



DNOW *Back-to-Back*

DNOW Host Home Information

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of DNOW is to present the Word of God, build gospel-centered relationships, point students to the local church, and present the good news of Jesus as clearly as possible. This is one of the most impactful weekends in the lives of students, because every year it serves as a milestone in the lives of many, whether they surrender their lives to Jesus for the first time, decide to obey him by getting baptized, or return to him by getting serious about their relationship with Jesus.

Questions & Answers

1. What is a DNOW host home?

Host families are primarily responsible for opening their home for some 6 to 12 middle or high school students and a college/20-something small group leader from Friday night to Sunday morning as a safe, warm environment.

2. When exactly am I needed?

Following the schedule and transporting kids to-and-from the church will be very important to the weekend! The biggest thing is that you make sure your house is on time to scheduled events at the church. We will provide a detailed schedule a little closer to the event.

3. What are my main responsibilities?

Opening your home, getting kids to BHBC on time, living out a Christ-centered lifestyle in front of students, being available for any needs that arise.

4. Do I have to live in Cobb, or right by BHBC?

You don't, but we do ask that you live within about a 10-mile radius.

Questions & Answers (Continued)

5. How much space do I need?

Select an area of your home that is quiet and able to host about 10 for small group – it can be where they also sleep – whether it's a basement, living room, bonus room, etc.

6. Does everyone have to have a bed?

Not at all. In fact, you don't have to provide any. If you have a bed for the small group leader, that would be preferable, but simply designate an area for students to sleep. (It can be where their Bible study is.) Students will bring sleeping bags, pillows, etc.

7. What if my home isn't as big or fun as someone else that I know is hosting?

This weekend is not about a basketball goal, cool basement, hot tub, video game console, or anything like that at all. If you have a living room and a willing heart (and a background check!), we're happy to have you, and the students will be too. They care more about authentic relationship than the stuff.

8. How involved am I with the students?

God will use you as much as anyone this weekend to minister to students' needs, both spiritual and physical. Be sensitive to their hearts. Pray for them throughout the weekend. Strike up intentional conversations about what God is doing. Remember, some of them may not have a great model for a godly home or a Christ-centered adult in their life.

9. Do I need to feed my group all weekend?

No. Friday dinner, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast are served at the church as part of the registration fee. And then if you receive a co-host, they will provide your home with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. You are not required to provide snacks for your guests, but you are welcome to. Keep in mind that students will bring snacks to share and a two-liter.

10. Am I teaching Bible study?

No. In fact, we ask that you please not sit in the small-group sessions and give that leadership to small group leaders.

11. What if students need to leave for sports or someone comes to pick them up?

We have a system in place for students to fill out a "time away card", more on that later.

12. What's this I hear about DNOW on Thursday?

Thursday night we will have a dinner at the church for about an hour. It's just a chance for you to meet your group, but students won't stay in your home until Friday.

13. Who can I talk to concerning a question I have about my home specifically?

Contact anyone on our student ministry staff, and you can ask ANY questions. We may have missed something, and we'd love to help make this a smooth and enjoyable experience for you.

I'm interested! What is the next step?

- Apply! And we will do the rest... basically.
- Our office will make sure you have a current BHBC background check on file. If not, you'll hear from Diana Culpepper in our child protection role at the church.
- We'll assign your group, and you'll get those assignments (though subject to change) the week of the event.
- Any questions you have along the way, don't hesitate to ask.
- Finally, Pray! Pray with us for God to move in the lives of students.

Scan the QR Code to Apply:

If you're have additional questions,
please contact Savannah at
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