



Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation is a three-year partnership between parents, confirmation students, and the congregation to either fulfill the vows made in Holy Baptism or begin discerning God's call to baptism, while preparing the student for the challenges and responsibilities of a mature faith in Jesus Christ.

Dear Confirmation Students & Parents,

Welcome to a new year of confirmation at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church! Here's a quick overview of what is involved in preparing for the Rite of Confirmation at our church:

Wednesday Night Gatherings These gatherings are the heart of confirmation and meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Once a month, instead of gathering in the Fellowship Hall, students have an offsite night with just their guide group for either a fellowship event or quarterly servant event. All students are expected to participate regularly in all gatherings and if they can't, to notify their guide on a timely basis.

Guide Groups These are the core accountability groups for this ministry. Guide groups consist of two (or more!) adult leaders ("Guides") and six to eight students. Guide groups meet as part of the regular Wednesday nights, as well as off-site once a month. Adults are needed as guides...see Pr. Eric or Anna for more information!

Cost Although the majority of the expenses associated with this ministry are covered by the congregation, parents are expected to cover the cost of the home journal and a few fellowship events. Toward this end there is a registration fee of \$60.00 per year. Confidential financial assistance is available, just ask.

Registration The registration deadline is Sunday, September 30th. Although registrations will be accepted after this date, this is when guide groups will be formed. After the assignment process, we cannot guarantee your student will be assigned to the guide group/friends of their choosing.

Schedule The 2018-19 tentative schedule is included in this packet. Please take a few moments and look at your own calendar for conflicts. If there is a conflict, please talk to your student's guide group leader.

Requirements The list of requirements for the 2018-19 year is included in this packet. Please read through the list carefully and direct any questions you might have to either Anna or Pr. Eric. If you are unable to commit to the requirements, please contact us at the start of the year to find an alternative.



Camp Every summer, the first weekend in August, we pack up the bus and head to Shoshone Base Camp for a weekend of great fun, learning, challenge, and growth in Christian community. Shoshone is located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains just north of Kellogg, Idaho and has proven to be a magnificent setting for camp activities and growth in faith. Campers are students entering grades six through ten. Counselors-in-Training (CITs) are students entering grades eleven and twelve. College students from Sammamish Hills serve as counselors and the guides are parents and other adults who love Christ and kids!

Volunteers Throughout the year there are a host of ways to volunteer, including serving as a driver or chaperone for a retreat, bringing snacks for a party, serving as a Guide, etc. Further on in this packet you will find a Parent Volunteer form. Please prayerfully consider the request to share your time and resources with this important ministry.

Everything else!!! If you have any other questions, please feel free to either talk to Anna or Pr. Eric.

Thank you for entrusting your students to us. This is an incredible ministry of transformation and renewal that truly goes a long way toward the goal of “presenting everyone mature in Christ” (Colossians 1:28). Throughout the year, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to address them with us.

Your servants in Christ,



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DATE: September 5, 2018
TO: Confirmands and their parents
SUBJECT: Confirmation requirements 2018-19

In order to be eligible to move to the next year of Confirmation studies, or the Rite of Confirmation, the following requirements need to be met by September 13, 2019:

ALL GRADES

- *Regular Wednesday Participation OR timely submission of make-up work (Make-up work being conversation with parents about our weekly topic) OR Off-site group per agreement between Confirmation staff and individual parents
- *Regular participation in the monthly Guide Group gatherings
- *Regular use of a blank journal for continued faith conversation at home with parents/guardians
- *Registration Fee of \$60 covers confirmation materials, journals, food, etc.
- *At least one year of participation in the Sammamish Hills Summer Camp prior to the Rite of Confirmation (camp attendance also grants 4 worship hours!)

SIXTH GRADERS

- *20 hours of worship attendance
- *5 worship service hours...acolyte, choir, youth band, usher, bread baking, communion assistant, Sunday School Teacher etc.
- *4 community service hours beyond the congregation (alone or with your Guide Group)

SEVENTH GRADERS

- *25 hours of worship attendance
- *10 worship service hours...acolyte, choir, youth band, usher, bread baking, communion assistant, Sunday School Teacher etc.
- *6 community service hours beyond the congregation (alone or with your Guide Group)

EIGHTH GRADERS

- *30 hours of worship attendance
- *15 worship service hours...acolyte, choir, youth band, usher, bread baking, communion assistant, Sunday School Teacher etc.
- *8 community service hours beyond the congregation (alone or with your Guide Group)





SUMMER CAMP 2019

August 1-4

2018-19 Retreats

November 9-11: The First Retreat Center, Bellingham

March: Greatest Overnighter



Confirmation Registration 2018-19

All are welcome at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church

If you or your student has special needs, please let us know so that we can accommodate you.

