

## Grace youth and sports ministry volunteers

We are honored that God has laid on your heart to partner with us in the areas of youth, children or sports ministry. We believe that God gifts believers with talents to serve those both in the body of believer and outside in order to bring honor to his name and draw people to Himself through love and Grace.

We have noticed through experience that there are certain qualities and attitudes that a volunteer must have in order to serve with joy and be effective. This is especially true in the areas of ministry to children and youth. Lack of these qualities does not necessarily disqualify you from service; however, one must be open to learning and guidance in order to grow and ensure the growth and safety of our kids.

Our role as a staff is to walk with you to develop a calling utilizing the gifts God has given you. In general volunteers for youth and children should demonstrate the following attitudes and characteristics.

- **Teachable**-wise people listen to others and allow themselves to be lead
- **compassionate**-we should respond in grace even if correction/discipline is necessary for the child. We cannot expect kids to act like adults, but we expect adults to act like adults. We are interested in growth and healing, not justice and punishment.
- **Burdened**-we exist to bring the gospel to those who otherwise would not hear it. The children need to see the burden of the gospel in you. BBYL is a vehicle that delivers the message of hope to the community
- **Loving**-have the kids best interest at heart, their needs and development are to be put above our desires of winning and success.
- **Committed**-first to the Lord. Volunteers should have a love and desire for Jesus above all else. This commitment is the foundation of commitment to team, practice and virtually all other areas. Volunteers should be committed to the beliefs, practices and expectations set by Grace before pouring into the lives of kids.
- **Wise**-know your surroundings and act appropriately in order to lead effectively. The question is not if, when or how you make a mistake. The question is will you take the steps necessary to grow and reconcile relationships afterwards.

By signing below you agree to demonstrate these expectations and attitudes while volunteering for GFC. Perfection is not required but growth in the Lord and in the qualities above is. Many coaches have gone onto successful coaching tenures in the public schools. Building Badgers exist as much or more for the coaches as is does for the kids.

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