choose the ones you want to read. You will receive 30 points per book completed. However, only five books can be counted for scores.

### **Visitors**

Visitors are welcomed to Youth Group Team Challenges. They will have a good time and more importantly be given the opportunity to hear the gospel. You will also receive points for brining first time visitors to Youth Group. 10 points are awarded for each visitor.

### **Dress Code**

For youth group and outreach events, no sweatpants, skinny jeans, jeggings, leggings, or shorts of any kind are to be worn. No crop tops, belly shirts, or low-cut shirts or any kind are to be worn. No inappropriate graphic tees, this includes bands, skulls, hand signs, or other worldly signs. All skirts must come to or extend past the knee. No mini skirts of any kind will be tolerated.

All those in violation of the dress code will be sent home. For activity wear, please see *Team Competitions*.

### The Ranking System

NeverThirst Teens will utilize a ranking and awards system as a guide to measure your progress and provide extra incentive to keep you motivated. The following ranking system will be used.

All new members will have the dubious distinction of becoming a Recruit. They should wear the appropriate "Recruit" to each Youth Group and Youth event.

Recruits become rookies when they have earned 1000 pts.

Rookies become Regulars when they have earned 2000 pts.

Regulars become Pros when they have reached 3000 pts.

**NOTE**: Awards will be given for each level of achievement.

## **Special Recruit Rules:**

- 1. The Recruit gear must be worn in plain view to count as being worn.
- 2. The Recruit's gear will grant an additional points earned each meeting.
- 3. The Recruit may wear the gear to any church function for additional points.

Note: No more than 10 points per week may be earned by this method.

When a teen scores 1000 points, he or she becomes a Rookie and is immune to all Recruit Rules.

#### SHIRTS

Recruits, Rookies, Regulars, and Pros maybe purchase and wear NeverThirst/ LWBC attire. Each time you wear a shirt to youth group you will earn 15 points and your team will earn 30 pts.

### **Rookie Shirts**

This shirt will be specifically for teens who score 1000 points. They will receive a special NeverThirst Teen Shirt. This shirt changes from year to year.

#### **How to Score Points:**

The Scoring Competition is a race between every single member of your club, as well as being the number one team this year. At the end of the year, teams will be awarded individually for accomplishments during the year.

II Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

# **Individual Scoring**

Area	Points
Morning Worship	15 pts/wk.
Youth Group Attendance	30 pts/wk.
NeverThirst Shirt	15 pts/wk.
Visitor	30 pts/wk.
Daily Devotions	5 pts/day
Practical Christian Work	25 pts/work
Books Read	30 pts/book.
Scripture Memory Course	25 pts/passage
Recruit Gear (meeting)	10 pts/wk.
Recruit Gear (school)	15 pts/wk.
Servant Leadership	10 pts/wk.

**Note:** Youth Director has the right to double points on any given night in youth ministry per individual and team as a bonus.

### **Team Competitions:**

These competitions will consist of physical challenges of friendly competition. These challenges will be used to promote team unity and Godly influences. They will be head three times a year: fall, winter, and spring.

Each participate is required to wear activity dress. Activity dress is basketball style shorts to the knee and dark colored t-shirts. For winter activity, sweatpants of swishy or nylon materials can be worn. No leggings of any kind can be worn. For summer events, no cotton material of any type can be worn from the waist down.

We are not saying that if you wear those items that you are less of a Christian; however, we want to always promote a Godly atmosphere. We ask that you help us promote modesty in our youth group.

**However**, teens that are not dressed appropriately will be sent home. Our standards are based on the principle of Romans 12:1-2.

### **Awards:**

Youth Scholarship Requirements - \$200 Toward the Wilds Christian Camp.

- 1. Must attend 80% of required services: Sunday Morning Service and Sunday Night Youth Group.
- 2. Must be involved in 2 Grow Saturdays.
- 3. Must be involved in 5 out of 7 devotional a week.
- 4. Must be involved in Scripture Memory program and pass the test with a score of at least 60%.
- 5. Must be involved in 2 Community events (Get Out and Serve)

# **The Winning Team Award**

The team that wins for the year will be rewarded a trip to the amusement park baring they meet the qualifications to go. You must score at least 1000 points to be eligible to go. You must score 2000 points to go for free. These points are accumulated based on your participation to services, devotionals, Christian service, and others.

