

WIRED

It's hard to believe that another year of ministry has come and gone. We loved every moment of 2023 and really made some incredible strides. Huge thanks to our amazing team for their dedication to junior high ministry! You guys are awesome, and I am so grateful to have you on our team. Shoutout to Eli Weening for interning with us, thank you for putting in the time and energy to help students connect with God in new ways.

Here are some things that really stood out over the past year.

I already mentioned how amazing our team is, but I truly can't say enough about how invaluable they are. Kicking off a new year with 18 people on our leadership team allows us to do so much more with students, we've always thought of our leaders as nets and with more nets, well, you catch more fish. We have always felt like we could connect best with students when we had a team big enough to care for and love as many students as possible. Leaders truly do make a world of difference.

We began 2023 heading to Joy Bible Camp for an incredible weekend retreat where we saw God move in an incredible way. We purchased bibles for every single student praying that they would read them and take them home after the weekend and sure enough, they were quickly scooped up right before our first session, praise the Lord. We were so thankful to have Scott and the TYL band lead us in worship, and Steve Bradley speak, who is like family to our Junior Highs. They learned so much from him while we were away.

Spending a weekend off the grid with such an amazing group of students is a huge highlight for us.

Throughout the year we had so many incredible moments with our students on Tuesday nights, from small groups, worship nights, family dinners to the most incredible and creative game and event nights, we truly made memories to last a lifetime. Our prayer is that the seeds we are planting with hundreds of junior highs every year will come to fruition in Jesus' name.

In September we were brainstorming again and thinking about how to best serve this group of kids, 90% of whom come from our community and are not a part of our church family, we're always so honoured to have such an incredible opportunity to evangelize and take moments to pray and teach this group of students. In November we hosted our annual lock-in event and had an absolute blast, Jason Osorio and his team led us in worship, and we had an incredible time of ministry and fun that night.

We are so excited as we head into 2024. We are in need of more leaders who are passionate about seeing students come to know Jesus, pray about what your role may look like in our youth ministries departments. We're praying that this year God would be glorified through all we do and that this would be our best year yet.

Respectfully Submitted,
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