



Super Summer is a Leadership, Evangelism, Apologetics, and Discipleship (LEAD) training conference sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is overseen by the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Department. Students that have completed the eighth grade, met the basic requirements, and are selected by their church may attend. The goal of **Super Summer** is two-fold: to provide qualitative spiritual growth, and to help develop youth leadership in Mississippi Baptist Churches and communities.

The process used by **Super Summer** is that of screening participating students and a progressive learning system that ensures students are growing deeper and being challenged each year that they attend.

Super Summer is *not* for everyone. It is designed for students who personally have a desire to grow spiritually. Students come to **Super Summer** knowing that they will be challenged not only to grow, but to actively share their faith with others.

Who Plans Super Summer?

Super Summer is planned and coordinated by a 14-16 member team of Student Ministers who serve on the Planning Team for a 3 year period. This team has members rotating on and off each year. Members are appointed by the Student Ministry Consultant of the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

SCHOOLS – **Super Summer** students are divided into schools (referred to by colors) based on the number of years they have attended and their age (ages for the individual schools sometimes change depending on registration numbers for that particular year). Students spend the majority of their time in these schools. Schools are led by our Servant Staff which consists of student ministers and other church leaders as selected by our Super Summer Planning Team. The heart of Super Summer is what happens in the family groups within each school. Family groups are led by our Team Leaders who are college students or young adults who apply and have been selected to serve. Our Servant Staff and Team Leaders are not paid, and serve Super Summer because they believe in its purpose. In fact, they pay to come to Super Summer just like our students. The schools are broken down like this:

First Year Students:

Completed 8th Grade – *Red*
Completed 9th Grade – *Orange*
Completed 10th Grade – *Silver*
Completed 11/12th Grades – *Gold*

Second Year Students:

Completed 9th Grade – *Blue*
Completed 10/11/12th Grades – *Brown*

Third Year Students:

Completed 10th Grade – *Yellow*
Completed 11th/12th Grades – *Lime*

Fourth Year Students:

Completed 11th Grade – *Green*

Fifth Year Students:

Completed 12th Grade – *Purple School*

Adults Attending: *Plaid School*

CURRICULUM – Our curriculum is based on the acronym LEAD (leadership, evangelism, apologetics, and discipleship). Each year, every school will have 1 specific lesson from each of these four Core Topics (which builds on the year before and serves as a refresher on this topic). On top of these Core Lessons, each year has a specific target from the Core topics and the remainder of the lessons will be focused on this topic.

Year One: Discipleship • **Year Two:** Evangelism • **Year Three:** Leadership • **Year Four:** Apologetics
Year Five: Missional Living

Who Else Can Attend?

Each group must have at least one male adult if male students are attending and at least one female adult if female students are attending. An adult is someone 21 years of age or older. Adults will participate in the Plaid School. Team Leaders (*usually, but not limited to college students*) come to **Super Summer** early for training and serve as family group leaders within the schools. Team Leaders have specific requirements they must meet to be eligible to serve. **Super Summer** teaching staff is comprised of student ministers within our state and are recruited by our **Super Summer** Planning Team.



WHAT IS SUPER SUMMER?



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Super Summer Mississippi has been training students for over 30 years. These students go back to their families, churches, schools, and communities with the tools to stand firm in their faith and share it with others. **Super Summer** is truly a worthwhile investment for churches.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SUPER SUMMER APPLICANTS

1. Completed the 8th grade but not yet in college.
2. Agrees to attend all Super Summer sessions and participate in all activities.
3. Must be a faithful, baptized believer.
4. Demonstrates leadership qualities and is a growing Christian.
5. Live and actively share faith consistently.
6. Devoted to prayer. Committed to purity and abstinence. Totally drug-free.
7. At least 75% attendance at weekly church and student ministry events.
8. Participates in student ministry major events (*D-Now, retreats, camps, etc*).
9. Share personal testimony with youth group.
10. Involved in a "small group" discipleship study or an accountability group.
11. Memorize at least 10 scripture verses (*each year*).
12. Journal how you are growing in your walk with Christ (*prayer, scripture memorization, struggles, joy, etc*).
13. Seeks to penetrate culture with the gospel (*involved in church outreach, campus ministry, missions, community service*).
14. Must have 2 recommendations from people who know them outside of the church (*teachers, coaches, employers, etc*).
15. Second year & above students write an essay (*100 words*) which expresses your level of commitment to Christ and how you are involved in leadership in your church and community. This should be given to your youth leader.

WHY SO MANY REQUIREMENTS?

Super Summer is unlike any other camp. It is **NOT** designed for the entire youth group. It is designed for leadership students who are already committed to growing in Christ and have a strong desire to go deeper. We rely on the integrity of the individual church leaders to only bring students who meet these qualifications.