

Men's Encounter Server Training Notes

Get Connected

- **Encounter Texts**
 - **Encounter Texts** is an app and texting service we use to send information for Encounter Ministry. This comes as a regular text message. You should be on the one for your specific post location and the generic one for Men's Encounter.
 - See your post leader for your local post group message details.
- **Encounter Ministry App**
 - The Encounter Ministry APP is available for Apple, Google Play and Android. Server Training and Informational Updates are all on the APP.
- **Contact Information**
 - Keep your contact info and your emergency contact info up to date. (Mailing address, email address, and phone number)
 - Server Packet & Call Team info will be sent to the email that you register with. Please double check there are no typos when registering!

Weekend Details

- **Server Teams**
 - **Mandatory Server Meeting 6am Saturday and Sunday mornings.**
 - Every server is placed on a specific team(s) for the weekend.
 - **Find your Team Leader and SHOW UP TO THE TEAM!!!**
 - **Team leaders will be reporting back to leadership letting them know who is not showing up or pulling their own weight on their assigned teams.**
 - Team lists are emailed out in the server packet details prior to the Encounter Weekend. If you do not receive a team list at the beginning of that week, contact the Care Team at 417-501-0671.
 - As soon as you know your assigned teams, contact your team leader to find out your weekend responsibilities and times when you will be needed.
 - Servers will ride the buses to Encounter Cove unless given other instruction by team leader.
 - Driving to camp is allowed ONLY BY PERMISSION and requires a parking pass to be permitted to drive on the Encounter Cove grounds. If you are on a team that needs to drive to camp, please park along the drive in the parking spots near the Wilderness Creek Dorm buildings. We have very limited parking around the Auditorium so please avoid parking near the building. You will need a pass from Ashlynn to drive on to camp property. Your team leader will contact you if you are needed to drive. If you are issued a parking pass, **YOU MUST** return it to Ashlynn at the Return Celebration by the media booth at the Civic Center.
 - Failure to return parking pass may affect future driving eligibility.

- **Call Team**
 - All servers are on the call team. This is a requirement to be a server!
 - You will have assigned calls that you will be given to call and explain the details of Love Letters and Homecoming celebration.
 - If you do not receive an email for the call team, be sure to contact the Care Team (417-501-0671) and they will help you get your call list.
 - Your Call Team Link will be emailed to you shortly after registration closes. Please complete your calls as soon as possible. You will find your name and be able to access the list of names you have. Once you have called and made contact with the attendee's emergency contacts, then you will be able to check a box to notify EM staff that you have completed your list.
- **Letters and Return Home**
 - Remember that both Homecoming and Love Letters are surprises, so be discrete and careful when making calls and talking to the emergency contacts.
 - Be sure to explain the importance of the Love Letters and the Homecoming Celebration.
 - Encourage them to send as many letters as they want. These can be from spouse, children, parents, siblings, friends, and anyone else significant to the attendee's life.
 - If a contact needs to send a letter after the mailing deadline, please have them email it to mail@encounterministry.org with the attendee's first and last name along with the city they reside in the subject line of the email.
- **Letters from Servers**
 - At every Encounter weekend we have several attendees that do not receive letters or have any one at return home.
 - Make time to write a letter as you make connections throughout the weekend.
 - Letters are opened after we dismiss attendees to their rooms on the second night. Please have any letters you are writing turned in by noon on the second day.
- **Encounter Cove Wi-Fi**
 - Security, Medical, & Info Table team leaders are the only servers to have the Wi-Fi code.
 - If you are on one of those team leaders and receive the Wi-Fi, please do NOT pass it around. We have a limited number of devices that we can have on our auditorium access point.
- **Name Tags and Lanyards**
 - Your name badge will come with your luggage tags, and it will also be your ticket to check-in when you get to the Civic Center as well as your meal ticket for Friday's dinner.
 - Be sure to tell all your attendees about the name badge coming in the mail and for them to bring it to the registration counter with them. Remind them to not place it in their luggage. There will be a \$3 reprint charge for lost or forgotten name badges.
- **Encounter Weekend Speakers**
 - If you are giving a Teaching or Testimony, Travis Munn needs your pictures, scriptures, and a copy of your Teaching or Testimony sent to him no later than the week before Encounter. Send them to: testimony@encounterministry.org.
 - Even if you have shared a Teaching or Testimony before, please go ahead and send all of the updated pictures, scriptures, and a copy of your Teaching or Testimony to Travis each time.
 - It is very important to stay on track within the time frame given to each Testimony or Teaching.
 - Testimonies need no more than 2 scriptures and the focus is to be your personal testimony.
 - We pray over each speaker for the upcoming session on the second song of worship. If you are speaking, be near that area at the start of the second song.
 - Turn in your testimony!

