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PARENT HANDBOOK



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Dear Generation Joshua Members,

We are excited about the upcoming Student Action Teams (SATs). The mission of these SATs: to help elect pro-life and pro-family candidates throughout the nation.

We have compiled the SAT handbook to let you know what behavior is expected of you. This handbook will give you a representative daily schedule so you have an idea of what you'll be doing each day. We've also tried to address some of the frequently asked questions that arise with SATs.

We ask that you remember one important, crucial fact: this is campaigning. Campaigning can be hard, but it is rewarding. While I can promise that everyone here at Generation Joshua will do everything possible to make sure that these SATs run as smoothly as possible, I also ask that you remember to be flexible. The number one rule in campaigning is that things rarely go according to plan, no matter how much planning has been put into the details. It is my hope that you will not only make a difference now, in this race, but you will also gain a vision for making powerful and godly changes in America in the days to come. America needs men and women of character in offices of leadership.

In this election season, we have the chance to help conservative candidates win important elections. Generation Joshua can be instrumental in the movement to steer America in the right direction. Samuel Adams said "It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." I am convinced that you and the rest of the Generation Joshua family are that tireless minority. You are a small band of dedicated young men and women, in the right place at the right time. You can move America in the right direction, and by moving America, you can move the world.

Stay strong and courageous,



Joel D. Grewe
and the Generation Joshua Staff

Generation Joshua Student Action Team Objectives:

Training the Leaders of Tomorrow by electing the Leaders of Today

1. To develop a solid understanding of grassroots political action and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) activities.
2. To support pro-life and pro-family candidates.
3. To learn lessons of leadership, hard work, and teamwork.
4. To have opportunities to learn basic campaign skills.
5. To learn the importance of civic involvement.
6. To apply a biblical worldview to the electoral process.

What to Bring

- Casual clothes (check the weather in your teams location)
- Jacket/Coat depending on the temperatures
- Nice clothes for church and the victory party (button up shirts are sufficient)
- Comfortable walking/running shoes
- Water bottle
- Cell Phone (these are incredibly helpful)
- Toiletries
- Bible

Emergency Contact Information

In case of an emergency during a Student Action Team, please use the following contact information.

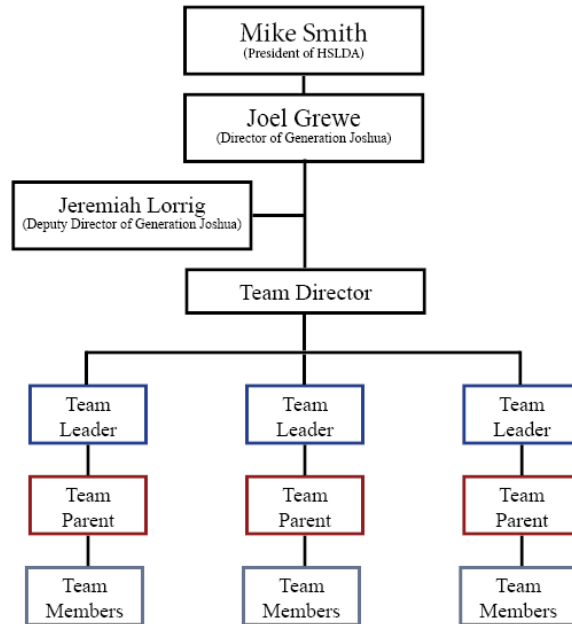
Primary Contacts:

Joel Grewe, Director of Generation Joshua: 509-999-2777
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For non-emergency questions, please contact the Generation Joshua Offices at 540-338-8608.

Chain of Command

The Student Action Teams are structured as follows



On Student Action Teams, the chain of command is very important. Generation Joshua recognizes that parents are the final authority over their children. If a parent/guardian is on an SAT, they have the right to decide what their student(s) may or may not do. With this exception, the team directors are given authority to determine all the activities and guidelines for everyone attending an SAT, for liability and safety purposes. The Generation Joshua staff are trained, responsible, and competent individuals.

