

## **SECTION 1: Purpose of the Wheat Team (WT)**

This is for your review **and** will also be communicated at the first WT meeting.

The WT is a symbol of the heart of the TEC weekend experience! The mission of Jesus Christ was three-fold: to reveal to us the Father, to serve in Love, and to build a Community of sisters and brothers in Him. As Christ was called, He revealed to us that we are **also** called to know the Father, to serve in Love, and to build a Community of believing brothers and sisters.

Therefore, the purpose of the WT is to provide a constant support of **Prayer, Service, and Community** beginning now, in the upcoming weeks, and throughout the TEC weekend.

The members of the WT are called upon to live out the meaning of "wheat" throughout the weekend and, through their examples, invite other teens and adults to join them in prayer, service, and in attending to the needs of the community with love.

The primary responsibilities of the WT are:

1. Prayer
2. Sacrifice
3. Unassuming and Generous Service
4. Chapel Coverage: Being a prayer partner in the Chapel for PT speakers
5. Set-up and Clean-up for Para-Liturgies, Mass, the Conference Room and Banquet
6. Set-up and Clean-up of Chapels and other services/areas when needed
7. Preparing the Theme Banner for the weekend
8. Making Prayer Tokens
  - including Wheat Letters, Bags, Pillow Gifts, Wheat Chains and Conference Room goodies
9. Participation in The Passion (Sat PM), Resurrection Prayer Service (Sun AM), Hoot Mass Choir and reading of the Mass Petitions (Sun PM)
10. General cleaning of bathrooms, kitchen, Conference Room, etc. – WHEAT!

The Wheat Team **DOES NOT** leave Monday evening until everything is clean and the building is in order!

Jesus' mission was to reveal the Father to us, serve in love, and build a community of believers in Him. Regardless of our age, vocation, gifts, and talents, just as Jesus was called, we are also called to follow this mission - **Jesus' mission**. We are **all** called, not by our TEC peers or fellow leaders, but truly **by God** to be on this WT.

You have committed yourself to serve on this team and are called to be an example of the true meaning of "Wheat" throughout this time. Not just here at TEC, but at home, at school and at work. You are expected to be living up to the basic obligations of your community of faith.

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You, as a WT, strengthen the impact of TEC. You, as a WT, are a symbol of the heart of TEC. The heart pumps life-giving blood throughout the body; it is necessary for life. The WT pumps life into TEC, into the PT during their meetings, into the candidates on the weekend, and into the community gathered at the Hoot.

The heart is a symbol of love. Love is not a noun; it is a verb. It is something that you **do**. Love is an action. It is a love that is the result of your decisions. It is your choice. It is not a love you "fall into". It is a love, that by its nature, **is action**, is life – and it lifts others up.

It is a love that makes you and those around you, better.

The WT meets five (5) times prior to the weekend. Your primary responsibilities are:

1. Prayer - find yourself in prayer, on your own and together with your team
2. Sacrifice - do wheat, with love, and offer it up. If you haven't started your "wheat" yet — start right now.
  - *Does the leadership team want to do some form of wheat together? (i.e., attend a daily Mass, Adoration, all pray a certain prayer at a certain time)*
3. Unassuming and Generous Service – Instill in your team an attitude of service, gratitude, and unselfishness.
4. Obedience - to your commitment. **Your attendance is required for the entire TEC weekend and preferably for ALL meetings.** If it is absolutely necessary to miss one of the *meetings*, discuss this with your fellow leaders.
5. Trust - Do **not** place limits on God and the Holy Spirit working on this team. We don't yet know what all God has in store for it! So, try not to compare. Each TEC weekend is a unique experience.
6. Lead – guide the team in what needs to be done on the weekend; tasks, decorating, prioritizing, growing in their faith

The purpose of the WT is to provide a constant support of Prayer, Service and Community for the PT and Candidates throughout the TEC weekend. By following these guidelines, and relying on God's intervention, this will happen!

You have chosen to say "**YES**" to God's call to lead this WT. This experience will offer you many opportunities to Pray, Serve, Love, and Build Community. But it especially gives you a front-row seat to witness, and be part of, a working Christian community – what it can and should be. It will take teamwork and communication, and it will be amazing!