

SEACOAST VINEYARD CHURCH

WORSHIP BAND GUIDELINES

Welcome and thank you for desiring to be a part of the worship ministry here at Seacoast Vineyard Church. Worship is our highest priority in the Vineyard movement. It is an end in itself - it isn't merely "preparation for the message" (although it does help prepare our hearts to receive God's word). We want to help create an atmosphere where people can connect with God in an intimate way. What an honor! We trust that the Lord will bless you richly as you give your heart, time and energy in this area of service.

Statement of Purpose: The worship team exists to help facilitate worship "in spirit and truth" as written in John 4:23-24. This can happen in a variety of ways, from songs of jubilant praise to instrumental passages and quiet songs of intimacy. Our only goal is to worship God - anything else that might happen in a given meeting (His presence, joy, salvation, healing, deliverance, and other manifestations of His power) are by-products of that worship. We want to be genuine and try to foster an atmosphere of freedom, avoiding any behavior that would manipulate the people into any false sense of worship (cheerleading, scolding, etc). We want to do these things, however, in a spirit of excellence, offering to God the very best of our gifting and ability.

Band Membership Requirements:

- 1) Attend the New Beginnings class / join the church
- 2) Be an active church member for at least 3 months
- 3) Being a part of a Seacoast Vineyard small group is strongly encouraged
- 4) Audition (see below)
- 5) Be willing to put forth the necessary time/effort to learn the music
- 6) Attend rehearsals when you're on the schedule
- 7) You must be teachable, willing and able to work with team members and submitted to the worship leader(s). Be willing to receive constructive criticism & suggestions.

The worship pastor reserves the right to invite guest musicians/vocalists to sit in with the band.

Auditions:

Potential band members must go through a simple auditioning process, perhaps including a short interview & musical tryout.

Dress code:

The Seacoast Vineyard is a "come as you are" church. However, as an "up front" ministry, the way we dress can send a message to the rest of the church. For that reason, here are the rules for clothing:

Men: No exposing of underwear. For T-shirts, no political or socially radical expressions, or offensive words or graphics. No shorts or flip-flops.

Women: No exposing of underwear. No bare shoulders, tank tops, low cut or tight tops. No bare midriffs, short skirts, tight jeans, shorts or flip-flops.

Remember, we want to help the people focus on Jesus, not those who are onstage.

Worship Team Member Rules:

- 1) Make every effort to be on time - consistent tardiness tells me this isn't a priority
- 2) No shows are unacceptable - 2 no shows means you are suspended from the team
- 3) You must be teachable, willing and able to work with team members and submitted to the worship leader(s). Be willing to receive constructive criticism & suggestions.
- 4) Your attitudes & facial expressions are important, both onstage and off. Don't wear a fake smile, but be careful not to look like you hate being up there!
- 5) Make every effort to attend group functions (training sessions, parties, retreats, etc.)
- 6) If you are unable to make a scheduled rehearsal or Sunday service, please contact the main worship leader of that week. Not doing so will constitute a no show.
- 7) Please, please feel free to contact the worship pastor with your questions and/or concerns!
- 8) Lastly, and most importantly, HAVE FUN and enjoy yourself!

I have read and accept these Worship Team Guidelines, and commit to abide by them to the best of my ability.

Print Name _____

Signed _____

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