Name _____

Grade _____ School _____

Guide Group Friend Request _____

Birthday _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Student Cell Phone _____

Parent's Name & Cell # _____

Parent's Name & Cell # _____

Parent Email(s) _____

Student Email _____

Is your student baptized? Yes? _____ No? _____

Does your student have any specific health concerns (allergies?) or special needs that we should be aware of? (All information is kept confidential among Confirmation Staff)



Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Parent Name(s): _____

Middle School & Confirmation ministries at SHLC are only possible with the help of some great parent volunteers. Please prayerfully consider where you might best serve our young people this year.

Check the areas below where your gifts will be best shared:

- Guide group leader
- Hosting a Guide Group event at your house
- Retreat chaperone/driver
- Coordinating Acolytes
- Coordinating Service Opportunities in the Community
- Helping coordinate fellowship/party event
- Driving for an event. I can hold _____ kids in my vehicle.
- Providing food/drinks for an event
- Helping with office tasks: (making flyers, making copies, making phone calls, or helping with mailings)
- I would instead like to help in High School Ministry
- I have no time to share, but would like to donate financially to help support middle school ministry (i.e.: activity food, activity admission fee scholarships, etc.) Please attach your check to this form. Thank you.



Confirmation Parent Checklist:

- I have completed the Confirmation Registration Form.
- I have completed the Medical Release Form for the 2018-19 school year **AND** included a copy of my insurance card.
- I have completed the Participant Covenant of Conduct for the 2018-19 school year
- I have completed the Parent Volunteer Form.
- I have paid the \$60 registration fee. My check has my student's name in the memo line, and is attached to my completed registration packet.
- If I have volunteered to be a Guide or retreat chaperone, I have filled out the Ministry Leader Covenant of Conduct form.

For office use only:

CONFIRMATION \$60 fee paid? Yes? _____ No? _____ Check # _____



CONFIRMATION 2018-19: Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Event	Place	Time
Sept. 9	Sunday	Returning Families Meeting	Fellowship Hall	5-7p
Sept. 23	Sunday	9 th Grade Families Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6-7p
Oct. 10	Wednesday	First Night...Parents and Students	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Oct. 14	Sunday	Guest Faith Stories	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Oct. 17	Wednesday	Can faith and science live together?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Oct. 20	Saturday	Guide Huddle	Big Block Brewery	7-8:30p
Oct. 21	Sunday	<i>Presentation of New Students for Confirmation</i>	Sanctuary	8:45 & 10:45a
Oct. 24	Wednesday	9 th Grade Faith Stories	Sanctuary	7-8:30p
Oct. 28	Sunday	<i>Reformation/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</i>	Sanctuary	9:00 & 10:30a
Oct. 31	Wednesday	Evolution and Creation	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Nov. 7	Wednesday	Guide Group Night	Off-Site	
Nov. 9-11	Fri-Sun	Fall Retreat	Bellingham	
Nov. 16	Wednesday	Faith and the LGBTQ Community – (bring your parent(s)!)	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Nov. 21	<i>No Confirmation: Thanksgiving Service</i>			
Nov. 28	Wednesday	How does God work in daily life?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Dec. 5	Wednesday	Timeline of the Bible	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Dec. 8	Saturday	Guide Huddle	TBA	8:30-10a
Dec. 12	Wednesday	Who wrote the Bible?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Dec. 20-Jan. 4	<i>Christmas Break: No Confirmation</i>			
Jan. 3	Wednesday	Timeline of Christian History – Post Revelation	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Jan. 9	Wednesday	Guide Group Night	Off-site	
Jan. 16	Wednesday	Who/What is God?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p

