

# Hoops of Hope Basketball Ministry

## Application for Ministry

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HEIGHT & WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

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VOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ MARITAL STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S # \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TYPE ANSWERS ON A SEPARATE PAGE

1. Why do you want to serve with Hoops of Hope?
2. How did you come to know the Lord?
3. What church or fellowship are you involved in? How long?
4. What are your strengths? Weaknesses?
5. Do you have any known habit or sin that would keep you from serving the Lord to the fullest? (i.e. sexual sin, pride, smoking or drinking, among others)
6. What do you hope to gain by serving with Hoops of Hope?
7. List three events/accomplishments in you life that you have found fulfilling. Exclude commitment to Christ, marriage, having children, graduating from college.
8. Please give three references (address, email and phone number), including at least one pastor or full-time Christian worker.

This is for Ministry Applicants who will be working with children, physically or mentally challenged or elderly, only. **Because of our concern for safety, everyone involved in ministry in the above categories must have a background check. Are you willing to submit to a background check provided by HOH?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH A RESUME TO HOOPS OF HOPE.

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# HOOPS OF HOPE

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that there is one living God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all and governs all.

We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, fully inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

We believe in God the Father an infinite, personal Spirit perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; and that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings; His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into Heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal, visible return to earth.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, Who came fourth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for the ministry all who believe in Christ; we believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher and Guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all the biblical gifts of the Spirit.

We believe that all people are sinners by the nature and choice and, therefore are under condemnation; that God regenerates by the Holy Spirit, those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: 1) Baptism and 2) The Lord's Supper. We believe in Baptism by immersion and Communion open to all believers.

We believe in the personal, visible return of Christ to the earth and the establishment of His kingdom, in the resurrection of the body and the final judgment.

Having read the Statement of Faith, I agree with it in all points; and if accepted by Hoops of Hope, I will seek to serve the Lord with gladness, commit to raise all support needed and submit to the authority of the leaders of Hoops of Hope.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Volunteer Ministry Candidate,

We are glad you are interested in serving in sports ministry. At Hoops of Hope we take every ministry seriously. Whether serving as an event sponsor, prison team player, or camp coach, volunteers at Hoops of Hope are serving the Living and True God.

In Acts chapter six, seven spiritual men were chosen to accomplish a very spiritual task -- waiting on tables. The majority of ministry at HOH happens because men and women employ their God-given gifts to serve others. At Hoops of Hope, we have over 25 volunteers who share a deep love for Christ and for His mission. As you consider this position, we hope you will see the position with the eternal lens through which God our Father sees.

At HOH it is our sincere desire to place you in a ministry that will employ your gifts and strengths as you grow in Christ, while at the same time advancing the ministry of HOH in a significant way for God's kingdom. In order for us to ensure a win/win match, every volunteer ministry candidate goes through a screening process.

As I mentioned, included in this packet are; application, qualifications, purpose, key objectives and a specific ministry description for the ministry of your interest. As you read through this packet, please pray that God will show both you and HOH God's will regarding your involvement in this position. If after reading you feel you should take the next step, then fill out the application and return it. We will contact you after reviewing the application for a personal interview. Please note that filling out the application does not imply any commitment on your behalf or on behalf of HOH.

If you have any questions, please call us at 719-210-3489 or 719-243-3735.

In Christ,

Kevin Boaz Director of Camps and Missions

# Purpose Statement

Hoops of Hope is a Christian ministry dedicated to using the sport of Basketball in creative ways in order to bring people into the kingdom of God.

## Key Objectives

- To reach children and teens with the gospel of Jesus Christ through camps, clinics, and ball-handling exhibitions.
- To minister to the spiritual needs of prison inmates through competition and evangelism.
- To work with churches as partners in ministry to provide their community with outreach opportunities.
- To team up with churches, missions, and missionaries to reach people around the world through the sport of basketball.

# Hoops of Hope

## Qualifications

### *Commitment to Christ*

Spiritual development is at the core of the philosophy of Hoops of Hope. Therefore, a volunteer must have a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

### *Commitment to the Local Church*

A volunteer must be a part of a body of believers that can provide support and encouragement. Involvement with Hoops of Hope volunteer network may provide spiritual growth and fellowship, but in no way should participation with HOH be seen as a substitute for commitment to a local church.

