



The Mission

Welcome to the front lines of spiritual battle for the next generation! We are so excited that you are coming!!

During your time here at In The Gap for Operation Impact, you'll have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many children. You will be inspired to invest your life in things that matter in eternity and equipped to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Little Bit About In The Gap

In The Gap exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to equip upcoming generations to pursue moral excellence, whole-heartedly stand for what is right, and to become positive role models who will transform our community, state, and nation for generations to come.

Our passion is to train and equip youth and young adults so they can be effective in ministering to children, be role-models with personal integrity, be positive leaders, and passionately love Jesus Christ. We believe in a future where EVERY child will have the opportunity to see, feel, and know how much Jesus loves them.

Through Operation Impact we want to see Christ made known in communities so that lives will be transformed and Christ will be worshiped. We are committed to:

- Connecting committed believers with their communities.
- Discipling children in a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Mobilizing young people to stand in the gap for the next generation.

Hold on, the adventure is about to begin!

However, before joining us on this mission, please take time to prayerfully review and go over the following items. This will allow you to be more prepared spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

Action: Get prepared spiritually

During your time here, you may face strong spiritual opposition, and it is essential that you come prepared for the battle.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12).

Pray. Pray that God would give you a teachable spirit and desire to grow spiritually. Pray for the children and other team members. Also, pray that God would bind and rebuke the enemy from attacking the children, our team, and our partnering churches this summer.

Renew your mind. Daily victory comes by memorizing and meditating on the Word of God. Ask God to confirm His direction for you to come here with verses from Scripture. Memorize these verses and pray them back to the Lord often.

Clear your conscience. Secret sin, and unconfessed wrongs, are two of the greatest hindrances to ministry. If you have wronged someone, make it a priority to go to that person and ask forgiveness. If there is secret sin in your life, bring it to the light and become accountable to your parents or another authority figure for victory.

Attitude: Ready and willing

Your mindset coming into this ministry will in many ways determine how much you learn and how much you grow personally. Ask God to help you develop the following heart attitudes:

Servant’s heart. During your time here, invest in the lives of those around you—whether with children at club or other members of the team. Be willing to lay down your own rights and expectations in order to meet the needs around you, without receiving any acknowledgement or reward in return. Ask God to give you a servant’s heart, and choose to prioritize the needs of others above your own desires.

Teachable spirit. Here at In The Gap you will develop both in your walk with the Lord and in practical skills. We offer tools and training to help you maximize your ministry, but it is up to you to apply the training you receive. Ask God to give you a teachable spirit and desire to learn and to grow.

Honor. Be respectful of others, their space, and their personal belongings. This includes the facilities we will be staying at. Work to keep your own items neat and clean. We will have many people staying in close proximity to each other.

Personal responsibility. This is key. There will be consistent lights out and curfew times. Your punctuality to all scheduled events will be necessary for things to flow smoothly.

Conduct

As a team, we represent Christ to the community. Whether we are at a park, apartment complex, church, Wal-Mart, or the In The Gap campus, our behavior, both individually and as a team, affects people's view of who God is in our lives.

Words. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). Words have the power either to tear down other members of the team or to build them up. Here at In The Gap it is vital that each of us guards our words and rejects communication that could in any way tear others down or break team unity. This includes slander, gossip, all forms of complaining, foolish talk, and inappropriate jokes.

Actions. While there are guidelines to help each other stay on track, you will also have choices to make that are not clearly dictated by a rule. In these situations, it will be up to you to make wise decisions based on your knowledge of the guidelines and the purposes behind them. Before making a decision ask yourself:

1. Will this show honor to the Lord and others?
2. Is this consistent with the character we teach?
3. Will this build others up?
4. Is this showing respect to/for others?
5. Is this wise?

If you are unsure about something, it is always best to ask.

Time. Some assignments here at In The Gap are clearly defined with scheduled allotments of time to complete them. Others are self-paced and require self-motivation and wise time management to accomplish them. While we will do everything in our power to help you succeed, making the most of your time here is a choice you make.

Conflict. Resolving conflict in a timely and biblical manner is key to maintaining team unity. When conflict arises, humbly go to that person directly to try resolving the situation. If you are unable to work things out alone, please talk to your R.A.