Student Action Team *Sample* Daily Schedule

*Note: This schedule is **representative** of what **may** happen during the course of the day. The schedule **will** change.*

7:00 a.m.	Wake up and personal devotions
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Teams deploy for door-to-door literature drops
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Teams deploy for literature drops
4:00 p.m.	Return to headquarters to prepare for sign waving
4:30 p.m.	Sign waving at major intersections
5:45 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Phone banking
9:30 p.m.	Finish phone banking
10:00 p.m.	Short devotional, debriefing
10:45 p.m.	Dismiss for bedrooms.
11:00 p.m.	Lights out and room checks

Honor Code

Upon registration, all participants agree to abide by the following for the duration of the SAT.

The Generation Joshua honor code is a statement of the community we are seeking to build where people of different backgrounds come together and, although imperfect, seek Biblical living as seen in Titus 2:11-12.

I, as a Generation Joshua student, agree to abide by the following for the duration of the event:

Translation:

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| 1. I will seek Biblical unity by respecting others and strive to keep peace. | 1. Resolve conflicts directly and humbly, speak the truth in love, not disrespect others who believe differently from me, realizing that they have freedom in Christ. |
| 2. I will not cheat, lie, or steal. | 2. Be honest, don't lie, and don't take what belongs to others. |
| 3. I will honor my commitments. | 3. Keep your word. |
| 4. I will honor and obey all authorities. | 4. Obey the staff. |
| 5. I will be careful and God-honoring with my relationships. | 5. Don't flirt. Be modest. |
| 6. I will speak that which is wholesome and edifying. | 6. Don't swear. Be gracious in your speech. |
| 7. I will not use alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or illegal drugs. | 7. No drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. |
| 8. I will reserve sexual activity for marriage and shun sexually explicit material. | 8. No sex, no pornography. |
| 9. I will not spread slander or gossip. | 9. Do not spread slander or gossip. |
| 10. I am willing to be held accountable to these tenets. | 10. Obey the rules. Disregarding them has consequence. |

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.”

Code of Conduct for SAT Members

The Main Point

As a member of the Student Action Team, you are the face of many people, groups and organizations. Your actions will reflect either positively or negatively on all of them. You represent the candidate, or organization you are working for, Generation Joshua, the homeschooling community, your family, and Jesus Christ. You also represent yourself. Remember that reputation is one of the most valuable commodities you have, and it is one of the easiest commodities to destroy. Your actions on this SAT may either build or tear down this entire list. Take all this trust and responsibility to heart. Act like the responsible, mature young adults, and avoid silly and foolish behavior. Your behavior should honor God and enhance the reputation of those you represent.

Dress Code

General guidelines: during Student Action Teams, students will be allowed to wear shorts (no cut-offs), t-shirts, and tennis shoes or nice sandals. No high cut shorts or skin tight outer clothing, and all clothing must be worn properly; remember we are representing a cause as its public face.

Men: No “muscle shirts,” tank tops, or similar tops.

Ladies: Ensure that tops are modest: no tight, see-through, low-cut, halter top, strapless, spaghetti strap, or one shoulder shirts are considered acceptable. Shirt straps must be at least 3 fingers wide. Shirts must also ensure that under garments do not show. Shorts must be at least finger-tip length. Skirts cannot be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Warm Weather Locations

Jeans and nice slacks are appropriate wear. Bring warm clothing for possibly cool evenings. We recommend that you bring a light jacket in case of rain.

Cold Weather Locations

The vast majority of SATs will be in cold weather locations. Students are strongly advised to bring a warm coat, rain clothes, gloves, hat, jeans or warm pants, long sleeve shirts, and/or sweatshirts/sweaters.

Music

Style: violent, obscene, or inappropriate lyrical content is not permitted.

Volume level: inaudible outside one’s room. Please respect your roommates’ personal convictions, using headphones when needed.

Television/Movies/Internet

Violent, obscene, or inappropriate content is not permitted. Volume level: inaudible outside one’s room. Please respect your roommates’ personal convictions, and abstain from visual entertainment that others find objectionable.

Controlled substances

The use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and illegal drugs is prohibited.

Rooms

Rooms are to be kept neat and orderly. Guidelines for ‘neat and orderly’ will be given to the team members by the team director at the beginning of Student Action Teams.

Discipline

Every team member is expected to abide by the guidelines listed in this handbook and to conduct himself/herself in a manner that is honoring to God. Infractions will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. We will attempt to contact parents to resolve all matters worthy of expulsion from Student Action Teams, such as a repeated disregard for the honor code and guidelines, or unsafe or illegal behavior. Refer to the How To Go Home Early portion of this handbook.

