

## **GSLC YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **“Car Wash”**

#### **Description:**

Senior HS Youth attending the summer mission trip run a Car Wash for GSLC. One Sunday in May during both church services and Sunday school, the high school youth wash and dry the outside of cars to raise funds for the summer mission trip. There is no set price for the car wash; funds are raised by goodwill donations. The objective of the event is for senior HS youth to perform a service for the congregation in order to raise money to help defray the cost associated with summer mission trip activities. This event is approved by Church Council to take place in the church parking lot only. No advertising can take place on street for the general public. The car wash takes place annually. On average, this activity raises between \$800.00 and \$1000.00 for youth mission trips.

#### **Timing of Event:**

- Typically in May (Sunday before confirmation is the best choice because of the temperature)
- Rain date needs to be planned
- During both church services and Sunday school

#### **Number of Adult Volunteers Needed:**

- Pre-Event Planning: 1 main leader
- Day of Event: 2-3 adult chaperones, all HS youth attending mission trip

#### **Car Wash Activities for Youth:**

- Hold signs advertising car wash before both services and Sunday school
- Rinsing off cars
- Washing tire rims
- Washing cars
- Drying cars
- Washing Windows
- Collecting and identifying keys

#### **Car Wash Supplies:**

- 2 buckets, crate of towels, one rooftop wash mitt, spray bottles for washing windows and wash mitts and wash rags are located in the church shed.
- 2 more buckets, tire brushes and extra towels are needed to be brought by volunteers and youth.
- 4 water hoses are needed if hose splitters are on water spickets. Hoses are located in the church shed and behind the kitchen.
- Water key to turn on water is located in the church shed between the garage door and the wall on the right side.
- 4 bins for car keys. Labels bins as 8:15 service, Sunday school, 10:45 service and Done.
- Water cooler and cups. Located in the kitchen.
- 64 oz bottle of car wash detergent
- Suntan lotion
- Sandwich bags (for keys)
- Marker
- Clip board
- Container for freewill offering
- Long ropes to hang towels

## Key Dates/Activities

Timing	Activity
<b>Month preceding the event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote event via GSLC Newsletter, Pewsletter, and Website (submission via the GSLC website; select Newsletters and Pewsletters from the menu)</li> <li>Newsletters submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month</li> <li>Pewsletters submitted by Wednesday morning in order to be included in Sunday's pewsletter</li> <li>Promote event via GSLC Facebook Group (administrator of this site will post entry – Contact Director of Faith Formation)</li> </ul>
<b>3-4 weeks prior</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leader of event sends out an email to all HS youth and parents of HS youth that will be attending the HS Youth Mission trip to promote the event and recruit help with the car wash – ask them to bring in buckets, towels and brushes</li> <li>Specifically recruit 2-3 adults to supervise the car wash</li> </ul>
<b>Day before event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rope off parking spaces along preschool building <u>up to</u> handicap spaces (do not include handicap spaces)</li> <li>Prepare a container to collect free will offerings</li> <li>Locate all supplies and water key in the church shed</li> </ul>
<b>Day of event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult volunteers meet at church at 7:45 am for setup of parking lot</li> <li>High School youth meet at 8:00am. Briefly discuss car washing procedure with all youth</li> <li>Adults supervise the cars being washed</li> <li>Adults move the cars in and out of parking spaces once washed</li> <li>One person keeps track of the keys</li> <li>Keep count of the cars washed</li> </ul>
<b>Following event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult lead count money received and submit to church for deposit in the Youth Ministry account</li> </ul>

### Setup

- Use 5 parking spaces for car wash bays.
- Have one space between each car. This keeps a dry car from being re-wet by a car being washed next to it. Place wash buckets or cones in these places to keep cars out.
- Table for collecting keys, and collecting good will donations.
- Table for water cooler, cups, and snack and a trash can for cups.
- If people ask where to park their car direct them to the outer parking area past the mailbox.

### Customer Car Key identification:

- Write name, car color and car make and model on sandwich bags.
- Place keys in the bag.
- Place keys in the bin according to when the car wash customers are planning to leave.

### Car Washing procedure for Youth:

- Place magnets attached to vehicle inside the vehicle on passenger seat.

- Wet car completely and thoroughly before washing.
- When wetting car down, washing car or rinsing car start from the roof and work down.
- Make sure wash rags or mitts are very wet and have not been sitting on the ground.
- Place wash rags or mitts in a wash bucket when not being used, do not place them on the ground.
- Don't use towels that have been laid on the ground.
- Don't use scrubbies to scratch off stuck on dirt on a car, use lots of water and your wash rag. If it won't come off, leave it. We do not want to scratch paint.
- If you have the hose to rinse cars and are not rinsing any at that time go around and fill wash buckets.