- **Foot Washing & Love Letter Night in the Dorms** Watch the Video on the App or on the Web Site
 - Each server is assigned a specific room to serve attendees. Written at the bottom of your name badge will be the Dorm/Room you will be serving. It is very important to serve the room that you are assigned.
 - This is one of the first opportunities to make deep connections with your attendees. Be sensitive and led by God's Spirit as you encourage and explain the meaning behind foot washing.
 - Someone will read John 13:1-17 as an introduction to the room.
 - Begin washing their feet one at a time. As the Holy Spirit leads, ask the attendee how you can pray for them. Be sure to call them by name.
 - Below are some questions to break the ice:
 - "How can I pray for you?"
 - "Is there anything in your life that if you could, you would change?"
 - What do you want to get out of this weekend?
 - Pray over them as you wash their feet.
 - **Once everyone has had their feet washed, rinse the foot tubs and dry them with an extra towel and place them upside down and under the sink.**
 - On the second night of the Encounter Weekend, give all the attendees in your serving room a chance to share a short testimony. Once they have all had a chance, then pass out the love letters to each attendee. **DO NOT JUST HAND OUT LOVE LETTERS AND LEAVE!**
 - **REMINDER:** All attendees are given the "Love Letter from Your Father" letter. Please make sure every attendee receives one the second night in their cabins during letter time.
- **No Smoking, Vaping, Chewing, or Any Tobacco Use**
 - There will be many attendees battling addiction in their lives. No server should be smoking, vaping, or chewing during the weekend. Please leave it at home.
 - If you have not yet gained victory in this area of your life, we have many servers that God has delivered from the grips of addiction. They would be willing to journey with you and pray with you so that you, too may have the same victory.
- **No Firearms**
 - For security and insurance purposes, you must have permission from the Encounter Ministry Leadership team and Security Team Leader, Mark Bailey, to possess a firearm at camp.
 - We have a security team, and they are trained as a team to protect the camp.
 - If you are interested in information about this team or the security trainings, please contact:
 - Mark Bailey (573) 453-0020
 - We ask that unless you have permission from those stated above, please leave your firearms at home.
- **Stay Engaged All Weekend**
 - As a server of Encounter Ministry, we get to set the tone for the weekend.
 - We must stay focused during each session and attentive to the speakers. Even if you have heard it many times, pay attention and be ready to engage in ministry time. We set the example and the attendees are watching!
 - There will be God ordained ministry opportunities all around us throughout the weekend. Be aware of that and be expectant of the Holy Spirit to move and speak through you.
 - Stay inside during session: Not only does going in and out cause a distraction for the speakers, but it also is a distraction for attendees. If you have to leave the building during session for any reason, please exit quietly through kitchen/server area.
 - During ministry time guys go to pray and as you feel led by the Holy Spirit, go and pray with them. Don't be afraid to ask how you can specifically pray for them.

○ **More Weekend Notes**

- Please do not take sandwiches or cases of water to your dorms. If you want to eat, please stay in the kitchen area.
- On Friday night as the attendees are trying to find a seat, please choose the balcony until all attendees have a seat.

○ **Ephesians 6:7!! Serve Wholeheartedly**

- We know that many travel several hours to attend an Encounter Weekend and many of you have to be at work early the following morning after we return. We ask that every server stay for the Homecoming Celebration and Baptisms if possible. We really want to encourage all the attendees to be a part of the celebration time with their family.
- When Celebration has ended, there are still a few things that must be completed and packed up. If you can stay and help put the civic center items away and get cleaned up, we would appreciate it.

Preparing for the Encounter Weekend

○ **Prayer**

- We invite you to join us and begin to devote yourself to prayer. The number one thing you can do to prepare for the next Men's Encounter weekend is to commit time in devotion and prayer.
- We ask that you begin to pray right now for God to prepare you physically, mentally, and spiritually for the weekend. Ask Him to give you His eyes, ears, and heart as you seek His face.
- Make praying for the attendees, their families, and our servers a part of your regular secret place time.

○ **Fasting**

- Corporate fasting is the week of Encounter. This is the week we encourage intense prayer and fasting for the weekend. This is a 3-day fast and we ask you to fast as you feel led by the Holy Spirit.
- Keep in mind that whatever you fast, be sure to replace that time and attention to praying earnestly for the Encounter Weekend.

○ **Thank You!**

- We are excited to serve with you this Encounter Weekend!
- Thank you so much for all that you do and for your dedication to serve.
- We are so thankful for you and are excited to serve alongside you as we get to experience healing and transformation become reality in many lives throughout this coming year!

Thank you again for serving and don't forget to HAVE FUN!!