

National Beta Club Invitation and Information 2018-2019

Congratulations! You are invited to join The Shepherd's Christian Home School chapter of the National Beta Club. An invitation to join Beta Club is an indication of your academic success. Members must have *an overall GPA of at least 3.0* and be on track to becoming a college prepared honor graduate (<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-2-.47.pdf>). Being a Beta member, though, is about more than earning good grades. To remain in good standing with Beta Club, academic achievement, superior character, and servant leadership must all be demonstrated. The Beta Club membership requirements are as follows.

Meetings:

- Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month (unless noted otherwise) at **12:30-1:30 p.m. at Penn Consulting Executive Offices 2330 Scenic Hwy S Ste 307 Snellville, GA 30078.**
- We will hold meetings to discuss specific club service projects. If you are interested in remaining in Beta Club, please attend the meetings and arrive **on time**.
- **Attendance** at meetings is mandatory. We anticipate having 4 club meetings each semester, and we expect you to attend all meetings. You are to check in with your assigned officer when you arrive so you can be marked present. By attending a meeting and arriving on time, you will earn 30 minutes of service time.
- Meetings will be announced on the through Remind.com – sign up by texting the message @b23ag8 to the number 81010.

Service Projects:

- As a demonstration of character and leadership, Beta members are required to participate in service projects (Matthew 5:16). Each student must participate in a minimum of **10 BETA CLUB service hours per semester**. Beta Club projects are projects that our club has agreed to help with and that are announced at our meetings. Tutoring or other club projects, Boy Scouts, church functions, helping your sport with a fundraiser, etc. **will not count** as service projects for Beta Club. Only projects selected and announced at Beta Club meetings count. *Hours do not carry over.*
- It is **YOUR** responsibility to maintain your service log (Colossians 3:23). When you participate in a project, bring your service log and have an officer, Mrs. Penn, or the adult in charge of your individual project sign your form. These forms are due in December and again in late April/ early May as proof of your service participation this school year.
- Failure to participate in 10 Beta Club service hours per semester and to present appropriate documentation of participation will result in Beta members being put on probation. Any senior Beta member put on probation in April/ May will not wear the Beta tassel at graduation.
- Students who were put on probation last year are reminded that they must complete their “make-up” hours in the fall. Students who have not fulfilled the terms of their probation will be dismissed from the club in January and will not be eligible to rejoin the club at any time in the future.
- All members are encouraged to participate in **as many Beta Club service projects as possible.**

Maintaining Grades:

- Academically, members **MUST maintain** an overall GPA of 3.0. You **MUST maintain** this GPA in order to be named an Honor Graduate and wear the Beta tassel at graduation. Grades are checked each fall semester. If your parent does not grade homeschool assignments, you may complete standardized testing with Mrs. Penn in April (\$60 SAT10 & OLSAT if registered before February 28). You must score in the 80th percentile or higher to demonstrate grade level proficiency. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Discipline/ Character:

- Since superior character is one of the qualities of a Beta member, members are expected to demonstrate Christian character such as faithfulness, trustworthiness, responsibility, respectfulness, compassion, citizenship, honesty, integrity, etc. (1 Peter 2:17) Students are asked to discipline themselves in accordance to biblical principles because the best form of discipline is self-discipline under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the goal of all outward discipline is self-discipline within the framework of positive relationships (Matthew 22:34-40). The Shepherd's Christian Home School seeks to build godly character traits in the lives of its students and pursue an active program in doing so, both through instruction and example. A rebellious spirit or negative attitude, which is unchanged after counsel, can be a poor influence on other students. Continued deliberate disrespect or disobedience to the sponsor or others will result in the student being dismissed from the club or being brought before a tribunal consisting of club officers and sponsors. **ANY** violation of the federal, state or local law for any reason (except minor traffic violations) may result in immediate dismissal from the club. An appeal concerning dismissal may be made and will be brought before the tribunal.

Membership Dues:

- All members are required to pay club dues. Dues are **\$25** and can be turned in at the **SEPTEMBER or OCTOBER Meeting**. If you do not turn in your dues at this meeting, you must personally speak with Mrs. Penn. The deadline for paying club dues is October 31. Dues must be submitted **in an envelope** with *your name, grade, and shirt size, written on front of the envelope.*
- **FYI:** \$15 of your dues go to the National Beta Club, and \$10 are kept locally to help with club expenses.

The non-negotiable stuff: Our goal is to develop servant leaders, enhance our high school transcripts, and primarily, to make a positive impact upon our global community for Christ (Matthew 28:19, 20). Failure to comply with any of these guidelines will result in probation. If, after one semester of probation, you fail to fulfill the probation requirements, dismissal will occur. Membership dues will not be refunded and dismissed members may not rejoin the club at any time in the future.

The officers and I are looking forward to a great year. If you have any questions or project suggestions, please do not hesitate to talk to one of us!

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Servant leadership is best defined by Jesus Himself: “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” ([Matthew 20:26–28](#)). In the Christian realm, all leadership should be servant leadership.

Academic excellence - Volunteer service - Christian character - Servant leadership

SENIOR BETA PLEDGE

I do solemnly declare that I shall always strive to hold fast to the principles of honesty to endeavor constantly to maintain a creditable record; to cultivate in my life and conduct the principles of morality, service, and leadership. I further pledge myself to cooperate with the members of The National Beta Club in the promotion of a sense of individual responsibility to our school, community, state and nation to make right the master of might; and to consecrate our comradeship to mutual helpfulness and to the betterment of our fellow students.

The Beta Creed

As a member of the Beta Club and as a citizen of my community, state, and nation I believe in and shall strive to promote the principles of:

Honesty:

knowing that honesty is necessary to the formation of good character, and that the principles of honesty dictate that I not only refrain from acts of dishonesty; but that I perform my duties fully and take advantage of the opportunities afforded me by my circumstances;

Justice:

believing that it is only right and proper that I should be just and fair in my dealings with my fellowman; that I should condemn no one without giving him a chance to defend himself; and that I should consider all factors before forming an opinion of another's motives, or before passing judgment upon his actions;

Service:

being convinced that the rendering of helpful service to my fellowman is a duty and privilege conferred upon me by my forbears and by my environment, and that I can attain lasting satisfaction only by rendering such service to the best of my ability;

Cooperation:

knowing that I must work closely and in a friendly manner with others in this day of highly organized social and economic endeavor; and that I must respect authority and strive at all times to be dependable-if I am to be of greatest helpfulness to society;

Responsibility:

believing that full happiness is possible only through full acceptance of responsibility for my actions and for preserving and passing my rich inheritance on to coming generations;

Industriousness:

being aware of the of the fact that-if I am to be a factor for progress in my community and a real help to my associates-my mind must be alert to understand and my hands ready to perform promptly and fully the tasks that come my way;

Humility:

being convinced that humbleness of spirit is the only proper attitude for me to maintain in my relation with my associates, and that such spirit and attitude will make for my own peace of mind and for the well-being of those with whom I come in contact;

Charity:

knowing that if I am- tolerant in my appraisal of the ideas of others; generous in the use of my worldly assets; considerate of the rights of others; courteous in my actions toward all alike; gentle in my efforts to correct errors in others; kind in the exercise of my duties- I shall then be better able to contribute to the happiness of myself and others.