

Coaching Description – Collision

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in serving in Collision!! These years are such a crucial time in the emotional, physical, and spiritual development of our young people, and we're looking for adults who want to help make these years some of the best of our students' lives.

According to the Barna Group (www.barna.org), two out of three born again Christians (64%) accept Jesus Christ as their savior before their 18th birthday. It's been said that Children's Ministry is foundation, Middle School Ministry is equipping, and High School Ministry is a rescue mission. If that's true, then the quality of our coaches in each of those areas is essential for us to have a real impact.

We are looking for men and women who have committed their lives to Christ and desire to help cultivate the spiritual lives of students. Now...there are often some common misconceptions about working with students.

Common misconceptions about working with students...

- >>You must be young and have multiple piercings
- >>You must have outstanding Bible training
- >>You must be a perfect example of a Christian
- >>You must be able to text message at a minimum rate of 120 words per minute
- >>You must be a captivating communicator
- >>You must be able to act like one of the students
- >>You must have plenty of free time
- >>You must have at least 500 friends on Myspace and know what Facebook is
- >>You must play guitar
- >>You must know the 8 most popular videos on MTV
- >>You must be wild, crazy, and dynamic
- >> You must own a 15-passenger van
- >> All students must like you

You may have picked up this document thinking some of those things were true. In fact, some of them may be true of you. But, that's not even close to our list of requirements. Here's what we're really looking for in the adults who will work with our students.

We are looking for adults who...

- >>Love God and do their best to live for Him each day
- >>Are interested in the lives of students
- >>Take initiative to get to know students
- >>Pray for students
- >>Are real and genuine
- >>Look for ways to encourage students
- >>Believe in students

- >>Laugh and have a good time
- >>Do their best to remember names
- >>Look for the best in students
- >>Share God's love through personal experience
- >>Are consistent with attendance
- >>Are Patient
- >>But seriously...if you have a 15 passenger van...let us know!!



The Bottom Line

At this point, you're probably thinking, "okay, just tell me what I'd have to do, so I can think about it."

In signing up to be a coach in Collision, here's what you'd be committing to:

- Praying...for the ministry on a regular basis
- Be there...we ask our Collision coaches to make Collision a priority in their lives. The point of you being there is to connect with and care for students. You can't do that if you're gone all the time. We ask Collision coaches to be at Collision a minimum of 3 weeks out of the month.
- Prioritize church attendance...simply put, you're not going to take students where you're not willing to go yourself. Collision is a time for you to feed students, but you need to be getting fed to be able to do that. Our coaches typically see their commitment as 2 hours on Sunday morning; they attend church at 9 a.m. and service in Collision at 10:45 a.m.
- Prepare...prepare...prepare. Spend some time thinking and praying through the discussion questions and the theme for the day. Come up with personal illustrations that might connect and challenge students.
- Lead...a discussion group each Sunday. You'll be paired with 1-3 other coaches and asked to lead the same group of same-gender, same-grade students each week. Discussion questions are generally emailed out 2 days to a week ahead of time.
- Follow up...with your students during the week. If they shared a prayer request on Sunday, call to see how things are going. If they're struggling, send them a text message to let them know you're praying. Try to make it to their events occasionally.
- Help out...wherever else we need you. Check-In, crowdbreakers, communion intros, ministry teams, even teaching spots for coaches who are interested in speaking. We're looking for people who love to serve and jump in when they see a need.

The Next Step

If this all sounds like something you're interested in learning more about, the next step is to contact Jason (359.2122 or jason@windsorroad.org) to set up a time to come and check out a Collision service. Then you'll pick up a Coaching Application, and we'll explain the rest of the process (meet with Jason, background check, begin working with a veteran coach, etc).