Chain of Command for Operation Impact:

Chad & Alissa Christiansen

Operation Impact Director – Lydia Kwon

Director of Student Engagement – Laura Beasley

ITG Staff

Resident Assistants (R.A.'s)

Team Leaders (Summer Staff)

Summer Interns

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

During your time here, these guidelines and regulations are to help you minimize distractions, provide accountability, and help you grow in your walk with the Lord.

Procedures While at Our ITG Facility:

Going outside. Please remain on the property at all times. We ask that you stay inside after dark except for going from one building to another for scheduled activities. When it is dark, always walk in groups of two or more.

Leaving the property. Please do not go off the property without your Team Leader or R.A. You will be going to scheduled events, your Bible Clubs and group activities, with them. Permission for all extra-curricular activities which require leaving the property must go through the Operation Impact Director. (Chad Christiansen)

Kitchen. The kitchen is off limits at all times, unless you have been given permission by the Kitchen Director.

3+ principle: Whenever you are with a mixed group in an area that is, or would come across as secluded, make sure that there are three or more people present. This applies to vehicles, rooms/buildings, and the outdoors.

RELATIONSHIPS

We are on a serious mission during Operation Impact. We love God honoring relationships! But during OI isn't the time to look for the love of your life ☺ Laser-clear-focus is *essential* for effective ministry at In The Gap this summer. Because of this, we require that relationships with team members of the opposite sex remain on a business level at all times. Light flirting, pairing off, or any form of relational pursuit is not allowed or tolerated during Operation Impact.

COMMUNICATION

Phones. Contact appropriate team members (ladies with ladies, guys with guys), and your family back home. (Each team will have a group chat for communication within the team) Please use your cell phone for these purposes only. For any special request outside of these parameters, please check with your RA.

Personal computers and tablets are not allowed.

If you have questions, contact Lydia Kwon at lkwon@inthegap.org. Do not bring either item unless you have been given permission by Lydia to do so.

MEDIA

It is our goal here at In The Gap to maintain a ministry mindset, be able to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ, and to eliminate possible distractions. For this reason, we ask that you set aside all media entertainment while you are here.

Music. Please leave behind any device that plays music. Also, please do not set songs as your ringtone or listen to music on your phone. See Phone Policies for more information.

Video games. Video games are not allowed. This includes games on your phone.

Movies. In order to help one another stay focused as a team, please refrain from quoting or talking about movies. This rarely builds others up and often thwarts productive conversation.

“Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”

Jim Elliot

HEALTH

During your time here, you will be exposed to a variety of germs and viruses. Please take the following precautions to help yourself stay well:

- Please bring Vitamin C, Emergen-C or Airborne (which are helpful supplements to prevent sickness).
- Wash your hands often! We can take preventative measures to keep from getting sick and from passing germs around.
- Please alert your Team Leader and R.A. right away when symptoms of sickness occur, even if the symptoms are mild.
- Please let us know if you have any special health needs or allergies. Contact us directly at summermissionaries@inthegap.org

Operation Impact 2023 // Guy & Girl Dress Code and List

Today's culture underestimates our youth, yet, the young people who rise above the norm make a strong impact. As young World Changers at Operation Impact we desire you to dress in a way that will cultivate respect for the message we bear, respect for yourself, respect for others, and will eliminate distractions.

At IN THE GAP we desire to honor the Lord in everything we say, do, and wear. Therefore, we work hard to have an environment that encourages a clean, modest, and sharp appearance that represents our purpose and mission and that also brings honor and glory to the Lord.

Modesty goes far deeper than clothes

Modesty is a spirit that does not draw attention to oneself, whether through clothes, words, or actions. It is important that you commit to demonstrate modesty, both inwardly and outwardly during your time of service with IN THE GAP.

As you read the following information and begin your shopping and packing, please embrace the concept that our Operation Impact dress code is an important aspect of our outreach. Even our casual attire can set a standard of excellence. As those around you see your neat and sharp appearance they will begin to recognize the importance of your message.

