

SUPPORTING YOUR SUMMER STAFF

GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

Your summer staff has now experienced multiple full weeks of programming! (“Programming” is what we call it when Community Hosts lead teenagers and their adult chaperones through a YW week.) There is much to celebrate – they’re doing it!

As you connect with and pray for your summer staff this week, praise God for what they’ve accomplished and all the ways they’ve grown already this summer.

It’s also likely that your summer staff and their teammate(s) are feeling at least a little frustration. They’re still getting the hang of things, and they’ve likely made some mistakes.

Our hope and prayer – that we invite you into – is that all our Community Hosts experience and extend the grace of God for themselves and to others.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.
– JOHN 15:12 (ESV)**



WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR SUMMER STAFF AS THEY GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS:

- Know that we don't expect anyone to be perfect, and that includes our Community Hosts. In fact, we value **formative growth opportunities through real world experience** and we trust that God is faithful to develop Community Hosts into the people they were created to be.
- **Consider sending a care package to your summer staff!** (You can ask them for their mailing address.) By now they've been eating YouthWorks meals for a few weeks and would likely love some tasty treats. Also consider including fun summer things (water balloons, temporary tattoos, sunglasses) and a handwritten, heartfelt note from you!



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