

Family Ministry Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer in Family Ministry. We appreciate your willingness to take the time to consider serving. There are a few things we want to say up front about what we believe as an organization.

Athens Church operates under biblical authority and recognizes the Bible as the ultimate source for truth and wisdom. We believe that all Scripture is inspired by God and gives us God's requirements for leaders and those of influence in the church. Because of this, we ask that our volunteers recognize what the Bible teaches in regards to family and lifestyle choices. We are held accountable for every leader we approve to influence kids and families at our church.

It is important to say that we also believe that God loves all people and His grace is offered to everyone, regardless of his or her current lifestyle. The criteria listed below are specifically laid out in the Scriptures as qualifications for those in leadership and influence, not to point out a category of people that God does not love or offer His grace. This understanding is vital in order to see these parameters rightly.

If you are a participant in any of the following lifestyles, we ask that you not apply to serve or lead in a Family Ministry environment (Waumba Land, UpStreet, Xtreme, and InsideOut):

- Living with someone of the opposite sex outside of marriage
- Participating in a homosexual relationship
- Pursuing an affair outside of marriage
- Using alcohol illegally or excessively
- Using drugs illegally

If you have concerns, questions, or feel that the guidelines listed above disqualify you from serving in family ministries, please contact the ministry area staff and he or she will be glad to talk with you.

Now that you have taken the first step and observed the ministry environment, we would like to help you become involved. The next step is to complete the application and background check that we require all of our Family Ministry volunteers. We look forward to discussing the best placement for you in the environment.

Thank you,

The Athens Church Family Ministry Team

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ATHENS CHURCH

Volunteer Authorization For Release of Background Information

In connection with my application for volunteer service with **ATHENS CHURCH**, I authorize **ATHENS CHURCH** and, or, ACCUFAX Div., Southvest Inc., their agent, to solicit background information relative to my criminal record history. I understand that **ATHENS CHURCH** may conduct inquiries into my background that may include criminal records, personal references and other public record reports pertaining to me. When requested by an employer motor vehicle records or a driving history may be obtained. American Driving Records will provide motor vehicle records from the state of Louisiana.

I authorize without any reservation, any person, agency, or other entity contacted by ATHENS CHURCH or ACCUFAX Div., Southvest Inc., their agent for purposes of obtaining background report information, to furnish the above-mentioned information.

I release **ATHENS CHURCH**, their respective employees or ACCUFAX Div., Southvest Inc. their agent and employees and all persons, agencies and entities providing information or reports about me from any and all liability arising out of furnishing any such information or reports.

Requested by: 706-310-9300 PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW

FULL LEGAL NAME _____ DOB _____

OTHER NAMES USED _____ SS _____

DRIVERS LIC # _____ STATE ISSUED _____

Please note: if your address is a rural route, or post office box, we must have City & County mail was delivered

Current Address _____ City _____ Co. _____ St. _____ Zip _____

How long at this address? (Months/Years) _____

Previous Address _____ City _____ Co. _____ St. _____ Zip _____

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How long at this address? (Months/Years) _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

LIST ALL CITY/STATES RESIDED AT SINCE AGE 18 AND HOW LONG IN EACH CITY/STATE:

Thank you for applying to help in the ministry at THE ATHENS CHURCH

WAUMBA LAND

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

FALL 2009/SPRING 2010

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

Marital Status: Single Married Spouse's Name _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

How long have you been attending Athens Church? _____

Rank the volunteer positions in order of interest. (1 being most interested)

___ small group leader ___ large group communicator ___ worship leader
___ production ___ host/greeting team

Please list areas of previous volunteer ministry experience or other church leadership as well as any current areas in which you are serving at Athens Church.

REFERENCES

Friends or business associates (not relatives) who know you well whom the church may contact.

Name	Email	Phone
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Name	Email	Phone
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Name

Email

Phone

WAUMBA LAND

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a crime? No Yes

If so, please explain:

Please list any recent (last three years) training you may have had which has contributed to your growth as a Christian or has helped prepare you as a leader.

Briefly describe when and how you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

Please explain your thoughts on the following spiritual questions:

Who is Jesus?

What is the Bible's role in your life?

WAUMBA LAND

VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

The goal of this volunteer overview is to protect volunteers and children, provide a safe and positive environment for children and to enhance the overall effectiveness of Waumba Land. As a volunteer of Athens Church in Waumba Land, I will carry out the following that pertains to my area of service to the best of my ability for the **Fall 2009-Spring 2010** school year.

Character Expectations:

- Demonstrate spiritual growth, growing in a Christ-like attitude and life-style.
- Understand that in being a Waumba Land volunteer I represent Christ and Athens Church in every area of my life (school, work, social).

Waumba Land Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Have fun with the preschoolers God brings my way.
- Recognize that serving in Waumba Land is a weekly volunteer position.
- Email, text or call a staff member if I am not able to come to Waumba Land by the Thursday before and help find a replacement.
- Attend Fall Strategic Service Training.
- Attend a Worship Service the opposite hour each week.

Small Group Leader Responsibilities:

- Read through each week's curriculum before coming to Waumba Land.
- Relationally invest in children's lives by writing each child in my small group regularly.
- Build bridges between home and church by calling each child's parents to introduce myself within the first month of regular attendance.
- Pray for my small group and other leaders regularly.

Large Group Leader Responsibilities:

- I will spend adequate time preparing for my role so that I am ready by Sunday morning.
- I will be on time for the production meeting and run through.

Host Team Responsibilities:

- Be familiar with all check in policies
- I will arrive on time on Sunday mornings to be able to be ready with a smile for parents when they arrive.
- I recognize I am the first person families come in contact with so I will be sure present a welcoming first impression.

After observing Waumba Land, completing the family ministry volunteer application and background check, and discussing the commitment with an Athens Church Waumba Land team member. I choose to serve in the preschool ministry and carry out these roles and responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I give Athens Ministries, Inc. the right to investigate all references and to secure additional information about me, if job related. I hereby release from liability Athens Ministries, Inc. and its representatives for seeking such information and all other persons, corporations or organizations for furnishing such information,

Signature

Date

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