

DNOW 2023 - *NEXT*

Parents and Students,

DNOW is one of our most anticipated events of the year! We are excited and in prayer about what God is going to do. We are looking forward to a weekend of fun, games, food, service, fellowship, Bible study, and worship! During this weekend, students will worship in large corporate groups and be challenged spiritually by Dean Inserra. Students will also study Scripture and share what God is doing in their hearts during small group Bible study. All activities will take place at the host homes, the church campus, and Colonial Hills Hernando. Adult supervision will be provided for all activities.

Our goal for DNOW is to see students place their trust in Jesus Christ for the first time, to teach them to deny their fleshly desires, and to pursue Christ with an intentional heart. The theme is “**NEXT**,” so we will look at the idea that someone has to be the **NEXT** spiritual leader in your schools, the **NEXT** missionary to take the Gospel to the unreached, the **NEXT** captain leading your team, the **NEXT** teacher shaping future generations, and more—all while we consider how God is leading you and what your next steps may be. We will worship with CH Worship and hear from Dean Inserra.

Jake Clark
Student Pastor

In this packet are several items for you and your student to become familiar with:

- 1) The FAQ sheet provides you with helpful need-to-know information about *this year's* DNOW. Even if you have been to DNOW in the past, you still need to look at the FAQ form and take note of any relevant changes.
- 2) Find your grade's color on the list of recreation colors for Saturday's rec time. Check out the list of items to bring for our DNOW Missions support to Olive Branch Elementary School.
- 3) The Covenant of Growth exists to set some common guidelines for the weekend. Because we are asking God to move in our hearts, we want to come with the right attitude. We are asking both students and parents to read over the Covenant of Growth and understand the commitment that we are asking of you for **DNOW 2023**.
- 4) A schedule is provided for parents so that you will know where your student is throughout the weekend. Please know that this schedule is tentative and could be slightly adjusted throughout the weekend so that we can be sensitive to what God may do with us at DNOW.
- 5) **The medical release forms are crucially important.** We need to have on hand a completely filled out medical release form that is signed and notarized before your student's registration is finalized. (A notary is available in the church office.)

Thank you for your interest in the student ministry at First Baptist Church. Please feel free contact the church office by email at jclark@fbcob.org or by phone: 662-895-5481 if you have any questions or concerns about the weekend. My personal number is 501-231-7194.

Frequently Asked Questions

DNOW Olympic Teams

-Can I switch? - The DNOW Olympic teams will not be put together until after registration closes. Once registration closes, the teams will be put together, the colors will be assigned to each team, and then the teams will be announced. There will be no switching once the teams have been put together!

Time Away

-What is this all about? -If you have to leave at any time during the weekend, a time away card **must** be filled out and signed by a parent.

Packing

-What should I bring? -Need to Bring List: Bible, pen, bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, etc.), toiletry items, towel and wash cloth, casual clothes, and any snacks you need for the weekend. **Please bring a limited amount of luggage.** Remember it's only a weekend!

Drop-Off & Check-in

-Where do I GO on Friday? What TIME on Friday? -Students will NOT be allowed to enter the building on Friday until 4:30 pm! That is when the glass doors by the Welcome Center will open. This is where you will need to arrive on Friday to check-in. Then you will need to follow all of the registration procedures and instructions. After students have been checked in, they will head into the sanctuary for some hangout time and orientation.

-Do parents need to stay with their student? -Parents are encouraged to stay at the church until 5:30 pm on Friday if they would like to meet host home and small group leadership, but it is not required.

Housing

-Where will I stay? -Students will stay in host homes. For more specific information, please contact the church office. Host home parents are approved by church staff, required to be FBCOB church members, and have background checks.

Food

-Who will feed me? - Students will be fed at host homes and at the church during DNOW. **HOWEVER, THERE WILL NO DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT.** Which means you will need to get something for your child before you drop them off for orientation. There will be snacks at the church on Friday night after we get back from Colonial Hills. You are welcome to bring extra snacks, but it is not required.

Lanyards

-Do I have to wear my lanyard? - Students will receive their lanyard on Friday and must wear it at all times throughout the weekend. It will have your weekend schedule and will be your ticket to eat!

Medical Releases

-Does it really matter? -Parents, we want to take the best care of your student. If there were an emergency, the medical release form would allow us to get the necessary care for your student until you can be reached. To best protect your student, a signed and notarized medical release form must be completed in order for them to finalize registration. There is one included in this packet, but **it must be notarized.** (A notary is available in the church office.)

Covenant of Growth

Because I desire to grow through the opportunity of DNOW, I stand in agreement with and willingly submit to the following guidelines. I understand that violation of these guidelines could result in my immediate return home.