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Jan. 23	Wednesday	Reincarnation and a Christian Understanding of Heaven	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Jan. 30	Wednesday	Are all denominations truly Christian?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Feb. 2	Saturday	Guide Huddle	TBA	8:30-10a
Feb. 6	Wednesday	Understanding Miracles – (bring your parent(s)!)	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Feb. 13 & 20	<i>No Confirmation: Mid-Winter Break for LWSD and ISD</i>			
Feb. 27	Wednesday	Old Testament Miracles – what are they saying?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Mar. 6	Ash Wednesday Services – Meet with Guide Group after Ash Wednesday Service			
Mar. 13	Wednesday	Guide Group Night	Off-site	
Mar. 20	Wednesday	New Testament Miracles – what are they saying?	Fellowship Hall	7:30-8:30p
Mar. 27	Wednesday	Resurrection from the dead – really?	Fellowship Hall	7:30-8:30p
Apr. 3	Wednesday	Why doesn't God stop bad things from happening?	Fellowship Hall	7:30-8:30p
Apr. 8-12	<i>Spring Break for Lake WA & Issaquah School District: No Confirmation!!!</i>			
Apr. 17	<i>No Confirmation: Holy Week</i>			
Apr.	Wednesday	Seeing God in personal hardships	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
Apr. 27	Saturday	Guide Huddle	Big Block Brewery	7-8:30p
Apr. 24	Wednesday	Seeing God in worldwide suffering	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
May 1	Wednesday	What must we do to be saved? Is church enough?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
May 8	Wednesday	Guide Group Night	Off-site	
May 15	Wednesday	Judas/Pilate – can everyone really be forgiven?	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
May 22	Wednesday	Mini Faith Stories	Fellowship Hall	7-8:30p
May 29	Wednesday	End of the Year Confirmation Party	Off-Site	6:30-8:30p
June 1	Saturday	Guide Huddle	TBA	8:30-10a
Aug. 1-4	Thurs-Sun	Camp 2019	Shoshone Base Camp	

MINOR MEDICAL INFORMATION, CONSENT, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Church policy REQUIRES a completed form for EACH participating child under the age of 18 years.

Child's Full Legal Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male | Female

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Insurance Carrier **(PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF INSURANCE CARD ATTACHED)** Phone Number: _____

Primary Insured Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Hospital of Choice: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Known Allergies: _____

Current Medication(s): _____

Physical / Mental / Developmental Needs: _____

Special Dietary Needs/Concerns: _____

Date of Last Tetanus Shot: _____

MEDICAL CONSENT AND RELEASE: I, the Parent or Guardian, give permission for my child to attend off-site events, sponsored by Sammamish Hills Lutheran on and between the dates mentioned. I also understand that every effort will be made to contact me if my child needs medical treatment. If it is impossible to do so, I give my permission to medical personnel selected by the adult leadership to secure proper treatment; to transport, to hospitalize, order injections, anesthetize, x-ray or do surgery for my child. I do hereby release and forever discharge Sammamish Hills Lutheran from any claim whatsoever that arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment or service rendered in connection with the Participant's involvement in a Sammamish Hills Lutheran activity or with the decision by any representative of Sammamish Hills Lutheran to exercise the power to consent to medical or dental treatment as such power may be granted and authorized in the Parental Authorization for Treatment of a Minor Child.

LIABILITY RELEASE: I, the Parent or Guardian, will hold harmless Sammamish Hills Lutheran and its assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from the above named participant's involvement in any Sammamish Hills Lutheran activity. This discharges Sammamish Hills Lutheran from liability or claim with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from the Participant's activity with Sammamish Hills Lutheran whether caused by the negligence of Sammamish Hills Lutheran or its leaders, teachers, staff or committee members of otherwise. Sammamish Hills Lutheran does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical or disability insurance, in the event of injury or illness.

PHOTO RELEASE: Sammamish Hills Lutheran may use, reproduce, assign, publish and/or distribute photographs or videos of myself/my child for use in materials they may create for the purpose of promoting Sammamish Hills Lutheran and its ministries.

OTHER: The Parent or Guardian expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Washington and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. The Parent or Guardian agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provision of the Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

Parent/Guardian: _____
(PRINT name clearly)

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(signature)



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Name: _____
(Please print clearly)

2018-19 Participant Covenant of Conduct

In all activities under the sponsorship and / or guidance of my church, I am a representative of the Christian community and I am responsible for my actions. I know God loves me. I will live a life in response to that love. I understand the guidelines below are ways of being responsible and loving.

1. I will respect the property of the facility and personal property of others. I will not be destructive.
2. I will not use drugs, alcohol or tobacco while participating in a church function, nor will I be in possession of them.
3. I will respect the ministry leader(s) and do as they ask.
4. I will respect the rights of others and not verbally or physically abuse or harm anyone.
5. I will participate to my fullest ability.

To Be Completed by Participant

I, _____, have read this covenant and understand it. To the best of my ability I agree to abide by it. Should I break the covenant, I agree to accept the consequences decided upon by the ministry leader(s).

To Be Completed by the Parent(s) / Guardian(s) of the Participant

I / We, _____, have reviewed this covenant with my / our child and understand it. I / We support the ministry leader(s) and will be responsible for expenses incurred as a result of our child breaking the covenant.

