



ABOUT IGNITE

Ignite Youth Ministry is sponsored by the People of Hope community (founders of Koinonia Academy) and provides a youth ministry environment for middle and high school students. It primarily serves families in the People of Hope and at Koinonia Academy but is also open to any and all families. The Ignite team also spearheads a weeklong Catholic summer camp called Camp Hope. Ignite is a member of Kairos, an international youth ministry initiative of the Sword of the Spirit organization that connects our youth with other faithful youth around the nation and globe. The goal of Ignite is to create an environment for our youth to encounter the Lord in an authentic and personal way. This is accomplished through the events that take place as well as the relational outreach done by our trained youth workers.

For high schoolers, events during the year consist of large group events (Ignite Nights), small groups, retreats, service opportunities and more. Teens can choose to be part of tier 1 or tier 2. As part of tier 1 a teen can attend Ignite nights, retreats, service opportunities and optional events. Teens looking for even more can opt to participate in tier 2. Tier 2 includes all the events of tier 1 but also incorporates a small group component where teens get to look at various faith topics with faith filled youth workers that lead the groups all year long. All high school youth are invited to participate in Ignite. Also, as part of tier 2, teens choose to live by 6 agreements while participating. These agreements are as follows:

1. I will actively pursue, seek, and deepen an authentic relationship with God.
2. I will treat all members, guests, and volunteers with dignity and respect through my speech and actions.
3. I will approach media with discernment as becomes a high school youth who is striving to follow Christ.
4. I will avoid exclusive relationships with others and truly offer this time in my life to seek the Lord.
5. I will strive to be virtuous and moral and to be a positive example to all those the Lord puts in my path.
6. I will take ownership of Ignite by attending and positively participating in all events that I can.

We hope to see your son or daughter at upcoming Ignite events. If you have any questions, please email us at ignite@peopleofhope.net or call or text Tim Margiotta at 908-301-6144. For more information about the People of Hope community visit www.peopleofhope.net/Ignite

Ignite Participation Options and Agreements

TIER 1

Youth choosing to participate in tier 1 are invited to attend large group Ignite nights, service activities, the fall retreat, YES Retreat, Six Flags and any other optional large group events. They do not commit to participate in a small group at this time. They agree to live out the following:

1. I will attend tier 1 events as faithfully as I am able to understanding that regular attendance allows for growth in my walk with God and the opportunity to develop supportive friendships.
2. I will treat all members, guests, and youth workers with dignity and respect, through my speech and behavior. I will respect the rules and order of the Ignite events

TIER 2

Youth choosing to participate in tier 2 not only participate in everything outlined above in tier 1 but in addition, participate in a regular small group comprised of peers their age. They also choose to live out the 6 agreements outlined here below:

1. I will actively pursue, seek, and deepen an authentic relationship with God.
2. I will treat all members, guests, & volunteers with dignity and respect through my speech and actions.
3. I will approach media with discernment as becomes a youth who is striving to follow Christ.
4. I will avoid exclusive relationships with others and truly offer this time in my life to seek the Lord.
5. I will strive to be virtuous & moral and to be a positive example to all those the Lord puts in my path.
6. I will take ownership of Ignite by attending and positively participating in all events that I can.

TIER 1

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TIER 2

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TEEN: *I have read the above tier agreements and with the support of my parents, Ignite & the Lord choose to live them out to the best of my ability.*

Print Name

Signature

Grade Date

PARENT: *I will support my teen in his/her decision to be a member of Ignite and in living out the above agreements.*

Print Name

Signature

Date

I consent / do not consent to photographs, video or other media portraying my child to be used in connection with his/her participation in *IGNITE* or for promotional purposes by The People of Hope including by internet or print publication, although my child shall not be identified in any publication without prior approval.

A decision on tier involvement is kindly requested in the next two weeks. Teens can drop off their forms to Tim Margiotta in the People of Hope Office on the KA campus or email their tier document to ignite@peopleofhope.net. Completed forms should be brought to the next Ignite event.

Tier 2 Agreements Expanded – Foundational Information

1) I will actively pursue, seek, and deepen an authentic relationship with God.

The Ignite team wants to support and encourage you to pursue an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. This is expressed through committed daily prayer, developing Christian virtue, and participating in the life of the Catholic Church (or the life of your particular faith and Church). In Ignite we further seek to help you understand and participate in charismatic worship and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- **Mark 12:30:** *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

2) I will treat all members, guests, and volunteers with dignity and respect through my speech and actions.

Each person is to be respected and treated with dignity. The Ignite team will promote and ask you to show respect for all, in speech and behavior, and to actively participate in and support the order of the youth ministry events. The program intends to foster good Christian personal relationships at all events. We ask you to show honor and respect to all volunteers and participants in speech and behavior.

- **1 Peter 4:8-10:** *Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

- **Romans 12:10:** *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

3) I will approach media with discernment as becomes a high school youth who is striving to follow Jesus Christ.

Media is pervasive in our culture and in our everyday lives. As disciples of Christ we need to have a discerning approach to media in both content and quantity. Ignite will strongly encourage and support you through this discernment along with the help of the Church and your parents.

- **Phil 4:8:** *Finally, brothers whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.*

4) I will avoid exclusive relationships with others and truly offer this time in my life to seek the Lord.

The high school years present a great opportunity to better know yourself and grow as a young man / young woman in the Lord. We want an environment in Ignite that supports a freedom of your emotions and time so that you can focus on your relationship with the Lord and seek His will for your life. It also is a unique and special time to develop strong, Christ-centered relationships with those around you and to personally grow in virtues and skills that will then serve you for the rest of your life.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:1:** *There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.*

5) I will strive to be virtuous and moral and to be a positive example to all those the Lord puts in my path.

The Lord presents us with a way of living life that is fulfilling, purposeful, and relevant to our modern times. As you journey in your faith and grow as a Christian disciple, you will have countless opportunities to be a witness and example of the teachings of Jesus. Ignite wants to support you as you strive to live out the Christian faith in your daily environment and to discover the Lord's purpose and plan for your life. This requires a conscious effort to invite the Holy Spirit into your day to day and to pursue virtue and character.

- Philippians 1: 27: *Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you, or am absent, I may hear news of you, that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind struggling together for the faith of the gospel.*

6) I will take ownership of Ignite by attending and positively participating in all events that I can.

It is very important to receive regular support and encouragement in your walk with Christ in daily life. Choosing to faithfully attend, participate, and invest your talents in Ignite is key to owning this part of your journey towards an authentic relationship will make Ignite better for you and all members.

- Hebrews 10:25: *Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*