

D-Now 2019 – We Believe: John 6:29

WHAT IS DNow?

“DNow” stands for Disciple Now. So, a DNow Weekend is a Disciple Now Weekend. In its simplest form, a Disciple Now Weekend is a weekend retreat for a youth group. Chances are you do some form of a retreat with your students, right?

But there are a few distinctions that make DNow Weekends different from a normal retreat. DNow Weekends are an amazing time where a large portion of your church has the chance to play an important role in your students’ lives. Check out this short video, where we asked members of the DNowStudies Advisory Team to share their thoughts on why Disciple Now is so important to their youth ministry, church, and students.

COMPONENTS OF A DNow WEEKEND

While not every DNow Weekend is the same, here are a few of the core components that make them such an awesome environment for your students to grow spiritually.

DISCIPLESHIP ORIENTED

Whereas some retreat weekends are more about getting away and hanging out (which is NOT a bad thing), DNow Weekends put a high premium on discipleship. There are Large Group sessions where a speaker can move the weekend’s theme along from a big-picture perspective. And there are super-intentional Small Group times where students go deeper with their individual small group leaders. It’s a focused time of spiritual growth and application.

HOST HOMES & SMALL GROUPS

“Host Homes” are a key feature of DNow Weekends. A host home is where a family in the church agrees to host a Small Group for the weekend. Many youth ministries will bring back former students to lead a Small Group, or use the weekend as an opportunity to plug-in prospective adult volunteers. Regardless of who’s leading the Small Group, the leader & the students will meet in the host home for Bible Study (when they aren’t at the church for Large Group sessions, or other activities). Groups consist of similar aged students. They’ll usually spend at least one night and will eat a few meals with the host home family. It’s an AMAZING way to get a greater portion of your church involved in your ministry.

CHURCH/COMMUNITY FOCUSED

While it’s not the case in every single DNow Weekend, the vast majority of them take place at your church, as opposed to a retreat facility. Most DNow Weekends will see the Large Group Sessions occurring at your church, while the Small Group Sessions happen in host homes. It’s an awesome way to create a real tie-in to your church and your city.

D-Now 2019 – “We Believe” Need to Knows

Dear Parents and Students,

One of the highlights of our student ministry calendar will be here before you know it. **Our Disciple-Now weekend kicks off Friday night, February 15th with registration beginning at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm.**

During this year’s D-Now weekend students will be encouraged in the gospel while being challenged to believe it and trained proclaim it. John 6:29 makes clear that God’s desire for and requirement of all people is to believe in Jesus. With that in mind, our speaker, Jon Burdette of Every Believer a Witness ministry, will focus on making sure students have a clear understanding of the gospel on Friday night. He will follow that up on Saturday with two sessions that will help equip students for the task of sharing the good news of Jesus with others. Students will also be led in their three small group moments to consider how Jesus is our great, perfect, and final Prophet, Priest, and King.

Below you’ll find some guidelines and a list of what students should and should not bring. Our weekend schedule is included as well. Please review this info carefully with your students to ensure we have a healthy and Christ honoring weekend.

Student Guidelines

1. Respect your Host Home.

- You are a guest in the home of your host family. Be grateful for their ministry to you. Be responsive to their requests and suggestions. Honor all house rules.

2. Respect One Another.

- Honor the requests of all leaders during the course of the weekend. Be attentive, polite, and quick to obey.
- Honor your brothers and sisters by encouraging them toward discipleship and by not discouraging them or distracting them from the teaching.
- Honor your brothers and sisters by dressing appropriately and refraining from public or private displays of affection.

3. Respect Christ.

- This is the ultimate one. If you seek to please him above all else then everything will fall into place. Let’s dedicate this weekend to him. Make it your goal to know your savior at a deeper level and to become better equipped to share him with the world. Seek to honor him in all you do!
- Another way you can honor the Lord is by praying for every facet of the weekend. Pray for our speaker, worship leader, host homes, small group leaders, and yourself. Prepare your heart to meet with Jesus.

