

Why is it important for a student to be in a Life Group?

- Life Groups provide an environment where same-gender students can build trusting and caring relationships with each other and their leaders.
- Life Groups are a safe place for students to explore and develop their faith.
- Wooddale is a big place with lots of things going on—Life Groups bring a small group experience to a big place.
- Life Groups encourage accountability and companionship.
- Jesus had a Life Group—his 12 disciples! And we're big fans of anything Jesus did!



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7th & 8th Grades



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LIFE GROUP REGISTRATION

Sign up at the Wooddale
Ticket Desk. Cost is \$50 per student.

Student name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Student Email _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___

School attending in fall 2011:

Home Church _____

Grade in fall 2011 _____

Gender (circle) Male / Female

If you know students you would like to be with in a group, write their names below. We will try to place you in a great group where you have the security of friends and meet some wonderful new friends as well!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

RSVP Deadline: Tuesday, September 20.

What are Life Groups?

7th & 8th grade Life Groups meet two times per month from October to May.

Each group leader determines meeting times (typically Sunday afternoons or evenings).

Meetings last approximately two hours and will be at Wooddale and in student homes.

Each group is made up of 10-12 students and two leaders. In addition to adult leaders, most groups have a high school leader.

7th graders explore topics such as: building relationships, serving others, developing a quiet time, developing a Christ-centered lifestyle and identity, sharing the Gospel with others and handling conflict.

8th graders explore topics such as: dealing with disappointment, dealing with temptation, praying more effectively, understanding the significance of what Jesus did while on earth and improving relationships.

Prayer and prayer requests are an important part of each meeting as well.

Groups enjoy social times together and participate in service projects throughout the school year.

When do Life Groups start?

All 7th and 8th grade Life Groups will kick off Friday night, October 14 at 7 p.m. We will begin with parents, students and leaders at Wooddale, then bus students and leaders to designated homes for the rest of the night. Parents will pick up students at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Make sure to RSVP to the Wooddale Ticket Desk. The RSVP Deadline is Tuesday, September 20.

What happens at the Kickoff?

- All students and parents who have signed up for Life Groups meet at Wooddale Friday, October 14 at 7 p.m. to be greeted by Heather and have an initial meeting with their leaders.
- At 8:30 p.m., parents leave and students are bussed to area homes. (There will be a separate home for each grade and gender.)
- Events are carefully planned for the remainder of the time to draw students closer together and to orient them to the year ahead. The first teaching lesson will be covered as well.
- Parents pick up students at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, at specified homes. (Maps will be provided.)

How much does it cost to be in a Life Group?

The yearly cost is \$50 per student. This covers leader training and supplies, bus transportation, curriculum and administrative expenses such as copying and postage. When food is served at meetings, parents are asked to provide it or students are asked to bring a few dollars to cover the cost.