How to Go Home Early at Your Parent's Expense

Note: these rules are not all-inclusive. All infractions will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Violations Warranting Expulsion

1. Violating the principles of the honor code.
2. Disrespecting the property, people and staff that we interact with.
3. Failing to adhere to lights out at 11 pm.
4. Use of inappropriate language.
5. Failing to follow a team director, team leader, or parent chaperone's instructions.
6. Being in a room designated for the opposite sex.
7. Inappropriate physical contact with the opposite sex.
8. The use of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances.
9. Breaking curfew.
10. Leaving the hotel or campaign area without express permission and leaving without another person.

Enforcement:

Failure to follow these rules may result in expulsion from the team and will be left to the discretion of the Team Leader. If you see a fellow student breaking one of these rules, please bring it to the team leader or team director's attention immediately. GenJ Director Joel Grewe will be involved in the final decision of whether a student needs to be sent home at their parent's expense.

Statement of Faith

Generation Joshua is a Christian organization dedicated to bringing honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ in all of its activities. Each Generation Joshua staff member fully and enthusiastically subscribes to the following Statement of Faith:

1. There is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.
3. Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, is God come in the flesh.
4. The Bible in its entirety is the inspired word of God, inerrant in its original auto graphs, and the only infallible and sufficient authority for faith and Christian living.
5. Man is by nature sinful and is inherently in need of salvation, which is exclusively found by faith alone in Jesus Christ and His shed blood.
6. Christ's death provides substitutionary atonement for our sins.
7. Personal salvation comes to mankind by grace through faith.
8. Jesus Christ literally rose bodily from the dead.
9. Jesus Christ literally will come to earth again in the second advent.
10. Satan exists as a personal, malevolent being who acts as tempter and accuser, for whom hell, the place of eternal punishment, was prepared, where all who die outside of Christ shall be confined in conscious torment for eternity.

Media Dos and Don'ts

Any time you take part in a Generation Joshua SAT, there is a distinct possibility that you may be approached by the media for an interview. If you are approached by a member of the media, please understand that you are not obligated to agree to an interview or to answer any questions. In fact, we recommend that you instead direct policy questions to the GenJ team director or to your candidate's campaign. If, however, you do agree to speak to the media here are some important things to keep in mind.

First of all, this is the age of the internet. By agreeing to an interview it is entirely possible that your name, and anything you say will be posted into an article online for anyone to see. Taking part in an interview with the media will permanently attach what you express to you. We urge you to be cautious for your own protection. Also, the media can, and often will, twist what you say to fit their story. For example, mentioning to a reporter that you are not from the state were you are campaigning may turn into a story on how your candidate brought volunteers in from other states because he could not find in-state volunteers.

If you do choose to talk to a member of the media, stick to the talking points of the campaign. (You'll find this sort of broad information on the campaign literature you'll be handing out.) For instance, if your candidate supports limited government and family values, say that's why you support him/her. If you have had personal interactions with the candidate, mention what you liked about him or her. If you are asked about your age or what prompted you to be involved, talk about your reasons for believing that young people should be active and can make a difference.

If you are asked specific questions about the candidate's policy on the issues, be very careful. It is important to remember that you do not have to answer any of their questions. If you have any doubt in your mind about the answer to a question, don't say anything. It is perfectly legitimate to say that you are unsure, and refer them to the team director, or to the campaign staff. You should never say something that isn't completely accurate. If you are asked a question that makes you uncomfortable, decline to answer. You are not obliged to answer any questions that are put to you even if you have agreed to an interview. At all times during the interview, remain gracious and polite, but also be aware that you are in control of the situation. As the one being interviewed and may end the interview at any time. Never allow yourself to be forced into saying something you will regret.

As you are out on the campaign trail, please keep each of these points in mind. Generation Joshua welcomes media attention, and we are happy to give interviews when asked. We're always excited to share the mission of Generation Joshua and our passion for having young people involved in the political process.

Don't Talk About

- Don't say something you don't want to say
- Don't get sidetracked irrelevant issues
- Don't distract from the issues by talking about where you are from
- Don't talk about what other people say about the candidate

Talk About

- Only say what you're sure of
- Focus on campaign talking points
- Talk about how you believe young people can make a difference
- Talk about your personal interactions with the candidate