

**MINISTRY POSITION:** Core Member

**MINISTRY LEADERS:** Mark Hawkins ([mhawkins@tcoha.org](mailto:mhawkins@tcoha.org)) (815) 385-4254

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Approximately 8 hours a month, including planning meetings

**GENERAL SUMMARY:** Edge Core Members are the heart and soul of the middle school youth ministry experience. One of the main tasks of Core Members is to lead small groups.

Edge Core members facilitate small group discussions and activities during Edge Nights. Edge Core Members typically remain with the same group of middle school youth throughout the entire year. This allows Core Members and middle school youth the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships.

Other tasks for Core Members may include helping with opening and closing prayers, performing skits, or giving witness talks to the large group.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- **Age:** Confirmed Catholic adult [usually 21+] or qualified high schooler
- **Training:** Complete training, such as VIRTUS
- **Authenticity:** Be an authentic and joyful witness of a Christian lifestyle while having a love for Christ and middle school youth.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Demonstrate a commitment to continual personal spiritual growth and a daily prayer life.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- **Spiritual Leadership:**
  - Love and connect with youth, showing them God's love and helping them develop their relationship with Christ.
  - Lead and facilitate discussions in small groups based on the evening's theme and lead small group prayer.
- **Event Planning and Execution:**
  - Collaborate with the youth minister to plan and prepare EDGE Nights (gatherings) and other youth events.
  - Co-lead activities, games, and talks during youth events.
- **Relationship Building:**
  - Actively meet and build meaningful relationships with the middle school youth who attend EDGE.
  - Be a supportive and reliable presence in the lives of the youth.
- **Teamwork and Commitment:**
  - Attend mandatory monthly Core Team meetings to plan upcoming activities.
  - Commit to attending EDGE events, often on a regular basis like Tuesday evenings for the entire ministry year (September-April).
  - Be present and ready to help meet the needs of the ministry.