

S.W.A.T. Application

(Service **W**ith **A** Testimony)



Pages 1 and 2 let you know what the expectations are for student workers.

Please fill out the white forms and return pages 3, 4 and 5 to Mike D. or Miss Colleen.

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SUMC's S.W.A.T. Team

Service With a Testimony

The SWAT team is a ministry for students in 5th-12th grades who have a desire to serve in Children's Ministry at Sicklerville United Methodist Church.



SWAT Team Purpose and Objectives:

- To develop servanthood
- To develop an attitude of concern for others
- To learn skills in the areas of childcare, teaching, and leadership
- To discover talents, gifts, and abilities as students through ministry
- To provide intergenerational interaction
- To develop a strong sense of responsibility both to God and to His people
- To share the testimony of God's work in the student's life with others

SWAT Expectations and Guidelines

*“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers
in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”
1 Timothy 4:12*

- You are a valuable member of the SUMC Student Ministry Team.
- Be on time and be prepared.
- Give your attention to the children and to the responsibilities of your position.
- Do not leave your position without informing the adult with whom you are working
- Understand that your life will be a model to younger students who look up to you and love you.
- Work as a team player with the other adult workers in your room.
- If you have any problems or questions, speak with people in this order: your team members, the ministry leader, the Director of Youth or Children’s Ministries. Your concerns are important.
- If a student discloses some type of abuse or serious problem to you, inform the approved adult in your room immediately. Remain with the child until you are given further directions.

Dress Code For SWAT

Take a moment to consider the following when preparing to serve as a SWAT Team member:



1. Am I wearing something that will set a good example for the younger children who look up to me?
2. When I raise my hands to reach something;
 - Will my belly show?
 - Will my underwear show—either from the top of my pants or from under my skirt or dress?
 - Will my back show?
3. When I bend over to pick up something:
 - Will my underwear show?
 - Will my back show?
 - Will my shirt gap at the top?
4. Is my appearance neat and clean?



If you answered yes to any parts in Questions 2 and 3, please reconsider what you will be wearing. These guidelines are for all workers—adults too 😊

Qualifications for Student Workers

Christians no matter their age who are in places of responsibility in the church are required to be examples in faith, conduct, and business affairs. To maintain a high standard for workers is one of the best ways to present Christ to the people in our community. Therefore, the following guidelines will be required of any student worker who assists in the nursery or children's ministries of this Church.

If you have any questions or concerns about this application, please contact us.

Student Workers

1. **Are students in grades 5 through 12.**
2. Must be involved in weekly church services at SUMC.
3. Must complete a student application.
4. Must have written permission from parent or guardian.
5. Must attend student worker training
6. Understands and agrees to follow all of SUMC's guidelines for working with children.
7. Student workers in grades 7-12 must work with an approved adult mentor.
8. **Student workers in 5th-6th grade should always work alongside of two adult workers.**
9. Must be neat in appearance. You are a representative of the church.
10. Must be willing to receive direction or correction from supervising approved adult or ministry leader.
11. Must live out a Christ like testimony in both actions and words.
12. Understand that they may only pick up and hold children between the ages of 12-24 months if necessary when working in the nursery.
13. Do not work in:
 - a. closed classroom settings
 - b. situations without adult supervision
 - c. will not be allowed to be alone with a child.
 - d. will not separate a child from their designated group for any reason.
 - e. will not diaper infants or assist children in the restroom.
14. Student workers in 5th-6th grades should not pick up or hold children at any time. They are to assist the other adult workers. VBS is the only exception when students in 5th-6th grade may work alongside a teen or in a group with other student workers and an adult.

Please read and sign:

I have read the above qualifications, and I am in full agreement with them. I pledge to keep them to the very best of my ability. I clearly understand that failure to keep any of the above qualifications is grounds for dismissal.

Signature

Date

Application for SUMC's SWAT Team
Service With A Testimony
Student Workers in Ministry

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Phone # _____

Person to contact in case of emergency: _____

How long have you attended SUMC? _____

How often do you attend at SUMC? Weekly Once a month Once in awhile

What other activities are you involved in at this church or in other Christian organizations? _____

Why do you want to serve in this ministry? _____

Hobbies/Sports/Talents/Interests you are willing to share: _____

List any experience or training in children's or youth work that you have (This would include Babysitting Classes, Red Cross etc.) _____

Talk about your relationship with Jesus Christ: _____

How well do you know your Bible? Circle one:

Excellent Fairly well O.K. Not too well I need help.

I am most interested in working with:

- Puppets
- Nursery
- WOW @ 8:15
- WOW @ 11:15
- Little Kid's WOW
- Vacation Bible School
- Other _____

If I worked in WOW, I'd like to do:

- music
- drama
- puppets
- Sound/AV Tech.
- Small group

Parent/Guardian Permission

I have read through the documents in the SWAT Team application packet, and I give permission for my child to serve in this ministry.

Signature

Printed Name

Relationship to child: _____

Date