**Why is My Role Important?**

You are the spiritual shepherd of your students. Without you, Lifeline loses the relational connection to what we value and teach. You are a critical piece of our mission.

**What is Expected of Me?**

**Lifeline Community**

* Set a good example
	+ Lifestyle: Your students will listen to your life much more than your words
	+ Dress: Please dress modestly
	+ Attitude
		- Defend Lifeline publically and raise your concerns about Lifeline privately
* Maintain healthy boundaries
	+ As a leader in Lifeline, never be alone with a student of the opposite gender. This includes driving to and from events or one-on-one meetings
	+ If you plan to meet alone (including driving) a student of the same gender, always ask permission from parents.
	+ Be wise in your usage of social media and how your posts may influence your students or reflect on the Lifeline community. For example, please don’t post pictures with alcohol in them.
* Attendance
	+ Leader meeting is a must. Please be on time.
	+ Plan to attend the Leader Retreat
	+ Plan to attend Snow Camp
	+ Plan to attend one mission trip with your students during your Lifeline experience

**Environments**

 **Leader Meeting** (please arrive on time!)

 **Large Group**

* Sit with and control your small group
* Set a good example (don’t use your phone, leave the room during worship/teaching)
* You are responsible for what you see

**House**

* Jump in and help with the program (run the game, help w/ check-in, greet students, etc)
* Represent LL well to the host family and parents
* Stay until all of your students leave
* Attend at least one of your house’s service projects

**Small Group**

* Create a plan for each week by interacting with Lifeline emails/resources
* Take charge of your group. You are not a member. You are the leader.
* Guide the discussion rather than preach at your students
* Confront/discipline your students when they are disruptive
* Draw each of your students into the conversation

**Shepherding Your Students**

* Here are our expectations:
	+ Pray for your students every week
	+ Every week, send a quick reminder to each of your students inviting them to Lifeline.
	+ Connect with each student once a week outside of LL programming (social media/texting)
	+ 1 one-on-one meeting with each student during the Lifeline season.
	+ Identify the extracurricular involvements of your students and plan to attend one during the year
	+ Plan one small group activity per semester
		- Suggestions: attend a student’s musical or sporting event together/do an overnighter at a student’s house

**Interacting with Parents**

* Attend the leader/parent brunch in the fall
* Introduce yourself to the parents of your students in September
* Communicate with parents about special events/small group activities
* Find ways to encourage the parents (notes, emails, phone calls, etc.)