- 1) Students must dress appropriately and with Christian modesty in mind. No tight fitting apparel is permitted at any time (at church or in a host home). No clothing will be permitted that exposes your midriff area or promotes secular music groups, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or suggestive messages. *Definition of inappropriate attire is left to the discretion of DNOW leadership.*
- 2) Students MUST NOT use personal vehicles for any reason, or leave DNOW events without first contacting DNOW officials. You CANNOT drive your car during DNOW unless you have permission from church staff and fill out a time away card. Time away cards are available and must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and submitted at the time of check-in.
- 3) Lights out means LIGHTS OUT. You need to be very quiet. Do not disturb those who actually want to sleep.
- 4) DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOST HOMES FOR ANY REASON unless you have permission from church staff or your host home leader. You cannot leave to get food, run errands, or to play a joke on someone. Help us keep you safe.
- 5) DNOW students must submit to the direction and supervision of the DNOW staff. They care about you and love you. Trust them this weekend.
- 6) Participants must wear name tags at all times.
- 7) Cell phones must always be on silent or turned off completely during times of worship and Bible study. Remember, the enemy will try hard to distract you from what God wants from you this weekend. Don't take your eyes off of the Lord. *Be aware that small group leaders can temporarily take up phones.*
- 8) While we know that most of you have secular music and videos on your phones and media devices, we ask that you refrain from participating in secular entertainment during DNOW. This includes the music you listen to, any television or videos that you may watch, and your internet activity for the weekend. Do not use the internet to access secular entertainment while at DNOW. We do not want to give easy access for anything to distract you during the weekend.
- 9) Fireworks, firearms, knives, or any other kind of weapon, alcohol, drugs, vape pens, juuls, or any form of tobacco are not allowed. (Even if you are of legal age for some of them, THEY ARE ALL PROHIBITED on church campus and at host homes during DNOW Weekend.) These items can be destructive to you and those around you. Use good judgment, don't be distracted and don't be a distraction.
- 10) Public Display of Affection (PDA) is not allowed during DNOW. Focus your relationship with God this weekend.
- 11) Your host home leaders, small group leaders, and all DNOW leadership will be treated with respect. Take care of the home that God has provided for the weekend and be kind and respectful to your hosts.
- 12) If a student fails to comply with the rules, that student could be sent home with no refund. We want this weekend to be centered around Christ, and we cannot allow distracting activities to hinder the Spirit at work.

By attending DNOW, I am agreeing to these guidelines and believe that they are necessary for me to maximize the spiritual opportunities during this weekend. I willfully commit myself to abide by them.

Schedule not yet posted!
Will send it out once I have it!

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MEDICAL & LIABILITY RELEASE FORM: FBCOB's DNOW Weekend 2023

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PLEASE READ AND FILL OUT ENTIRELY

Please note that this medical & liability release is event specific and valid for FBCOB's **DNOW Weekend** on **February 17-19, 2023**.

A form must be on file for each student participating in this event.

PERSONAL INFO

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Street Address _____ Shirt Size _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

EMERGENCY INFO

In case of an emergency, notify _____ Phone _____
Relation to student _____

Physician _____ Phone _____

Insurance Co. _____ Phone _____

Policy # _____ Group _____

HEALTH INFO

Any special health info or medical history (including previous operations and/or serious illnesses) FBCOB should be aware of?

YES NO (please circle)

If yes, please list and explain on the back of this sheet.

Allergies (food, drug names, plants or insects) _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN IN FRONT OF A NOTARY

Assumption Of Risk And Waiver Of Claim And Medical Release Of Liability And Hold Harmless Agreement:

In consideration of the participation by the undersigned and/or, other named participant in any given act affiliated with involvement in First Baptist Church of Olive Branch's **DNOW Weekend** submits and/or agrees as follows: I certify that all of the information I have listed is accurate and displays all of the necessary information required to take care of, _____. In case of emergency, I give my full permission to any medical personnel, doctor, or hospital to provide any medical attention deemed necessary for the person stated below. The participant may receive any surgical and/or other medical treatment not prohibited by law which may be suggested, recommended, prescribed, or directed by a duly licensed physician, all pursuant to section 41-41-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, in an emergency situation as determined by the adult in charge. The person in whom to be notified in the event of such an emergency is noted above. Therefore, I release First Baptist Church of Olive Branch, its ministers, employees and/ or members from any liability due to any injury, illness, and/or death, which may result from any conditions or circumstances, during attendance with First Baptist Church of Olive Branch's **DNOW Weekend** over **February 17-19, 2023**. I also understand that I the undersigned will be contacted if a need should arise due to any medical care, illness, injury, disciplinary cause, or death. I will assume full responsibility for any and all expenses incurred. I understand that it is my responsibility to update this document with any necessary information required in providing accurate care and contact, and acknowledge that the stated document will remain in full force and effect until amended or cancelled in writing by the undersigned.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Emergency Contact Name (printed) _____

Notary information:

State of Mississippi County of _____ I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that _____, whose name is signed to this foregoing liability release form and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being fully informed of the contents of the foregoing instrument, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand and official seal on _____.

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____