



The Vision of Summer of Service: To impact the geographic community of Michiana with the life-changing love of God, and to build a high level of community among 6th-12th grade students.

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Hello leaders,

We are so excited to write you this letter about SOS Student Weekend 2017! By choosing to participate in the Student Weekend, you are investing in the life of students and of thousands of people around them! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! **This packet contains all the information that you'll need so you can know what's going on over the weekend.**

Summer of Service (SOS Student Weekend 2017), is a life changing experience that we are offering to our entire Student Ministry Community, and it is *just around the corner*. **SOS Student Weekend is a 4-day, 3-night mission trip and celebration of what God can do when His heart becomes our own.** It is a time where students will learn how to love God and love others in very real ways. This experience is packed full of passionate worship and teaching as well as hands-on servant evangelism. We'll check in Thursday night, June 29th at Bethel's Everest-Rohrer Auditorium from 5:30-7pm. Pick up will be on Sunday, July 2nd at 12:15pm at Bethel's Everest-Rohrer Auditorium.

The vision of the SOS Student Weekend movement is two-fold: to impact the geographic community of Michiana with the life-changing love of God, and to build a high level of community among 6th-12th grade students. Our desire is that these students will encounter God in a very new way through service. We have found that students grow in their faith journey when they put their faith to work for others. Through intimate worship, amazing teaching, and creative service opportunities, students will experience a renewal of their faith that will make sense to them as they grow in Christ. Again – thanks for saying “yes!”

Let the journey continue...

If you have an emergency during SOS, please contact one of these people (depending on your situation):

SOS Nurse: Lori Fisher at 574-286-8634

Campus Safety: 574-807-7500

Then contact both of the following people:

Mark Gardner (Faith Community Church) 574-274-6565

Lai Ashenfelter (River Valley Church) 574-261-6713

2017 Schedule



SOS Student Weekend Schedule

Tshirts: Friday-Students wear gray, leaders wear teal. Saturday-Students wear teal, leaders wear gray.

Thursday, June 29th

5:30-7:00pm – Registrations (Bethel’s Everest-Rohrer Auditorium)

6:15-7:00pm – Party on the Lawn

7:00-8:30pm - Evening Session*

*7:15pm Mid-session Leaders Meeting FA 111 (Lower Level of the Everest Rohrer Building)

8:45-9:30pm Group “Debrief” Time

9:45-10:45pm Workgroup Trivia Event (Gym)

11:00pm In Dorms

11:30pm Lights Out

Friday/Saturday, June 30th-July 1st

7:30-8:00 Morning Leader Meeting (Dining Commons)

8:00-8:45am – Breakfast (DC)

8:30-8:45am – Friday Pre-Session Activities; Saturday Group Photo by the Pond @ 8:40am

8:45-9:15am – Morning Session (ER)

9:15am – Dismiss to worksites

10:00-1:00pm – Work Sites #1 (Lunch on site 12:30-1)

1:30-4:00pm – Work Sites #2

4:30pm – Back at Bethel (Leave site at 4pm)

5:00pm – Dinner (DC)

6:15pm – Evening session (ER)

8:30pm – Group “Debrief” Time

10:00-11:00pm – Late Night Options

Game Night (Friday only in the Dining Commons during late night options)

Talent Show & Bonfire (Saturday only in Dining Commons and Shiloh Firepit during late night options)

11:30pm – Lights out

Sunday, July 2nd

Before 9:00am - Clean and Pack

9:00-10:30am – Celebration Breakfast (DC)

10:30-12:00pm – Final Session (ER)

12:15pm – Dismissal Bethel College (Everest-Rohrer Auditorium)

Emergency Contacts for SOS Student Weekend Overall:

Lori Fisher Nurse (River Valley Church) 574-286-8634

Mark Gardner (Faith Community Church) 574-274-6565

General Information

Arrival: Registration (Thurs. 5:30-7pm) and Dismissal (Sun. 12:15pm) will be from the Everest Rohrer Auditorium lobby on Bethel's campus.

Shirts: Friday-Students wear gray, leaders wear teal. Saturday-Students wear teal, leaders wear gray.

Sessions: All sessions take place in the Everest-Rohrer Auditorium (ER). These serve as a gathering experience, an opportunity to celebrate God's work in and through us all, and a time of prayer and challenge as followers of Jesus. Bring your Bible, notebook, and something to write with.

Work Groups: At registration you will be assigned a work group that you will co-lead during all work projects and block parties. You will have a co-leader of a different gender and from a different church. Each student will be assigned a work group (they will not be assigned by church, we intentionally mix churches, genders, and ages together to model the diverse Kingdom of God). Work groups are the lifeblood of SOS's 'BIG Kingdom' impact in the community.

