

LEAD MBJH 2023

The LEAD MBJH conference is an opportunity for the Spartan Council to facilitate the development of 8th and 9th grade student leaders at MBJH. It is an intensive experience focusing on positive self-image, decision making, and leadership development. Students will work with a team of fellow students and Spartan Council members in the weeks leading up to the LEAD weekend. Led by an experienced, enthusiastic speaker, students participate in large and small group activities for two and one-half days.

This year LEAD MBJH will be held April 20th, 21st, and 22nd at Camp Mac in Munford, Alabama. This will be our first time there and we are super excited!

LEAD MBJH applications are due to Mr. Kennedy in the office by 3:15 PM on Tuesday, February 14th. The drawing will be held on February 15th after school in the lunchroom. Teams will be assigned during a morning meeting at 7:15 on Thursday, April 6th.

There is a mandatory team meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 19th, this 3-5 hour meeting will be held sometime between 1:00 and 8:00 p.m. (team captains will decide the time frame to meet while meeting with their teams for the first time on Thursday, March 16th). IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE SUNDAY MARCH 19th MEETING, DO NOT SUBMIT AN APPLICATION.

Because of the limited # of spaces and the large # of students interested in the LEAD MBJH conference, we will hold a drawing in the MBJH lunchroom on Wednesday, February 15th to determine who attends the conference. You DO NOT have to be present at the drawing, but all are welcome. Mr. Kennedy will draw names to determine attendees as well as alternates. The 23 Spartan Council members host the conference. The available remaining slots will be split between 8th graders and 9th graders. **All 8th and 9th graders can apply but those who have not attended LEAD in the past will be considered first.**

Once selected on February 15th, students will have until Tuesday, February 22nd at 3:15 PM to submit payment (\$380.00 --checks payable to MBJH; students will receive instructions after the drawing) and all paperwork to Mr. Kennedy in the front office. Failure to meet this deadline will result in forfeiture of your spot on the trip. The next student on that grade level's list (and gender) will then be invited to attend. Your payment represents a serious commitment to attend the conference, and **only \$300.00 will be refunded if your name is drawn and you drop out for any reason, including failure to meet the requirements for the trip (grades, etc.). No refunds will be given after the cut-off date of April 1st.**

This cost (\$380.00 provides transportation, lodging, conference facilitation by Camp Mac staff, all meals while at the conference, honorarium for national speaker, T-shirt, and conference supplies.)

Sign up to join the fun! Return the form (fill out the information on the back) by Tuesday, February 14th at 3:15 PM.

SEE THE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR THE APPLICATION. LEAD 2023 APPLICATION

We, the parents of (PRINT NAME) _____, understand that submitting an application for the Lead MBJH conference represents a commitment to attend. **If my child is selected to attend, he or she must submit his or her payment of \$300 (checks made out to MBJH) by Tuesday, February 22nd. PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT UNTIL AFTER THE DRAWING ON February 15th.** I understand that my child **must also attend a mandatory meeting** for students on Sunday, March 19th, from 1:00–8:00 at a student team leader’s home. *This mandatory 3-5 hour team meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 19th will be held sometime between 1:00 and 8:00 (Team captains will decide the time frame to meet while meeting with their teams for the first time on Thursday, March 16th. IF YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND THIS SUNDAY MEETING, PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HIM OR HER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION; THIS MEETING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF EACH TEAM, AND ATTENDANCE IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED.)* We also understand that if our child withdraws after the drawing for any reason, our refund will be \$300.00 if the refund is requested before April 1st. No refunds will be given after the cut-off date of April 1st.

Requirement: Any student making a “D” or “F” at the semester or the end of the 3rd nine week period is not eligible to attend LEAD MBJH. Grades will be checked after the drawing. IF YOU MADE A “D” OR AN “F” AT THE SEMESTER, DO NOT APPLY. If you are not qualified and submit an application and are subsequently selected for attendance, you will not be allowed to attend and will only be refunded \$300.00 if payment has already been made.

Your signature confirms that you have read the LEAD requirements and agree to attend all required meetings.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

----- (to be detached later by The Spartan Council) -----

PRINT STUDENT’S NAME _____ (circle) 8th Boy 8th Girl 9th Boy 9th Girl Circle

your T-shirt size (adult sizes only): S M L XL