What to Bring

- Bible**
- Two pens/pencils**
- 1 Snack food item to share with your small group**
- Towel and washcloth**
- Sleeping bag or blankets and a pillow** (students will be crashing in the floor)
- Small air mattress or cot if desired** (nothing large though, floor space and luggage space will be limited)
- Toiletries** (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Enough casual clothes for the weekend** (We will be wearing our D-Now shirts on Sunday morning and jeans are fine for Sunday Service.)
- Athletic closed-toed shoes for our recreation activity.** The average temperature in the building is 60 to 70 degrees. So they may want to bring clothes that will keep them cool while being active on the course.
- Any prescription medicines you'll need for the weekend** (These will need to be checked in during registration)
- Cell Phones** (The speaker has a specific use in mind for these during our worship moments. So Phones will be taken up and handed out during the times they are needed.)

What NOT to Bring

- **Electronic game/music devices**
- **Prank material**
- **A bad attitude**

Disciple Now SCHEDULE

February 15-17, 2019

Friday – February 24

- 5 pm Group leaders meet at HBC Welcome Center for dinner and training.
- 5:30 pm Registration/Luggage drop off in Host Home Room
- 6 – 7 pm Supper in Fellowship Hall. Group leaders sit at assigned Host Home Table
- 7:00 pm Doors Open
- 7:15 pm Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:00 pm Leave for Host Homes
- 10:00 pm Session # 1 in Host Homes
- 11:45 pm Get ready for bed – LIGHTS OUT by midnight – GO TO BED!!

Saturday – February 25

- 9 am Rise and Shine, breakfast, clean up
- 9:30 am Leave for HBC
- 10:00 am Doors Open
- 10:00 am Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:30 pm Lunch at HBC
- 12:00 pm Session # 2 at HBC
- 1:00 pm House of Boom
- 2:00 pm Leave for Host Homes/Free Time at Host Homes
- 4:00 pm Film Videos
- 5:00 pm Video Judging Contest
- 6:00 pm Supper
- 7:00 pm Worship Service – Main Sanctuary
- 8:45 pm Leave for Host Homes
- 10 pm Session # 3
- 11 pm Get ready for bed – LIGHTS OUT by midnight – GO TO BED!!

Sunday – February 26

- 9:00 am Rise and Shine, pack up, clean up
- Students and leaders should wear their D-Now Shirts**
- 9:45 am Breakfast at HBC/Final thoughts from the weekend
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Students go home

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DNOW 2019 Registration Form

Student Name _____ Grade: _____
Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____
Student Cell #: _____ Male Female T-shirt Size _____
Allergies? Dog Cat Food/Nuts, Other: _____
Medications & Frequency taken: _____
Time Away: Reason _____ Time Leaving: _____ Time Back: _____ Person
Picking up Student _____
Roommate Preference: _____ —

STUDENTS AND PARENTS PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW—

DNOW FAQ

- What are the dates for DNOW?
 - February 15-17, 2019
- What are the payment costs and deadlines?
 - Cost - \$80 for first student, \$40 for each additional student, \$60 for friend
- How do I register for DNOW?
 - Turn in this signed Registration Form, a completed Medical Release, and a completed Transportation Release Form with your payment into Chase, OR turn in to Christy in the HBC Office during office hours. (Office hours are Mon-Fri 8am-5pm and Friday.)
- When will I find out my Host Home and Small Group assignments?
 - (This includes parents) Host Homes and small group assignments are based on current school grade and will be revealed at dinner on Friday night at DNOW. We do not release assignments before the beginning of DNOW. If you have a friend request, please note it on the registration above and we will do our best to honor it. Any requests made after this form has been submitted cannot be guaranteed.
- What if I can't stay for the whole weekend?
 - Please fill out time away sections in the form above.
- Is horseplay and/or pranking allowed this weekend?
 - No horseplay or pranking of any kind is allowed. If this happens, depending on the severity of the incident, possible consequences could be: calling the parent, not allowing the student to stay at the Host Home, or in extreme circumstances, the student being sent home for the rest of the weekend.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the statements listed above.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____