Meal Schedule: We'll be eating breakfast and dinner in the Dining Commons (DC) at Bethel College. Lunch will be delivered or taken in coolers to your worksite. Remember to pick up your cooler full of water for the day before leaving Bethel College.

Lodging: Keys will be issued to leaders only on check in night, each individual will be responsible for both keys (a swipe card and physical room key), your church will be billed \$100 for any lost or stolen keys.

Maps: All maps to worksites are available on [www.summerofservice.net/team-\(teamletter\)](http://www.summerofservice.net/team-(teamletter)) (Example: www.summerofservice.net/team-2a)

Some Rules: All students will be given a nametag – students must wear this around their neck at all times! Please double check that your students gather all their items *before* they leave Bethel. It may be helpful to have students put their initials in the items that they are bringing. Any lost items will be kept for one month and then donated to Goodwill. Please call Lai Ashenfelter at 574-258-5513 x. 104 to see if your lost item was brought to the Lost and Found.

Awakening Moments: We seek to give full credit to God through SOS. As such, we would love to have students share with peers some of what they have seen God do. Each morning, please tell Mark Gardner or Josh Simpson of any students who have had moments of clearly seeing God at work (they might get the opportunity to share this publicly).

WIFI Connection: Connect to the BC_Guest Network and use your email address for access.

Leader Room: Need to unwind, get a drink/snack, have some adult conversation? Sailor 229 is a leaders only room that's filled with goodies just for you and a prayer board to encourage and lift each other up all weekend ☺ Stop on by to recharge!

Survey: Leader Surveys are available in this packet and will be given out at Sunday's breakfast. We want to hear from you about what you like and what we need to improve, please fill out and return by Sunday morning, email them to LAshenfelter@rivervalley.net or mail them to River Valley Church Attn: Lai Ashenfelter.

Cleaning: Cleaning up is everyone's responsibility. ***Please plan on spending about 30 minutes before breakfast packing and helping clean up.***

Emergency: In case of an emergency please call 911 and then Campus Safety 574-807-7500 and/or Lori Fisher (nurse) 574-286-8634 as your emergency requires and finally both of the following people: Mark Gardner 574-274-6565 Lai Ashenfelter 574-261-6713

Departure: Dismissal (12:15pm) will be from the Everest Rohrer Auditorium lobby on Bethel's campus. Set up a location to meet with your group of students prior to Sunday so you have everyone ready to go!

Pictures: Add or share your awesome photos with #SOSmichiana2017 or #SOSbig10!

Tips to Stay Sane This Weekend!

- **Remember the 2 Major Goals** – To Impact the Geographic Community with the Gospel and to Build Community among local Students
- **Love as a Default** – your role is to be a coach, aid, friend...leave the taskmaster role to us
- **Get out of your comfort zone** – for 64 hours, ask questions/play/laugh/encourage and get to know the students that are around you
- **Spread Out** – look to go where other leaders are not...it makes for a much better experience for our students
- **Room keys** – they are expensive (\$100 for every lost one)...Don't lose them!!
- **Be a bridge-builder** – work groups are intentionally church- and gender-mixed, so be prepared to be a bridge-builder with students
- **Campus boundaries are firm** – you are responsible for where your students are at all times.
- **Meds & First Aid** – Turn these in at registration to our nurse, Lori Fisher. If you need help with a medical situation you can contact Lori at 574-286-8634 (daytime cell) or 574-675-9505 (evening home phone).
- **Group Time** – dive in! This is where discipleship connections are made...
- **Rest Wisely** – work w/ other adults in hall, w/ your church...trade-off "on" times to stay fresh. Everybody in Dorms by Midnight, lights out at 1am, you make sure students are asleep before snoozing yourself. Sailor 229 is a leader's only room that's filled with goodies just for you. Stop on by to recharge!
- **Pray!** – Challenge kids to look for prayer opportunities throughout their day. Pray over worksites (when you arrive and before you leave), for students individually, travel, speaker, worship, sessions, work projects, for the Holy Spirit to INVADE the lives of these students and influence CHANGE!



