

# Youth and Children's Ministry Summer Intern Job Description

#### **Internship Vision and Purpose Statement**

Our vision and purpose for interns is to provide them with a ministry learning experience that is high quality and of mutual benefit to the life and ministry of Greenville ARP Church. We aim to provide interns:

- Biblical discipleship and mentorship through church staff and congregation members.
- Training for a lifetime of ministry, vocationally or as a church member.
- Opportunities to explore, identify, and exercise ministry gifts.
- Teaching experience with children and youth in the ministry setting of a local church.
- Gracious investment in and care by church staff and congregation members.

## Summer Youth Intern Qualifications

#### **Gifts and General Characteristics**

Interns should display:

- A genuine faith and love for God.
- A genuine love for youth and their parents.
- A desire to humbly encourage a Godward Life to young believers and to encompass mission-mindedness toward non-believers.
- A commitment to teach Reformed theology.
- Leadership abilities and a teachable spirit.

### **Experience**

Interns should possess:

- Faithful attendance and involvement in a local church.
- At least two years of college completed (preferred).
- Prior experience with youth groups or campus ministry (preferred).

#### Summer Intern Responsibilities

#### General

Interns will:

- Learn GARP's culture and context of ministry.
- Learn and implement GARP's philosophy of youth ministry, guided by the youth director.
- Engage in metathinking and ongoing staff discussion about how to engage families for Christ.
- Collaborate with families, recognizing them as the primary disciplers of their children, as well as youth volunteers.
- Receive one-on-one mentorship and discipleship from an appointed staff or church member.
- Report directly to the director of youth ministry.
- Assist with GARP's children's ministry with the youth director's approval.
- Nourish a personal faith under the means of grace (Bible-reading, prayer, sacraments).

### **Specific**

Interns will:

- Assist the youth director in the implementation of Sunday-night programming (Dinner and Devotions).
- Assist the youth director in leading summer retreats (Quest, June 17-22, and Horizon, June 24-29) at Bonclarken.
- Assist the youth director in the implementation of special events.
- Meet with students regularly in a small group context outside of summer programming and events.
- Lead Bible studies and teach at the request of the youth director.
- Engage in weekly summer staff meetings, including regular reading and discussing of a book selected by the youth director for personal growth in life and ministry.
- Meet weekly for check-ins with the youth director or other appointed personnel about the highs and lows of work in ministry.
- Assist with children's ministry events such as Workmanship Wednesday, Together Tuesday, and other special events.