

DNOW HOST HOME INFORMATION

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Times may shift as activities or worship sessions take longerWe will send a final schedule as we get closer to the event**

Friday, November 14

8:00pm Drop off available (Drop Off Fellowship Hall) Open Gym/Games/Hang Out)
9:45pm Worship Session 1
11:00pm Host Homes Pick Up Students & College Leader at the Church/Travel to Host Homes
12:00am Lights Out

Saturday, November 15

9:30am Bible Study Session 1 at host homes
10:30am Travel to church/Host Homes to have Students at Church by 11:00 am
11:00am Worship Session 2
12:15pm Lunch
1:00pm Bible Study Session 2 at church
1:45pm On Campus Activities (Bring a change of clothes)
4:45pm Bible Study Session 3 at church
5:30pm Dinner
6:15pm Worship Session 3
7:45pm Host Homes Pick Up Students at the Church/Travel to Host Homes/Go right into Bible Study Session 4
11:30pm Lights out

Sunday, November 16

10:00am Travel to Church/Host Homes to have students at Church by 10:00 am/unload vehicles and place bags in the gym. Hang in gym until...
11:00am Worship Service (Students sit together on ground level, not balcony)
12:15pm Pick up belongings from gym and head home to crash!
Lunch/debrief for college leaders/band/speaker

HOST HOME RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Show the **love** of Christ to each and every student who enters your home. Please be in **prayer** now that God will fill your heart with His unconditional love for the students that He sends you.
- DNOW is an incredible weekend where students' lives are changed. You play a major part in this event. Please be available for the entire weekend. If you are planning to be out, please notify the student staff or host home coordinator.
- Let us know if you have pets. Please keep pets in a separate room. Some students may have allergies and/or your adorable pet may distract them from focused times of study.
- Younger children should not join the discussion groups as it may hinder groups from sharing and may also be a distraction.
- On Friday night, lay down "house rules" to be followed, such as where to eat snacks, sleeping arrangements, shower schedules, etc. This is important for everyone to have a great weekend.
- Help with discipline, if needed. Help get students to settle down for bed. We really want them to get some sleep so they will listen during the Bible studies and worship on Sunday.
- Work with the leaders to adjust the schedule as needed, but please keep in mind our group events. Your group needs to be present and on time for large group events.

- We will need you to help with transportation throughout the weekend. No students will be allowed to drive. On Saturday and Sunday, we need you to help provide transportation.
- Be encouraging. Be prayer warriors while the Bible studies are going on. Be sensitive about sitting in on the studies.
- Help enforce guidelines outlined by the student staff. There is potential for students to want to do pranks. Please do NOT allow this to happen. There are no exceptions, as most pranks get out of hand. Even if the leader or co-leader encourage it, you should not allow it. Call staff if you need reinforcement.

FAQ?

Why be a Host Home?

The main role of a Host Home is to show the love of Christ to each and every student who enters your home. Host families open their home for a group of 6th -12th grade students and a college/20-something small group leader from Friday night to Sunday morning.

What are my main responsibilities?

Opening your home, getting kids to Church on Bayshore on time, living out a Christ-centered lifestyle in front of students and being available for any needs that arise.

How does Friday night work?

You will check in on Friday night from 8:00-10:45 p.m. You will receive a bag with all the information you need for your group, including emergency contacts, allergies, medications, time away forms, etc...

Students will be done at 11:00 p.m. and ready for transportation back to your home. Please take some time to go over rules with your college leader and students once you return to your home.

How do the students get to and from church?

Host Homes are the **primary transporters** of their group. Host homes will pick up students on Friday evening, return them to the church Saturday morning, pick them up again Saturday evening and bring them back to church on Sunday morning (see detailed schedule). Transportation can be a little tricky, **please let us know if you will need transportation assistance**. We will provide a detailed schedule a little closer to the event.

How much space do I need?

Select an area of your home that is quiet and able to host about 10 (give or take) for small groups. Students also need places to sleep.

Does everyone have to have a bed?

Not at all. In fact, you don't have to provide any. If you have a bed for the small group leader, that would be preferable, but simply designate an area for students to sleep. It is best if the "meeting area" is different from the "sleeping area" if possible, but not required. Students will bring sleeping bags, pillows, air mattresses, etc.

What if my home isn't as big or fun as someone else that I know is hosting?

This weekend is not about a basketball goal, cool basement, hot tub, swimming pool, video game console, or anything like that at all. If you have a living room and a willing heart (and a background check!), we're happy to have you, and the students will be too. They care more about authentic relationships than the stuff.

How involved am I with the students?

God will use you as much as anyone this weekend to minister to students' needs, both spiritual and physical. Be sensitive to their hearts. Pray for them throughout the weekend. Strike up intentional conversations about what God is doing. Remember, some of them may not have a great model for a godly home or a Christ-centered adult in their life.

Do I need to feed my group all weekend?

No. Meals other than breakfast are taken care of by the church as part of the registration fee. You are not required to provide snacks or breakfast for your guests, but you are welcome to (and they will love it!). Keep in mind that students will bring snacks to share and are asked to bring items to eat for their own breakfast items.

Am I teaching Bible study?

No. Our college-age leaders will be leading these times.

What if students need to leave for sports or someone comes to pick them up?

We have a system in place for students to fill out a “time away card”. Students are not allowed to drive themselves unless previously approved.

Have any more questions?

We would love to help. Reach out to our student staff team at teria@churchonbayshore.org

Or go to <https://www.churchonbayshore.org/dnow> for more information.