



## Fall Update

### **What if my son or daughter is not registered for Harbor Students?**

It's easy! Whether they come every week or every once in a while, please register. We will begin registration on Tuesday, September 1. Registration helps our team plan for your student and gets them plugged into a small group. You can register [HERE](#).

### **What precautions will be in place in regards to COVID-19?**

Glad you asked. We are committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and volunteers. You can read our Notice Regarding COVID-19 [HERE](#).

### **What if my son or daughter doesn't have a small group?**

We will be forming small groups as soon as registration begins through the middle of October. After October, it's possible that our groups will be full since we are limiting group sizes due to COVID19. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Small groups launch in November.

### **Who will my student be in a group with?**

The short answer? It depends, however, we are going to try our best to ensure your student is matched to a group of a congruent grade and gender to create the best possible experience relationally for your student. Students who were in a small group last year, are likely, but not guaranteed, to be in the same group this school year. If a different group is requested, let us know!

### **How often will groups meet?**

Beginning in November, Small Groups will meet every other week (typically on Sundays) for the remainder of 2020. This is for three reasons. First, it allows time between gatherings to monitor the health and safety of everyone in the group. Second, the off weeks provide time for our small group leaders to check in personally with students and families who may need a boost of encouragement and extra support. And lastly, some of our small group leaders are parents, teachers, or frontline workers who are navigating a lot right now too.

### **Can a small group meet more often?**

If a group wants to add an extra gathering or hang out, yes, we encourage that too! So long as groups are following our COVID19 guidelines.

### **What about large group gatherings? My son/daughter enjoys the opportunity to spend time with other students outside of their small group.**

As we continue to monitor the impact COVID19 has on our community, we hope to add in more large group events in the near future. For now, we are planning several large group gatherings (September through October) while the weather outside is still nice.

### **When will groups meet?**

Most groups will meet on Sunday evening or late afternoon. Small-Group leaders are allowed to discuss with their small group if it makes sense to change their meeting times to best accommodate everyone in the group. However, our default gathering times for most Harbor campuses are Sunday afternoons for Middle School and Sunday evening for High School.

### **What if I'm not comfortable sending my student to an in-person gathering?**

We're glad you asked this and please know our heart is to ensure that every student finds community at Harbor Churches. If you are uncomfortable with in-person gatherings, please select the online option when you register your student. You can register [HERE](#).

### **What if my student has other commitments that conflict with small groups?**

We'd encourage them to sign up anyways. Whether or not your student regularly attends, we want to make sure they have a small group leader who will check in on them from time to time, pray for them, and cheer you on as a family.

### **What if my campus doesn't typically do host homes?**

To begin, as restrictions allow, groups that are used to meeting at a Harbor Campus can continue meeting onsite as space allows, or opt to meet at host homes or online.

### **What will small group gatherings look like?**

We're going to work hard to equip our leaders to lead their groups in a way that provides a safe space for laughter, fun, and also prioritizes discussing scripture together, reflection, discussion, and sharing prayer requests.

### **Who are your small group leaders?**

Our leaders are men and women who are committed to Jesus and have a desire to make a difference in the lives of the next generation. Leaders are interviewed, screened, trained, and go through a background check prior to serving at Harbor Students.

### **How can I help support Harbor Students?**

There are a few ways you can do that.

- First, your generosity makes everything we do possible. Thank you for supporting our community by giving to Harbor Churches. You can give online through <https://harborchurches.org/>
- You can offer space. Got a yard, a pool, a cottage on the lake, a basement, living room, or place of business we can use? Share that with us [HERE](#).
- **Join us!** We are a bit biased, but we think nothing is worth more than helping the next generation find their way back to God. You've heard it takes a village, right? Pray about serving on our team or sharing with us the names of a few people who you think would make a great small group leader. You can do that [HERE](#).

### **What if I still have questions?**

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. You can connect with us at <https://harborchurches.org/> and stay in the loop of all that is happening at Harbor Students by signing up for our Harbor Students email [HERE](#).

We know you've had to endure so many changes and pivots in this season. As a student ministry, we are committed to pastoring students effectively week to week, and we believe this can happen best through small groups led by small group leaders who will walk alongside students, whether it's at a campus, in a host home, or online.

We look forward to partnering with you this school year and invite you to register your students beginning Tuesday, September 1.

**Grace + Peace,**

The Harbor Students Team