### *Commitment to Hoops of Hope*

A volunteer must subscribe to the purpose, and key objectives of HOH. A volunteer must agree with the statement of faith.

### *Commitment to work with others from different Christian traditions*

Hoops of Hope draws its support from people in many different Churches. Therefore, a volunteer must be able to work with Christians from different denominations.

### *Commitment to a balanced Christian lifestyle*

A volunteer must be committed to a balanced Christian life-style that includes: maturity, emotional stability, healthy interpersonal relationships, financial responsibility and a stable living situation.

### *Commitment to teamwork*

A volunteer must work to build the team in the unity of Christ and make the whole organization successful. Also, you must have a problem solving and cooperative attitude.

### *Commitment to cooperate with HOH supervision*

A volunteer must be willing to cooperate with the direct supervisor in your ministry area.

### *Commitment and ability to perform responsibilities*

A volunteer must meet any specialized qualifications particular to a specific ministry position. (See the special ministry responsibilities)

# Hoops of Hope

## Ministry Description

Title: Prison Ministry Team Player

Responsible to: Hoops of Hope Director and Director of Missions

Relates Closely with: Other Team members

Purpose: To partner with other teammates in providing a positive, team oriented environment for the team and our opponents so that HOH can better carry out its mission.

Responsibilities/ Qualifications:

- Is a consistent witness for Christ. Prays regularly for other team members, for HOH, its leaders and its ministry.
- Communicates with Directors in a timely manner to inform them if he can or cannot attend an event or game
- Posses the skills necessary to compete and play basketball at appropriate level
- Comes to game prepared to play whether it is 10 minutes or 48 minutes. Accept your role. Must have a *Missionary 1<sup>st</sup> and player 2<sup>nd</sup> mentality.*
- Prepare yourself physically for the season.
- Is available for at least half our games from December- March
- Clears Prison's Background Check
- Attend practices before the season begins.
- Raise 10 prayer supports and \$100 in support
- Attend two training sessions before the season begins. (Tapes available if you miss)

Options:

- Assists in coaching at camps and clinics.
- Participates in overseas mission with team.

Time Commitment: Approximately 3-6 hours per week during season

Length of Commitment: One year renewable by mutual agreement

# Hoops of Hope

## Ministry Description

Title: Overseas Team Player

Responsible to: Hoops of Hope Director and Director of Missions

Relates Closely with: Other Team members

Purpose: To partner with other teammates in providing a positive, team oriented environment for the team and our opponents so that HOH can better carry out its mission.

Responsibilities:

- Is a consistent witness for Christ. Prays regularly for other team members, for HOH, its leaders and its ministry.
- Posses the skills necessary to compete and play basketball at appropriate level
- Raise needed financial and prayer support
- Attends training sessions and practices before the trip
- Participates in various ministry activities during the trip
- Obtains passport, visas, shots, and other items necessary pertaining to host country
- Participate in various fundraising events such as 3 on 3 tournaments.
- Accept given role on a team and realize you are missionary 1<sup>st</sup> and player 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Time Commitment: Approximately 10-14 days

Length of Commitment: One trip renewable by mutual agreement

Training:

- Training sessions on culture and special needs of the host country
- Team practices

# Hoops of Hope

## Ministry Description

Title: Basketball Camp Coach

Responsible to: Hoops of Hope Director and Director of Camps

Relates Closely with: Other Team members, parents, camp host, and campers

Purpose: To partner with other coaches in providing a positive, learning oriented environment for the campers so that HOH can better carry out its mission.

Responsibilities:

- Is a consistent witness for Christ. Prays regularly for other team members, for HOH, its leaders and its ministry to teens.
- Communicates with Directors in a timely manner to inform them if he can or cannot attend all times of the camp.
- Teach drills and skills relating to the fundamentals of basketball
- Set up all equipment prior to each day of camp
- Participate in various fundraising events such as 3 on 3 tournaments.