Ministry Time Guidelines

Each session includes an unscheduled, unplanned, unrehearsed period of time that we like to call “ministry time”. In an age where many of us are very regimented, driven, and – well – at times controlling, we seek to train leaders and students to sit in the presence of God and allow Him to work in and through us. That is “ministry time” at SOS. You will be given the opportunity to pray for others (directly or indirectly) during this time, and we wanted to give you some general guidelines in terms of this Holy Spirit-driven time. *Together we show the Love of Christ*

- Guys with Guys / Girls with Girls. If another gender approaches you for prayer, please grab another leader or student of the same gender to join the conversation. This is to protect both leaders and students.
- Ask for permission to place your hand on the student’s close shoulder (not opposite shoulder). No knees and anywhere else – close shoulder only. Again, to protect both leaders and students.
- Keep your eyes open and look for reactions
- You could start with something like “God you know best how we should pray” – then wait a few moments in silence to hear from God. Then proceed with prayer
- Please remember that we are simply praying – not counseling.
- At conclusion of prayer time, ask student for name, contact number and home church and fill out form to hand into Lai. If you choose, you could commit to praying for the student over the next week after SOS and even touch base with them sometime within the next week after SOS. If you choose to do this, write down their name & number and remember to contact them in a few days. Strongly encourage the student to seek out their youth leader or sponsor in the days following SOS.
- Turn in forms to Lai at the end of the evening or no later than Sunday morning when turning in swipes. She will then forward the card to the youth leader that the student came with so they can follow up with them.

Some questions to ask:

~What is the Spirit doing?

~What are you excited/scared about?

~What did you think about the session?

Ministry Time Response Card



Student Name:

Church Student Came With:

Grade:

School:

Phone Number:

Next Step:

 Salvation
Rededication

 Needs Prayer

What did you talk about?

SOS Leader Name & Contact Number:

Ministry Time Response Card



Student Name:

Church Student Came With:

Grade:

School:

Phone Number:

Next Step:

 Salvation
Rededication

 Needs Prayer

What did you talk about?

SOS Leader Name & Contact Number:

Block Party Guidelines

Block Party Coordinator- Carl Hetler- 574-520-2985 (Contact first with any questions or concerns)

Before leaving – make sure you have 2 coolers of water and 1 cooler of hot dogs and condiments. Make sure you have boxes of buns and bags of chips for both parties and extra water.

Each trailer should have an inventory list on the trailer door.

- o 5 tables
- o 12 chairs
- o 1 tub of candy for each site
- o Grill
- o Games
- o Trash bags
- o Serving gloves
- o 2 blue tents

Remember... it all fit on the way there so try to pack it up in the same order so it all fits afterward

Upon arrival – make sure teams are in correct location for setting up. ***PRAY*** and then set up!

Set up in the shape of a square/rectangle.

Tables: 1 registration, 2 food, 1 craft, 1 face painting

Tents: 1 for registration and 1 for the food area
Chairs: 3 registration, 1 food, 8 face painting

Registration – Have people at registration give each child a bag with his/her name on it to put their candy inside. Remind them that they can have a hot dog, chips, and a bottle of water. They can make one bracelet, have their face painted, and play games. We will have Registration cards With name, contact number for follow up with churches.

Craft – allow each child to make a salvation bracelet. EXPLAIN the colors and give them a sheet of paper for their bag with the explanation on it. DO NOT just let them use bead to make their own type of bracelet.

Face Paint – 8 chairs (4 painters, 4 people being painted) One on each corner of the table. Don't be wasteful but have fun!

Food – 1 table for the cooks to use & 1 table to place plates, napkins, hot dogs, condiments, and chips.

Prayer Tent – We'll have a ministry partner set up an area for listening, prayer, encouragement, and Scripture. If you feel comfortable, ask people you talk with "How can I pray for you?"

Video - See our YouTube page, just search @SOSmichiana for a video of your site and creative engagement ideas!

Inflatable – Many sites will have an inflatable, this set up and tear down will be completed by professionals at the beginning and end of each block party. Please be sure to maintain supervision of this at all times, it might be helpful to have 2 volunteers (one watching bouncers inside the inflatable and the other timing 2 minute intervals and allowing entrance if there is a line). In case of inclement weather turn off blower and allow the inflatable to sit idle on the lawn.

Remember all the candy you have for a given block party is in that tub so don't just give it away and don't eat too much. Make the kids play games to earn it and be consistent on how much you give for "succeeding" at the game. Each person should get a piece just for playing – win or lose.

Feel free to play kickball, football, or just hang out with kids – WITH your leader's permission. Remember we are here to SERVE others, not for your own fun. Please try to pick up trash in the immediate area before, during, and after the block party (leave the area better than how you found it). Make sure you help set up and clean up so that we can be efficient and effective while doing a good job.

Upon return – each trailer will have a list to check off to make sure everything is returned. Please unpack coolers, tote for buns, chips, candy and carry down to the acorn.

