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GRILL SITE FAQ'S

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Timing:

What time should I arrive?

- **LEADERS:** arrive approx 4:30 PM.
- **GENERAL VOLUNTEERS:** – arrive between 4:30-5:15.

I work late and can't arrive until later? Am I still allowed to serve?

- YES! If you have to arrive later, just plug yourself in when you get there.

What time does it end?

- There will be a large group prayer circle (JLK volunteers and the community) that will form about 8:00 pm. Prayer will likely end by about 8:10 pm. Then we ask every volunteer to help with clean up and loading the trailers. Most sites are cleared out by about 8:30 pm.

Set up:

How can I be most useful during the set up? There seems like a lot of chaos and nothing I can do to help...

- **Just Pitch In.** Unload trucks, set up tables, chairs and canopies. Disburse water, freeze pops and ice among the coolers. Check in with the info table to see if there are some miscellaneous things they need help with (such as holding a parking sign or helping volunteers get a nametag).
- **Take time to PRAY** with one another and over the site before the community begins arriving.

Do I need to check in somewhere?

- **Check in directly** with the area where you feel most led to serve.
- The **leader** of each area will have a **bright yellow lanyard** and will give you some direction.
- **Please be flexible.** If there area you wanted to serve in seems to have enough help, try another area.

A few serve-area tips...

- **ARE YOU WILLING to do STREET MINISTRY? WE NEED YOU!** Check in right away at the Street Ministry Table. Street teams will form and be sent out by 5:25 pm.
- **FOOD/ GRILL area is first-come, first-serve.** Check in at the food-serving area when you arrive and help with set up. Remember, only so many volunteers can fit behind the tables. You may need to do something else. Thanks for being flexible :)
- **If you want to PRAY** with people or just intercede over the site, check in by the "Care & Prayer" Tent.
- **If you love interacting with CHILDREN,** check in with the Children's Area or Games Area leaders and be willing to help where most needed. The main focus is on taking time to build relationship in the children's area. Many of the children's activities use the colors of faith (please learn them!)
- **ON-SITE MINISTRY** just refers to those volunteers willing to stay on-site to talk and pray with our guests (rather than leaving with a street team). As street ministry teams leave the site, be sure to let the Hospitality leader (at the Info table) know you are still there and available.
- **IF YOU ARE NOT SURE** what to do, check-in by the **"INFO" SIGN.** There are many miscellaneous jobs such as parking, bathroom security, holding signs, passing out care packages etc!

FAQ's Continued...

Is there a rain plan?

#1 - Pray to the God who stops the rain!

#2 – if there is an thunderstorm or tornado warning, assume the site is postponed until it is over. If it is slightly drizzly, that is a harder call. Watch the web site for direction or better yet, sign up for Text Updates (text “JLK” to 88202)

What should I do if I am talking with someone and they have a prayer request that makes me feel uncomfortable, or I'm not sure how to handle?

Here are a couple of tips:

- Look for someone on your site wearing a blue lanyard that says (“I will pray with you”). They would be great to pull into the conversation.
- You might also gently ask the person you are talking with if they would like to go with you over to sit down by the prayer tent where there are some other people who can help.
- If a situation arises that you feel needs to be reported (such as someone how is being abused or is feeling threatened), definitely let someone know such as the leaders in the prayer tent or your site coordinator.

It seems like there are a lot of “red shirts” at the site and I don't feel like I am needed...

It is true that there will be times at the site when there are a lot of volunteers... especially at the beginning (before street teams go out) and at the end (when street teams return and there is an ending prayer circle).

Another point to consider is that we need as many people as possible to be willing to go out in a street ministry team so that we don't crowd out the site with volunteers. Even if you have not done it before, or feel nervous, we encourage you to give it a try! You will be in a group of 4-6 people and within that group many gifts are needed, and some will have more experience than others. Street ministry can be easy as you have a lot of ‘openings’ to start the conversation with people... you will be handing out water and freeze pops in addition to some community resource information, etc. Once you have an opening to begin conversation, it is easy to let them know that we are just letting them know God loves them and ask if there is anything they would like prayer over.

Yet another thing to consider is that if you see a lot of “red-shirts” look for someone you don't know from another church and get to know them! God is using JLK to build unity and within the Body in Kalamazoo across racial and denominational lines. This happens best in the contest of serving together!

I might be interested in the follow up team. How can I get involved?

That is great! If you want to hear more about JLK/365 please contact Jill Stephayn at Jesusloveskzoo365@gmail.com. You can also find a little more info on the web site at: <http://jesusloveskzoo.org/jlk365/> JLK/365 jumps quickly into follow-up, so you will want to get on board to help right away.

The Administration Team (data entry) begins during Catalyst Week. And the Prayer Team (prayer warriors) will be able to begin praying over the requests at the Catalyst Week 24/7 Prayer Room located at Vanguard North church during Catalyst Week (prayer requests will be available there beginning on Tuesday)

On Monday, July 18, 6:30 @ Trenches Church, there will be a “Launch Night” for the Connections Team (phone calls) and the Foot Soldier Team (home visits) so they can receive their assignments.

And the Special Events Team will be planning a connection brunch (or dinner) for August or early fall as another connecting point for the team and those they are following up with.