Children's Ministry Volunteer Commitment

You have chosen to be involved in a crucial and valuable ministry. The ministry to children impacts the lives of children at a vital time in their development. It is so important for children to have a positive, Christian influence in their lives – someone they can trust and depend on to be there for them. But the impact you will make will be so much more significant than just being a positive role model. By sharing yourself and the Gospel, God will use you to actually effect their eternity! Thank you for your willingness to make a difference.

The following guidelines apply to any area of Children's Ministry. Where necessary, we have separated the guidelines for our Reading Buddies Ministry.

- Never be alone with a child in a private setting
- While touch is an important means of expressing compassion, we must always be cautious to make appropriate contact – side hugs are the best method.
- Be on time, consistent and faithful. If the child is to form a trusting relationship with you, you must do what you say you will do.
- Be prepared for the assignment at hand.
- You are encouraged to support the children in areas outside the ministry as well – ie. school programs, etc.
- If, at any time, a child shares something with you that indicates there is neglect or abuse in the home, you have an obligation to report that information to the person in charge.

Reading Buddies

Please follow the established guidelines.

- Sign in and out at the office at your assigned time.
- Meet with the child twice per month for 45 minutes each time as assigned.
- If you cannot make your time, call the school and let them know.
- Your student will be in the computer lab – you will meet them there.
- Let your student read to you.
- Guide them with whatever assignments they have.
- Feel free to ask them about family and personal lives.
- If the opportunity arises, you may pray with the child and share as God leads but never manipulate.

I agree to these guidelines and commit to follow them.

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Printed Name   *Signature*   *Date*