

Teen Information

A Survival Guide Introduction to the Youth Ministry at Cabot church of Christ

Teen Information Table

There is a Teen Information Section at the Welcome Center. There you will find the latest up-to-date information about overnight trips and other events. You are encouraged to check this table every other week for new information.

Teen Blog - we have a teen blog - www.cabotcocyg.com you should save to your favorite or subscribe to. This is where I post all pertinent youth ministry information including info about upcoming events and things about overnight trip

Teen Bulletin

The teens have a section in the bulletin where the latest information is posted for upcoming events. Usually we try to post the dates for upcoming events 1 month in advance. Information is in the bulletin for overnight trips but parents are still expected to pick up information sheets at the Teen information Table about overnight trips because they go into much more detail. Parents are <u>strongly encouraged</u> to check the bulletin <u>every week</u>.

Texting List

The fastest way for me to communicate to parents and the teens about reminders for events is to text them. If you want to be on the texting list let me know. The texts are only about reminders for upcoming events (usually reminders the day or day before the event) so you still need to check the bulletin so you can plan ahead for your teen to be at the event. I also use Remind at times. To join Remind text the message "@cabotcocyg" to the number: "81010"

Facebook

Facebook is probably one of the best and easiest ways for me to communicate with teens (and many times parents). Parents I encourage you to enter your teens online world and get a facebook account if you don't have one already. The youth group has a facebook group called "cabot youth group" that you are encouraged to join.

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Instagram

Follow us on Instagram at "cabotcocyg." We post pics from events and announcements about upcoming events.

Email List

I do keep up with a parent/teen e-mail list that I use when I want to communicate with the parents and/or teens about upcoming events. You can email me your email address and tell me to add you.

Scholarships

We want your teen to be able to come to all teen events. We never want money to hinder your teen from coming to any event. If money is ever an issue there is always scholarships and partial scholarships available. This of course will be kept confidential. Just come talk to me or an adult leader if there is a need.

Teen Events

Many of the teens are involved in sports activities, scholastic endeavors, or other pursuits. If you teen has an event coming up, whether it be band, sports, chorus, forensics or underwater basket weaving get a schedule to me and I would love to come and watch your teen.

Teen Lunch

I regularly take lunch to the teens at their school and eat lunch with them. For this to happen I need a note sent to the school saying it is ok for me to do this. I will contact your teen the day before and let them know I am coming and work out the details with them.

Parent Involvement

I want parents to be involved in the youth group. Parents are always invited to any teen activity. Whether it be a devo, mission trip, lock-in, trip to Heber, bible class, or any other event we welcome you to come and check out what your teen has been up to.

Teen Dedication

This might be one of the most important sections. We want your teen to be as highly involved in the youth group as possible. I, along with the other adult leaders, will try our hardest to make sure your teen feels welcomed, are safe, and have a good time. Parents should encourage their teen to come to events. Being a part of the youth group is so important. It is so important for teens to feel connected and at home within their church family. Teens need to feel a part of their church, like they belong. The main way they are going to do this is by hanging out with people their own age.

Also, with all the struggles your teen goes through, there is no replacement for having a group of like-minded people who share the same beliefs and convictions that they do. A place that is safe and will encourage their spiritual health. A place where there is a plan in place to help your teen grow spiritually. You will not find a place like that anywhere else: not on the ball field or at school or even with other friends. Do your teens a favor and get them involved in the youth ministry!