

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ

Over 40 Years of LCMS ministry –
teaching Lutheran youth to share Jesus Christ
An LCMS Recognized Service Organization



SUMMER TRAINING YOUTH BASICS

An Overview of an O AFC Summer Training

Thursday

Afternoon Registration
7p Opening Worship @
Conference Site (*Local
congregations invited*)

Friday

Bible Studies & Witness
Training @
Conference Site
Friday Night @ Host
Congregations

Saturday

Training & Canvassing @
Host Congregations

Sunday

Worship @ Host
Congregations
Nursing Home Devotion
Night w/ Hosts

Monday

Bible Studies & Witness
Training @ Conference Site
Mass Canvass @ Conference
Site

Tuesday

Bible Studies & Witness
Training @ Conference Site
6:30p Closing Happening @
Conference Site
(*Local congregations
invited*)

Wednesday

Closing Devotion & Depart



Ambassador's Dress Guidelines

- All clothing be MODEST and in GOOD TASTE – to the GLORY OF GOD – drawing attention to your face and not your body.
- Sloppy clothing should not be worn. Shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer.
- Improper clothing (such as excessively worn shoes, low-cut tops, crop tops, halter tops, and tank tops) should not be worn.
- Jeans should be dress jeans only. (with no holes, patches, rips, or writing on them, not tight fitting or visibly worn)
- Sunglasses should not be worn as they prevent others from reading the expression in our eyes and hinder getting acquainted.
- Males must not wear earrings.
- Clothing should not be too tight and should not show a bare midriff under normal activity.
- Swimwear must be modest, **one-piece** attire.

Appropriate shoes should be worn at all times (please no flip-flops).



Ambassador's Duties

- Respond to your lead directors emails so that he can obtain housing for you and include you in transportation to scheduled events.
 - Make attendance to weekends a personal priority.
 - Mingle with new people. Sit with others you do not know.
 - Find friends who are ambassadors, but do not treat weekends as a dating service.
 - Obey housing guidelines.
- Clean up after yourself.
 - Learn all three witnessing methods so that you can train others.
 - Respect your leaders. Understand that adult leaders are the final authority on all decisions.
 - Do not leave the facilities or the room unless you have permission.
 - Display eagerness for canvassing as this is a great service to our Lord and to the host congregation and community.
 - Do not smoke, use drugs, or drink.
 - Do not bring music playing electronics to weekends as we want you to freely experience conversation with fellow ambassadors and hosts.
 - Be a Godly example.
 - Do not use cell phones during weekends. (Youth who out of necessity must contact parents must have permission first)
 - Do not drive during weekends, although ambassadors may drive to weekends. (Drivers must be twenty five years of age to transport ambassadors.)

Ambassador Guide for Host Homes

Guests in Host homes: Host families are a vital part of O AFC's ministry. These guidelines will help remind you of the limitless ways in which you can show your appreciation for their service and help insure the continuation of these wonderful fellowship opportunities with other Christian families.

- Many hosts do not know what we do in O AFC. Therefore, tell them about yourself and O AFC; share a mock call with them (make sure they, too, know how to get to heaven).
- Do not expect royal treatment; ask if you can help in some way.
- Be polite.
- Even if you are told to make yourself at home, your first and loving consideration is THEIR comfort, not your own. (Ask about their normal schedules (breakfast, bathroom, showers, lights out) and adjust yourself to their schedule.)
- Eat what is put before you (if you have dietary problems discuss it with your host when you first arrive in the home).
- Eat during meal times (raiding the refrigerator is not allowed and host's snacks are not meals).
- Treat the home better than your own:
 - Dry off the vanity when you are done with it.
 - Remove hair from the shower drain.

- Make your bed and pick up your room before you leave each day.
- Put towels up to dry where they belong.
- Make sure you have all of your things when you leave.
- Be sure that you have a wake up plan and that you are up when it is time to be up.
- Write a thank you note for your host Saturday night before you sleep and leave it in your room Sunday morning.
- Do not watch TV unless your host watches with you (be sensitive to your hosts and let the program be wholesome, not MTV or soaps).
- Go to bed when your host does. You are to be showered, in your beds, and no longer talking after 11:59:59.
- Do not use your hosts' phone except for an emergency.
- Do not use your cell phone or text (you are to get to know your hosts and spend time with them and their family).
- Do not leave your host home on any evening. Violation will mean an early trip home for you and will jeopardize your attendance at future O AFC weekends.
- Display thankfulness in all things.
- Immediately report violations of these guidelines by other ambassadors to the lead director.

Free Time and Recreation

"Free time" in the sense of doing as you please is not a part of an O AFC weekend. The goals of an O AFC weekend are met best through a structured schedule (as outlined earlier). If the group has become weary, a "Time with God" is both physically and spiritually refreshing. The spiritual flow of the weekend can be interrupted or destroyed easily by competitive activities and unstructured times. Experience shows that recreation is not only unnecessary but is not to be included during the weekend.



Attire for Special Events:

Opening Worship at Summer Training:

- Clothing may be less formal but should be fitting for worship.

Summer Training Nursing Home Visit on Sunday:

- Clothing should include pants, skirts and shirts, or dresses and is generally the same as Sunday Morning.

Worship Services:

- Men: Dress pants & dress shirt (a tie is highly recommended)
- Women: Dress, or dress shirt and dress pants or skirt

Discipline policy

If you have come to a weekend to goof off or get into trouble, you will be doing yourself and us a service if you leave and don't come back until you have a change of attitude. O AFC leaders do not intend to baby-sit or police your actions while you are at O AFC events. Only mature Junior High and High School youth can attend O AFC weekends and events.

Discipline problems at national events will be handled by the O AFC Executive Director and leadership staff. Training policies and rules are meant to be a blessing for everyone. For those who choose not to follow them as such, discipline will follow.

Minor offenses (e.g., unauthorized phone use, improper dress, boys wearing earrings, etc.):

1st offense - verbal warning

2nd offense - verbal warning and isolated for a period of time

3rd offense - verbal warning and parents notified

4th offense - call parents and make arrangements for the offender to be immediately picked up by the parents.

Major offenses (e.g., smoking, use of alcohol, off premises, drug use, breaking curfew, sexual misconduct)

1st offense - parents contacted and arrangements made for offender to be immediately picked up at once by the parents.

Lead directors may ask that an offending youth not return to weekends until a change of heart has been made by the offender. Since our Lord and Savior and the offender know of the forgiveness asked for and received, I do ask that offenders apologize publically for public offenses and privately with the lead director if the offense was known only to the leadership.

If multiple offenders are involved in a major offense, all offenders involved will be sent home.