

## RESOURCES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL RETREAT IN BELLINGHAM, November 8-10

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP, Summer 2014

SHOSHONE BASE CAMP, July 31-August 3



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# STUDENT MINISTRIES

*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

*Ephesians 4:15-16*

## OUR MISSION

Sammamish Hills Student Ministries seeks to create a community of discipleship where parents and young adult leaders disciple high school students and, in turn, high school and middle school youth disciple the next generation.

It is through these relationships that we are able to grow closer to God, connect with one another as a community of faith, and share the message of Christ's love by being His hands and feet through service to those in our church, our community, and around the world.

Student Ministries includes students in 6th grade through high school and into college.

## OUR GOALS



Summer Middle School Gathering

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

For Middle School Students (Grades 6-8), we encourage students to join our Confirmation Ministry. *Please see the separate Confirmation brochure for more information.* Outside of Confirmation, middle school students take part in quarterly events such as the Fall Retreat in Bellingham, the synod wide youth "Greatest Overnighter," sledding at the pass and summer camp in Idaho.

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## HIGH SCHOOL

For High School Students (Grades 9-12), we have weekly gatherings as well as quarterly events and summer mission trips. High School Youth Group gathers on Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall where we spend time in devotions, get to know each other, share a meal or snack, and have fun as we play games. Occasionally, we leave the church grounds for a BBQ, worship in another congregation, or meet at a park.



Backpack Trip in Montana

Summer brings weeklong opportunities for high school youth. Trips include backpacking at Christikon Bible Camp in Montana, serving at Idaho Servant Adventures in Northern Idaho with building projects or serving kids with special needs, and traveling to Guatemala to serve with the God's Child Project. We are planning on returning to Guatemala in summer 2014, where we plan to build houses, assist in schools and their infant malnutrition center, sing at retirement homes and use our servant heart wherever we can. This will be our third time in Guatemala and plan to return every other summer.

## SUMMER CAMP

Every summer, Sammamish Hills youth and adult guides load a charter bus at church and travel out to Shoshone Base Camp located north of Coeur d'Alene in the Panhandle National Forest. Students entering 6th grade through 10th grade join us as campers as they participate in all the camp has to offer—rock climbing, tubing down the river, and ziplining. But most importantly, they take a step back from a busy world and listen for God's voice through teaching sessions with Pr. Eric, small groups led by adult guides, devotions and camp challenges led by our own high school and college youth and in campfires, singing, and worship.

High School students join us as counselors-in-training, gaining valuable leadership skills as they share their faith with younger campers. College-age students from our congregation serve as counselors where they help mentor and share their own love of Christ with campers. Camp offers lasting friendships as well as quiet spaces and loud songs, where God's voice is ever-present among us.