



Team ION is a program designed to help unleash the leadership potential of preteens. Our goal is to help preteens become 'positively charged' to reach the world around them for Christ, and to learn to have their 'eye-on' those around them to find ways to serve and lead well.

Who: Team ION is for 5th and 6th graders (in the 2024-2025 school year) who apply and meet the criteria for the program. 4th graders MAY be invited on a case-by-case basis. (Previous Team ION members must reapply if desiring to participate again.)

When: Team ION will meet on each Wednesday evening that Elevate (new Wednesday night program) is also occurring. We'll meet from 6:00-7:30pm (during the same time slot as Elevate) in the Main Building. Our first meeting will be **September 4, 2024**, and we'll conclude when Elevate concludes in May. (We'll join the Elevate opening each week and then split off from there for our meetings.)

Meetings: Our time together each week will typically consist of a team building activity, a leadership lesson, skill training, and a challenge with reflection or process time. The overall scope and sequence can be found later in this document.

Contracts (the final 2 pages of this packet) must be received by August 11th in order to be considered for Team Ion. Applicants will be notified of acceptance to Team

Ion by mail on or before August 3rd. Questions about Team ION? Contact Amy Brand, Children's Minister of Coggin at 361-212-3449 or amyb@cogginchurch.org.

In order to qualify, your preteen must have:

- 1) at least 50% attendance in Sunday School. *Please notify Amy if there are extenuating circumstances in place, i.e. visitation schedules, illness, extended summer travel, etc.
- 2) good attitude, behavior, and trustworthiness in all church activities.
- 3) family support and a personal commitment to healthy spiritual habits and participation in this program (shown by a completed application/contract).

During the year:

A certain standard of behavior is expected of preteens in Team Ion. Failure to meet this standard results in a preteen receiving a DQ (DisQualifying) point. DQ points are earned these ways:

- Not completing an assigned task
- Not letting Mrs. Amy know 24 hours ahead of time that you'll be missing from a Sunday morning service or Wednesday evening meeting
- Behavior issues during a church activity
- Behavior issues at home, school, etc

Preteens who earn 10 DQ points in a semester will be required to step out of their leadership role for 3 months and meet with Mrs. Amy 3 times outside of regular service times before rejoining the program.

(New-to-Coggin preteens may be added to the program during the year. Others may be added as criteria are met or as schedules allow. Criteria must be met before new or returning members are added.)

Scope and Sequence:

September:

Leadership Concept - Hospitality

Leadership Challenge - Design a plan to welcome new kids

Skill Training - Greeting

October:

Leadership Concept - Holiness

Leadership Challenge - Lead a game during Children's Worship

Skill Training - Upfront 'mic' skills (leading worship, closing prayer, making announcements, etc)

November:

Leadership Concept - Humility

Leadership Challenge - Make a Gospel presentation

Skill Training - Tech

December:

Leadership Concept - Thankfulness

Leadership Challenge - Plan a volunteer appreciation event

Skill Training - Preparing and setting up for services

January:

Leadership Concept - Prayerfulness

Leadership Challenge - Plan a 'leadership night' event

Skill Training - Seeing and meeting needs in our ministry

February:

Leadership Concept - Representing Christ

Leadership Challenge - Identifying and meeting a need within the church

Skill Training - Serving in another ministry

March:

Leadership Concept - Faith in God

Leadership Challenge - Plan an entire children's worship service (part 1)

Skill Training - Service planning

April:

Leadership Concept - Respect for Authority

Leadership Challenge - Plan an entire children's worship service (part 2)

Skill Training - Running an entire service

May:

Leadership Concept - Sharing God's love

Leadership Challenge - Serve a local retirement community

Skill Training - Going on a local mission trip



I AM:

COMMITTED

- to God - I will spend time each day reading the Bible and worshipping God.
- to my parents - I will be respectful to them at home and in public.
- to being in church - I will regularly attend Sunday and Wednesday services.
- to my fellow Ionians - I will show up, work hard, and encourage my teammates.

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- to try new things - I will try working in different areas of the church so I can see what I really enjoy doing (tech, check in, serving other ministries, lesson support, maintaining facilities, etc).
- to help out - I will look around for things that need to get done and will help without being asked.
- to learn - I will listen to my parents and church leaders as they help me learn how I can serve in a better way, or how I can develop my relationship with Christ.

A GOOD COMMUNICATOR

- to my parents - I will tell them about all events and meetings for Team ION as soon as possible so they have enough time to arrange for transportation. I will let them know how I am doing at school, at church, and in my friendship with God.
- to Mrs. Amy - I will tell her as soon as possible if I can't make it to a certain meeting, service, or practice. I will email her (amyb@cogginchurch.org), text her, call her, or leave her messages (361-212-3449) during the week. On Sunday morning or Wednesday night, I will try not to tell Mrs. Amy things that she needs to remember 😊. I will also let her know how I am doing in my friendship with God, peers, family, and authorities (such as teachers/coaches).

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Student Signature

Date

TEAM ION AGREEMENT

Purposes:

- **SKILLS:** For each preteen to develop his or her leadership and service skills, and to begin exploring ministry opportunities and developing his or her gifts and talents.
- **SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** For each preteen to understand the mentality and attitude with which Christ wants him or her to serve.
- **RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** For each preteen to develop a stronger relationship with Christ, families, authorities, and friends.
- **PURPOSE AND RELATIONSHIP:** For each preteen to become an active part of the Body of Christ and to understand the importance of his or her active participation in the Church.

Responsibilities and Expectations:

- Regularly attend both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services/activities. **Even when a Team Ion member doesn't have an assigned task (such as leading worship or check in), they still have a job to do:** setting the example, helping with clean up, welcoming new and disconnected kids, etc.
- If they are unable to attend any Sunday am service or Team Ion meeting, inform Mrs. Amy at least 24 hours in advance **IN WRITING** (Email, text, etc) - except in cases of emergencies.
- Complete all assigned tasks throughout the year.
- Set an example during services by participating in worship, inviting and welcoming new kids, contributing to small group discussions, and having positive attitudes.
- Have limited or no behavior issues at school and at home.
- Stay for about 10 minutes after each meeting or activity to clean up.
- Bring a Bible every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.
- As much as possible, attend additional Team Ion events when planned.

TEAM IONION:

I have read and understand the purposes, responsibilities, and expectations of Team Ion. I understand that these are now **MY** purposes, responsibilities, and expectations. I am excited about strengthening my relationship with God by serving others in His name. I understand that the more effort and energy I put into this program, the more I will get out of it. If I ever have any problems with or questions about the Team Ion program, I will talk to my parents and Mrs. Amy.

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PARENTS:

I will encourage and guide my preteen as he/she achieves the purposes, responsibilities, and expectations of being a part of Team Ion. I am excited about my child strengthening his/her relationship with God through ministry. I will keep a clear line of communication open between myself and Mrs. Amy regarding my preteen's participation in the program.

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MRS. AMY:

I will provide leadership and guidance to Team Ion as they work towards the purposes, responsibilities, and expectations of the program. I am excited about preteens strengthening their relationship with God through ministry. I will keep a clear line of communication open between myself and parents regarding their preteen's participation in the program.

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