Car Wash Guidelines

Car Wash Coordinator – Darren DeWitt (574-276-3453)



Sites- 24 students, 4 leaders, 1 site coordinator

- 2 washing stations, 2 drying stations if possible
 - 2 people with hoses – 1 @ each station
 - 1 person with money going back and forth between the stations
 - 4 people holding signs – spread out and give people time to turn in. Be polite and energetic.
 - 6 people drying cars – 3 at each station
 - 8 washers – 4 @ each station – front, back, driver's side, passenger
 - 4 people scrubbing tires – 2 @ each station

Remember we are here to honor God in all we do. Pray as a team before you begin. Look for opportunities to pray with people. Have the Youth Pray with people whenever possible. Ask if you can be praying for something and if they are comfortable with you praying for them right there. Be on the lookout for God Sightings!

If someone offers \$ don't fight with them...we had some bickering over money in previous years and we don't want to be rude! Keep the line moving and set a good example...you might say something about blessing someone else in their day, but if they offer again accept it graciously!

Adjust to what works best but remember we want to be efficient and effective and provide a QUALITY Car Wash.

Supplies: 2 hoses, a splitter, 4 spray nozzles, soap, sponges, 2 squeegees, buckets, tire brushes, towels, shamis, sunscreen, money, cooler with water for workers and to offer to people getting their cars washed. Change Water and Soap often, wash with clean water. Make sure towels are clean not laid in the dirt. We don't want to dry with anything that could scratch a vehicle.

Video - See our YouTube page, just search @SOSmichiana for a video of your site and creative engagement ideas!

Note: Site coordinator will pick up supplies outside the Acorn and return them to the Acorn at the end of each day. All wet towels will get dropped off at field house, to be washed by volunteers each night.

Hit the tough spots, have a good attitude, stay focused on doing a good job!

Group Debrief Locations



Beulah - Green couches in Sufficient Grounds

Career Academy South Bend - Sufficient Grounds

Church of the Savior CRC - FA 113

Community Baptist Church - South Entrance of Weikamp

College Group – Shiloh Prayer Chapel

Covenant Community – DC Foyer

Evangel Heights UMC - Shupe Lounge 3rd floor

FCC - DC (Conrad Corner)

Gospel Center - Weikamp lobby

Michiana Community Church of God- Shupe Lobby

Michiana Youth Ministry - FA 150

Nappanee Missionary - Classrooms under DC

Oak Creek - Sailor Great Room Lobby

Osceola UMC - FA 115

Portage First UMC - FA 345

Redeemer Missionary Church - 3rd floor lounge in Bridges

Riverside Community- Dining Commons

Riverside UMC - By training room in Weikamp Gym

RVC - Rotunda

St. Mark - AC 342

Stones Hill - Weikamp Classroom

Summit - Conference Room in Bridges

The Vineyard - FA 111

Tree of Life Anglican – Bottom of Stairs in Weikamp Gym

Trinity Evangelical Free - AC 415

Trinity Lutheran Elkhart – AC 131

***You have the option of meeting outside at picnic tables, the gazebo, etc but please make sure you have your entire group before heading to a different location ☺**

Bethel College Terms

AC -Academic Center

FA- Downstairs in Everest Rohrer (ER) Auditorium

DC- Dinning Commons

Weikamp – both Gyms are located inside this building

Acorn – Lower level of Sailor Hall [where snacks are located]

Bridges Hall – formerly known as “the Lodge”

**Please take a moment to give us your feedback
on the 2017 SOS Student Weekend**



Name: _____
 Home Church: _____
 Phone # (only list if we can call you about your feedback!): _____
 E-mail Address: _____

1. How would you rate this year's SOS Student Weekend?
 ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor

2. Please rate the **QUALITY and IMPORTANCE** of each of the following aspects of the weekend: **Quality:**
 1=Excellent, 2=Good, 3=Fair, 4=Poor **Importance:** 1=Very Important, 2=Somewhat Important, 3=Somewhat
 Unimportant, 4=Not at all Important

	Quality	Importance
Clarity of information received prior to weekend	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Ease of registering for event	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Sense of feeling well-informed about weekend events	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Strengthening affiliations with fellow churches	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Strengthening overall affiliation with community	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Work sites provided community building within groups	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Online mapping information	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Opportunities for students to share & experience God Sightings	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Speaker's ability to challenge and encourage students	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4

In your own words:

What did you like most about SOS Student Weekend?

What would you like to see changed and how?

Give feedback on the projects your groups did!

If you would like to talk to someone about your experience/concerns you can contact:
 Mark Gardner at 574-274-6565 or mgard13@aol.com
 Lai Ashenfelter at 574-258-5513 x. 104 or LAshenfelter@rivervalley.net