Operation Impact Dress Guidelines for Guys

Church Attire for Guys

This includes: dress slacks, dress shirt, dress socks and comfortable dress shoes. Colors may vary. Coats, sweaters and professional looking ties are optional. (The temperature is usually pretty hot in the summer) Shirts and slacks should be clean and pressed before leaving for church. For long sleeve shirts, please keep buttoned or rolled two turns to stay at mid arms-length (between your wrist and elbow). Short sleeve dress shirts are permitted. Please do not bring ties or shirts that sport cartoon or movie characters.

Bible Club and Training Attire for guys

- Please enjoy a variety of nice pants and shorts including slacks, corduroy, cargo pocket, khakis and jeans.
 - Sharp looking, naturally faded jeans, that do not look worn out are acceptable for Bible Club and training while jeans with excessive fading; strong contrast or bleached areas that draw attention, are not acceptable.
 - Pants and shorts should not have holes, or be too tight (avoid the skinny jean look).
 - To check for tightness, pinch the sides of your pants and make sure there is plenty of wiggle room.
 - To check shorts length, make an L with your thumb and index finger and place at the top of your knee when seated—shorts should be long enough to hit the thumb. (Athletic shorts and pants are not appropriate for these settings)
- During training you may enjoy casual shirts such as t-shirts or polos that do not sport cartoons or movie characters. Shirts should not be sleeveless, or too tight, undershirts do not qualify as a t-shirt.
- You will be provided with three Operation Impact T-shirts to wear while teaching the clubs.
- Because we desire to strive for excellence in all we do and wear, please avoid clothing with holes or that are too tight or worn too low.
- Comfortable shoes and sandals are recommended, sneakers and Docker type shoes are acceptable. Ankle socks should be worn when wearing shorts. Do not wear socks with sandals.

- Shoes must be worn at all times when you are indoors with the exception of your room and the guys dorm hall. We recommend, but do not require, shoes to be worn in the gym.

Sports Clothes for Guys (evenings)

- T-shirts or polos that do not sport cartoons or movie characters. Shirts should not be sleeveless, or too tight, undershirts do not qualify as a t-shirt.
- Appropriate pants for the evenings include sports pants, jeans and shorts.
 - Sharp looking, naturally faded jeans are acceptable while jeans with excessive fading; strong contrast or bleached areas that draw attention, are not acceptable.
 - Pants should not have holes, or be too tight (avoid the skinny jean look).
 - To check for tightness, pinch the sides of your pants and make sure there is plenty of wiggle room.
 - To check shorts length, make an L with your thumb and index finger and place at the top of your knee when seated—shorts should be long enough to hit the thumb.
 - **Sweatpants** are not permitted during sports. Sweatpants are acceptable only in your room.

Hair Tips:

Please keep hair neat and trim, sideburns at short to mid-length, and face clean-shaven. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Oliverio at soliverio@inthegap.org. In your overall casual dress please use common sense and avoid anything that would offend or draw attention to your body rather than your countenance.

Please read the details of the dress code carefully and thoroughly before you pack for Operation Impact. In the occasion that a staff member must ask you to change, please do not wear that item again for the duration of your stay at In The Gap. Feel free to contact us if you have questions at summermissionaries@inthegap.org, or call (405)748-0712.

Operation Impact Dress Guidelines for Ladies

Church Attire for Ladies

Business dress is required for church. The attire is skirts, blouses, or dresses (colors may vary,) dress shoes or sandals (no flip flops). Clothes should be clean and pressed before leaving for church.

- **Skirts/dresses** should have a hemline that completely covers the knee when standing & sitting (No slits are allowed). Please wear skirts that do not tightly conform to your figure. Wear a slip if necessary.
- **Blouses/Shirts:** Please enjoy a variety of fabrics that are not sheer, clingy, low, or too casual (i.e. no denim, torn, frayed). Because we are striving for excellence we do not allow cleavage, midriff, or under garments to be visible. Please do not wear blouses or dresses that tightly conform to your figure. Spaghetti strap and sleeveless blouses or dresses are not suitable for any occasion at In The Gap.
 - Blouses should have sleeves that cover the whole shoulder or are covered by a non-transparent sweater, jacket, or blazer that remains on at all times.
- Please wear coordinating toe socks or hose (without designs) with your dress shoes.
- No pants, capris or shorts are allowed for church attire.

