



The mission of *LIFECYCLES* is to build young men of character in a Christ-centered bicycle touring adventure experience.

VOLUNTEER / DIRECTOR AGREEMENT

LIFECYCLES is grateful for your willingness to share your time, abilities, and interest in helping boys find their futures through the empowering and exciting experience of bicycle touring. As a volunteer in this faith-based organization, you do not need to sign this ministry’s statement of faith; if you don’t agree with the *LIFECYCLES* statement of faith, I ask only that you refrain from speaking against it as you interact with the teens. Your riding, supervision, and support of the teens is a gift, and we appreciate your commitment to them. Below, you’ll find a series of statements requesting your agreement, as well as a series of statements reflecting my commitment as Director.

Responsibilities of Volunteers

- Bring a positive and encouraging approach to engaging *LIFECYCLES* teens. They have too much negativity in their lives already.
- Bring an attitude of kindness toward *LIFECYCLES* teens. They already face too much harshness.
- Bring an attitude of optimism to build their dreams.
- Bring a love for the outdoors and bicycling that can translate to a life of recreation and fitness for *LIFECYCLES* teens.
- Model and enforce safe riding practices.
- Reinforce the values of respect, dignity, and teamwork.
- Be prepared to listen much more than lecturing. *LIFECYCLES* teens get “talked at” enough already.
- Be prepared to use each *LIFECYCLES* experience to create a safe space for teens to explore, grow, talk, and become the person they were created to be.
- Exercise patience and take the long view. Building trust can take time and many contact experiences.

LIFECYCLES Director’s commitment to leaders

- Clearly communicate the *LIFECYCLES* vision, mission, and expectations.
- Provide training on the challenging dynamics facing teens in urban and other environments.
- Promote team unity, leadership development, and spiritual growth.
- Provide quality, reliable equipment for teens.
- Research, find, and plan scenic, enjoyable rides that promote growth and appeal to both teens and volunteer riders.
- Pray for all teens, volunteers, mentors, and members of the Board of Directors.

I, _____ agree with the vision, mission, and philosophy of the *LIFECYCLES* ministry, and I look forward to committing my time to the teens and other volunteers.

Douglas Connor
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Director