

SALT Parent Letter

Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your teenager has shown interest in applying for the Student Leadership Team (SALT) at Canopy Roads Baptist Church. SALT is a group of students, grades 8-12, who are interested in serving the youth group as "servant leaders." Jesus said that we should be "salt and light" in our world. In other words, Jesus' followers should be examples and make the world a better place wherever they are. SALT students will strive to do just that. They will take a greater ownership in the youth group as they help plan events, lead parts of our youth services, and serve in other areas in the church. These students will be prepared to apply principles of Christian leadership wherever they are involved, both in and out of "church."

The team will meet twice a month, and attendance at these meetings is required unless "providentially" hindered. SALT members are also expected to participate in available youth discipleship where they will not only deepen their own commitment as a disciple of Christ and serve as examples to other youth but will also be given opportunities to apprentice with an adult leader and eventually lead a group themselves.

SALT members have the opportunity to work closely with adult youth leaders in different areas of ministry. They may serve on or lead ministry teams such as outreach, prayer, youth snacks, hospitality/care, and events planning. SALT members are held to a higher standard of conduct. Our desire is to train the church leaders of tomorrow by giving these youth leaders the opportunity to accept responsibility today.

Your teen has been provided a SALT application and other information. On the application, we have provided a place for you to sign to give them permission to work as a member of the team. The time commitment is primarily Sundays and a few other times that will be coordinated as much as possible with students' schedules. The duration of the commitment is one semester at a time. We also schedule at least one weekend SALT Retreat each year.

Please understand that SALT is not intended as an additional "activity" in your student's schedule. It is intended to prepare them with Godly principles for their participation in life. Should you have any other questions, please feel free to call.

Looking forward to working with your youth,

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