Hey 2021 Mega Days High School Staff -

We're excited to let you know about MEGA DAYS for 2022. Thank you for your willingness to join us last year as we served the younger students at our church. You all did a great job. It really was a good week – especially after not being able to have MEGA DAYS in the summer of 2020 because of stupid covid. So thanks for helping last year. Thanks for working hard. Thanks for loving our younger students. Thanks for helping them see the love of Christ living through you.

Here are some details about this year's MEGA DAYS: MEGA DAYS will be June 6-10, 2022. MEGA DAYS will again take place at a Waters Edge Encampment, near Crockett. We do not know how many campers will come to MEGA DAYS this year. There were less students than we expected last year, which we think was mainly due to covid, but there are some families who stopped coming to church during covid and have not yet returned. Our numbers at MEGA DAYS may be smaller again this year than they were pre-covid. Regardless, there will be some great 3rd-6th grade students who come, and we get the incredible blessing of being able to help them experience a great week of camp. The reason we are sharing all of the info about numbers and the possibility of less students is that we will choose how many high school students to take based on how many campers sign up. We plan to make room for all HS students who came to MEGA DAYS last year and want to go back, and we will add new counselors/DA's as needed.

If you are considering applying again this year for MEGA DAYS, we ask you to spend time praying about this before you make a final decision. It is mucho important that you do not just sign-up because you think it is a good idea. Rather, we want you to sign-up because you want to serve God and you feel like God is opening a door for you to be at MEGA DAYS. God will use faithful high schoolers in powerful ways to share His love with elementary students. But it is very important to us that our high school students are truly living for God. You cannot be an example of how to live for Christ if you are not living for Him yourself. That means: you are seeking to grow in Christ; you are trying to live your life in a way that glorifies Him: you are not involved in intentional sinful behaviors or actions; you seek ways to worship Him and encourage others. We're not saying you have to be perfect – only Jesus was – but because you will be an example to younger students, your life needs to line-up with Christlike actions.

And just so you know, Paint-O-Rama is May 31-June 2. High School Week (HS Camp + more) is June 19-24. And High School Mission Trip (Southern Christian Children's Home in Morrilton, Arkansas) is July 11-15. It's going to be a busy summer, but we are so glad summer will be back to normal! Hope you can join us as we serve our community, spend a week growing in faith at HS Week, and serve children on the Mission Trip. And if you need to step away from MEGA DAYS in order to do any of the other things, that is totally fine.

If you have any questions, or thoughts, or suggestions, or anything else, let us know. Hope you can join us for Mega Days 2022!

- Monty and Heather

Mega Days 2022 - Returning High School Staff Application

This application is for students who have previously served as a Mega Days counselor or D.A. Mega Days is planned for June 6-10, 2022. You can turn this form in to the youth box (in Refinery, across from the HS Room door) any time before Spring Break.

Your Name:	Current Grade:	School:

Why would you like to be a part of the HS Staff at Mega Days again this year? _____

We always want to make Mega Days better. Thinking back to your time at Mega Days, both as a camper (if you went as a camper) and as a high school student, what are some changes/improvements we could make this year? This includes any problems that need to be addressed as well as things you think we could do differently.

When we begin our HS staff training for this year, we'll share many of the same things with our first time HS staff as we shared with you two years ago. Is there anything you wish we would have told you that could be helpful?

To be a successful camp we need the complete respect of our high school staff, and we need to be able to completely trust everyone. Is there anything we could do different between us as camp directors and our HS staff to promote respect and trust?

It is important for campers who come to Mega Days to be able to see you at church before and after Mega Days. We do not want it to just be a one-week connection you have with the campers, but instead we want it to last all year long. We want you to be able to drop by their Bible class and say hi to them, on your way to youth classes...or see them sitting with their family in worship and you go say hi, etc. Have you been at youth classes and weekly worship regularly and do you plan on being at church and youth stuff in the future? (in other words, are you involved? Feel free to elaborate or tell us anything you want us to know) Any other thoughts/suggestions/comments/recipes for chocolate chip cookies you would like to share with us regarding Mega Days?

Tell us about your current relationship with God:

Have you been baptized? If you have not, are you thinking about it? Tell us more. (There are no wrong answers here.)

Please read the following and circle yes or no:

-Again this year, we will have some counselor training that all counselors are required to go through. These will likely be on Sunday afternoons before Intersection in April and/or May. Will you attend these training sessions?

Yes No

-Are you still willing to help with group games, up-front singing, skits, activities, etc? Yes No

-Are you still willing to spend time preparing for camp by writing a letter to each of the students in your group before camp? Yes No

-Are you still willing to spend time studying and gathering supplies for Bible lessons? Yes No

-Are you still willing to work with us to prepare for activities at camp? Yes No

-Are you still willing to put the needs of 3rd-6th graders in front of your own needs for the week of Mega Days? Yes No

-Are you currently doing your best to live a Christ-like life? Yes No

-Is there anything in your life (behavior, attitude, hidden sin, profanity, immoral behavior, use of alcohol/tobacco, etc) that would keep you from being a great example to our elementary students? Yes No

On the following list of things, rank yourself on a scale of 1-10 (1 being low and 10 being high.) Feel free to ask family or friends if you need help knowing where to rank yourself. If you prefer to answer in words, feel free to do so and skip the number rating. No one is a 10 in all situations. Some things you are better at than others. Assume 7 is average...and try to get the total of all numbers to equal 77...which would be a 7 on all things. So if you give yourself an 8 on something, then another thing should be given a 6. If you give yourself a 9 on one thing, you would need to adjust other things so that the end total is 77.

Spiritually Minded

Is spiritually minded - seeks to be Christ-like in all aspects of his/her life.

Appropriateness _____ Speaks appropriately (no profanity); Dresses and behaves appropriately for whatever occasion.

Personality _____ Has a pleasing personality - is not abrasive and demanding with family and friends.

Responsibility _____ Is organized and responsible.

Group Work _____ Is able to work well in groups.

Respect _____ Has the respect of his/her peers.

Dependability _____ Is dependable - does what he/she says he/she will do.

Adaptability _____ Is adaptable to most situations.

Flexibility ______ Is flexible in most situations...willing to change focus or direction when things need to change.

Communication _____ Willing to communicate if there is an issue and/or be open with teammates/leader.

Patience _____ Is patient in most situations.

(Total should equal 77.)