Bible Club & Training Attire for Ladies

- **Skirts** should have a hemline that completely covers the knee when standing & sitting (No slits are allowed). Please wear skirts that do not tightly conform to your figure and a slip if necessary.
- **Pants, and capris.** Please avoid the legging, skinny jean look. Clothing should not have holes, be sheer, tight, faded/bleached or worn too low. If layering, the top layer must comply with guidelines. To check for tightness, pinch the sides of your pants and make sure there's some wiggle room. (Shorts and athletic pants are not acceptable for Bible Club or Training)
 - **Teaching Recommendation:** We strongly encourage solid colored leggings to be worn underneath skirts of all lengths when teaching Bible Club - expect lots of movement!
- **Shirts for training:** You may dress tastefully in fabrics that are not sheer, clingy, or too low. We require blouses to have sleeves that cover the whole shoulder unless worn under a non-transparent sweater or jacket that remains on at all times. Please do not wear shirts that are faded or torn. Shirts should not sport cartoons or movie characters.
- You will be provided with three Operation Impact T-shirts to wear while teaching the clubs.
- **Shoes:** Please bring shoes and sandals (including flip flops) that are comfortable and in good condition. Keep in mind that you will be on your feet all day. Shoes and sandals should be appropriate for walking and activities with the children.
 - **Teaching Recommendation:** We recommend that your hair be up or pulled back when teaching (it is windy in OKC!).

Sports Clothes for Ladies (Evenings)

Feel free to dress comfortably and casually as you follow these guidelines:

- **Shirts:** You may enjoy more casual shirts such as t-shirts that do not sport cartoons or movie characters. (Casual shirts must comply with all modesty guidelines mentioned above.)

- **Shoes** must remain on at all times indoors with the exception of Ladies Hall and your room. We recommend, but do not require, shoes to be worn in the gym.
- **Skirt or dress:** If you choose to wear a skirt during sports it must comply with the length guidelines mentioned above and be accompanied by capri or ankle-length leggings.
- **Pants, Capris, and Shorts:** Please ensure that your pants, and capris comply with the guidelines mentioned above (See Bible Club and Training Attire for Ladies). To check shorts length, make an L with thumb and index finger and place at the top of knee when seated. Shorts should be long enough to hit the thumb. To check for tightness, pinch the sides of your pants, capris, or shorts and make sure there's some wiggle room.
 - **Sweatpants** are not permitted during sports. Sweatpants are acceptable only in your room.

In your overall dress make sure to use common sense. Avoid anything possibly offensive, or that draws attention to your body instead of your countenance.

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General Packing Tips:

- We recommend bringing shower shoes to Operation Impact. (Ladies only)
- Laundry facilities are available **once a week**.

PACKING LIST

You Are Required to Bring Your Own Bedding and Towel:

- Sheets or sleeping bag (Twin size)
- Blanket
- Pillow
- Towel and washcloth

Clothing:

- Church Attire for 2 Sundays
- Bible Club/Training attire for 2 weeks
- Sports attire
- Dress shoes
- Athletic/comfortable shoes
- Ankle socks

- Light jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
- Blazer/suit jacket for guys (if desired)

Toiletries:

- Shampoo, conditioner
- Soap, and other hygiene items
- Laundry soap (must be high-efficiency)

Health: These items are essential

- Water bottle (2 is a good idea)
- Hand sanitizer
- Sunscreen (you will need it!)
- Bottle of vitamin C - 1000 mg dosage is recommended
- Snacks

Other Items to Bring:

- Bible
- Operation Impact Guidelines (so you become familiar with the guidelines before you come)
- Phone

*(Phones are now mandatory in order for team members to receive special announcements, schedule changes, and to help coordinate teams in the community.

A prepaid phone with texting/minutes is a great option if you need a temporary phone)

- Notebook
- Pens, pencils, highlighters
- Backpack or book bag
- An instrument (if you play one and would like to bring it)
- Watch and/or alarm clock (optional)
- Money for store runs and snacks

Please DO NOT Bring:

- iPods/music devices, books, movies, or any form of media

We can't wait to see you!!! Happy packing!!!