Time Commitment: Approximately 1 day to 5 days depending on the event

Length of Commitment: One year renewable by mutual agreement (90 day placement review)

Training:

- Brief training on Camp organization and discipline

# Hoops of Hope

## Ministry Description

Title: Summer Intern

Responsible to: Hoops of Hope Director and Director of Camps

Relates Closely with: Other Team members, parents, camp host, and campers

Purpose: To partner with other coaches in providing a positive, learning oriented environment for the campers so that HOH can better carry out its mission.

Responsibilities:

- Is a consistent witness for Christ. Prays regularly for other team members, for HOH, its leaders and its ministry.
- Teach drills and skills relating to the fundamentals of basketball
- Set up all equipment prior to each day of camp
- Perform various other duties involved in the operations of HOH as assigned by Directors
- Raise prayer and financial support for the entire summer
- Participate in various fund-raising events such as 3 on 3 tournaments

Time Commitment: Approximately 5 days to 3 months depending on the event

# Hoops of Hope

## Ministry Description

Title: Administrative Assistant Short Term Missions Trip

Responsible to: Hoops of Hope Director and Director of Camps

Relates Closely with: Other Team members, deals with hosts and contact missionaries

Purpose: To use administrative skills in a way that will enable the team to function more efficiently therefore aiding in the spread of the Gospel

Responsibilities:

- Is a consistent witness for Christ. Prays regularly for other team members, for HOH, its leaders and its ministry to teens.
- Handle team funds during the trip, communicate schedule changes, and other details.
- Work closely with host to organize meetings, housing, transportation, and team events.
- Organize morning devotionals
- Keep statistics on attendance at events, responses, and help with game-time stats.
- Aide Directors in other task as assigned.

Time Commitment: Approximately 7-10 days depending on the trip.

# Hoops of Hope

## Ministry Description

Title: Board of Advisors Member

Responsible to: Hoops of Hope Director

Relates Closely with: HOH staff and other board members

Purpose: To share knowledge and advise HOH in future planning and financial matters by using God given spiritual and occupational gifts which will enable HOH to more effectively present the Gospel.

Responsibilities:

- Is a consistent witness for Christ. Prays regularly for other team members, for HOH, its leaders and its ministry.
- Attend the two board meetings each year in November/October and April/May
- Work closely with other board members to advise and give direction to HOH.
- Commit to staying informed on HOH activities through out the year.
  - Attend at least one ministry event per year.

Time Commitment: Commit to two-year term that is renewable by mutual agreement.

July 14, 2005

Dear Board of Advisors Candidate,

Hoops of Hope (HOH) is entering an exciting new phase of growth and direction and we desire for you to be an integral part of our organization. We have been prayerfully selecting people to join our board of advisors. These people each have areas of expertise that will enable them to give valuable direction to our ministry. These people are also of excellent character and mature spiritually. Please take the time to read this letter and attached application and then prayerfully consider joining our team.

In Acts chapter six, seven spiritual men were chosen to accomplish a very spiritual task -- waiting on tables. The majority of ministry at HOH happens because men and women employ their God-given gifts to serve others. At Hoops of Hope, we have over 25 volunteers who share a deep love for Christ and for His mission. As you consider this position, we hope you will see the position with the eternal lens through which God our Father sees.

At HOH it is our sincere desire to involve each board member in a ministry that will employ their gifts and strengths as they grow in Christ, while at the same time advancing the ministry of HOH in a significant way for God's kingdom. In order for us to ensure a win/win match, every volunteer ministry candidate must go through a screening and selection process.

The goal of creating this board is to enable HOH to operate more effectively in the present and to build for a stronger future. This board will play a key role in the growth of our organization and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that God calls us to use sound business principals and practices as well as following a Biblical model of powerful and effective leadership. Our desire is to build our organization upon the Rock and not on sand so that it will be around for a long time.

As I mentioned, included in this packet are: application, qualifications, purpose, key objectives and a specific ministry description for the board of advisors. As you read through this packet, please pray that God will show both you and HOH God's will regarding your involvement in this position. If after reading you feel you should take the next step, then fill out the application and return it. We will

contact you after reviewing the application for a final commitment. We are tentatively planning on having our initial meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Please note that filling out the application does not imply any commitment on your behalf or on behalf of HOH.

If you have any questions, please call us at 719-210-3489 or 719-243-3735.

In Christ,

Kevin Boaz Director of Camps and Missions

Brent Fuqua Director of Hoops of Hope