



Student Manual

Spring Bible School

2025

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Mission Statement

*"Our mission is to proclaim the transforming presence of Jesus Christ,
through biblical teaching and practical training,
equipping men and women for service in His Church worldwide."*

Goals for Bible School

Our Bible school programs provide foundational teaching and practical training to live the authentic Christian life. As we study God's Word we encounter the living Lord Jesus. You'll receive practical Bible teaching and learn to study the Scriptures for yourself – with the aim to know Christ and understand God's Truth and its relevance for your life.

Our Goals:

- 1. To provide a spiritual home for every student and staff member during their time at Tauernhof.**
- 2. To personally experience the reality of His indwelling life.**
(Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. 1,27b)
- 3. To increase knowledge of God's Word through lectures, family groups, and personal studies.**
- 4. To provide opportunities for practical application.**
(Through outreaches, devotions, Bible studies, services, testimonies, etc.).
- 5. To be challenged as a person spiritually, mentally & physically.**
(May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5,23)
- 6. To give students the advantages of cross-cultural and multi-cultural Christian exposure.**
(There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; Eph. 4,4)
- 7. To provide a community environment which encourages Christian fellowship, maturity, responsibility, participation and cooperation.**

Torchbearers International Statement of Faith

1. God is the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is God's Son being one with the Father. All things are created by Him and for Him.
3. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus became man.
4. Jesus was without sin and of His free will, and by His sacrificial death upon the cross, He brought about salvation for this fallen world.
5. Jesus is the only mediator between God and man, and by accepting His salvation through faith, man is justified from his sins and receives forgiveness and eternal life.
6. Jesus Christ is risen bodily from the dead.
7. Jesus Christ will return to deliver just judgement and to bring all things to completion.
8. The Holy Spirit is God in unity with the Father and the Son.
9. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ comes to dwell within those who accept Him through faith.
10. Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, a person becomes a new creature, and is being transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.
11. Jesus Christ adds those who believe in Him to his Body. This is His church on earth, of which He is the Head.
12. The Bible is, in its entirety, the revelation of God for mankind, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Community Living in Christ



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

(Matthew 22:37-39)

It is our desire and prayer to help students and staff alike to love God and our neighbors as Jesus commanded us to. We are from different cultures and backgrounds and that can be exciting and mutually beneficial. In humility we should value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but to the interests of others (**Philippians 2:4**). We must also remember we are not called to get our standards from the world; we are called to live a life that is “set apart” (**Leviticus 18:2-4**), to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (**Philippians 1:27**), to be in the world but not of the world (**John 17:15-16, Romans 12:2**).

Schladming is a small, traditional Alpine village of 6,500 inhabitants. Your behavior **will** be noticed and talked about by locals. More than that, we “live in His sight” (**Ephesians 1:4**). That is an enormous privilege and responsibility. This is what *Community Living in Christ* looks like and why....

PARTICIPATION: *“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.”* (**Hebrews 13:17**)

You must be on time and take part in all lectures, duties, outreaches, family group evenings etc. (“**Scheduled Activities**”), unless exceptional permission has been given by the principal. You are to attend all meals, although you may sign out for evening meals, provided you do so the day before. In order to complete Bible School, you must stay for the entirety of the course. No overnight stays are allowed unless the principal has given you exceptional permission.

CONDUCT: *“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ... It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery...Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.”* (**Philippians 1:27; Galatians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19**)

We require you to not drink any alcoholic beverages or use tobacco for the duration of Bible School.

APPEARANCE: *“...wear decent and appropriate clothing...Make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.”* (**1 Timothy 2:9b-10; Romans 14:13**)

Dress appropriately for scheduled activities. For cultural reasons, be mindful of wearing head coverings; we encourage you to not wear any during meals and lectures. Do not go shirtless or barefoot. Casual attire is allowed for worship and Sunday services as long as it is clean and

tasteful (i.e.: no torn jeans or sweat pants). Drastic hairstyle changes, body piercing (with the exception of standard ear piercing for ladies) and/or tattoos may not be undertaken during Bible School.

All students are to dress “decently and appropriately” in consideration of the opposite sex. E.g. that means no spaghetti straps, no exposed bra straps, or the midriff.

RELATIONSHIPS: *“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters... It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.” (Hebrews 13:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)*

Romantic attachments that begin at Bible School can be disruptive, divisive and tend to isolate those involved. Students attend Bible School to develop a deeper relationship with God. Romantic attachments and physical expressions of affection (including massages) are therefore *not* permitted during your time at Bible School. While we wholeheartedly encourage healthy friendships, our definition of a romantic attachment is when a couple separates themselves from the Bible School community and/or is involved in recurring physical contact. As soon as a student recognizes they may struggle (or is informed that they are struggling) to adhere to this requirement, they must speak to the principal at the earliest opportunity.

MEDIA: *“...Make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil...**Brothers and sisters**, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Ephesians 5:16; Philippians 4:8)*

Movie viewing is only permitted in the Lecture Hall or Rec. Room on Friday and Saturday evenings **and only if** it has first been approved by a Resident Assistant (“**RA**”). In the interests of full participation, media devices will be removed when misused. Phones may not be used during meals. Music may be listened to during free time, but since we all have different music tastes, only with headphones. An exception is that music may be played without headphones for workouts, provided the sound level and music choice is considerate to others.

ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES: *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” (Colossians 3:23-24)*

You are to fulfil certain assignments and duties within the required timeframes and in accordance with the instructions given to the best of your ability.

OUT OF BOUNDS: *"Love your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 22:39)

- Roofs and neighboring property (e.g. Planai Parking Garage);
- Bedrooms and bathrooms of the opposite sex;
- The Office (except during the open hours from 1 PM to 3 PM);
- The Kitchen (unless it's your duty);
- The Staff Lounge (unless your outreach or family group are meeting there);
- The Climbing Tower (unless authorized by a staff member qualified to do so and you have registered at the reception beforehand).

Other than that:

- Please be quiet at the river (especially in the morning)
- **WARNING: JUMPING AND SWIMMING** in the TALBACH (RIVER) is DANGEROUS, it is NOT a Tauernhof Activity and it is at your **OWN RISK**.

Do not play ball or other games outside the reception and please be quiet when you are near neighboring property, **especially after 9 PM**.

ROOM TIME: Buildings are locked at 10:45 PM on weeknights and at 11:30 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. You are required to be in your room by the scheduled lock-up time and to keep quiet so that everyone is able to get sufficient rest.

FINALLY: *"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."* (1 Corinthians 10:13)

I have read and understood 'Community Living in Christ' and I am committed to live and to help others to live accordingly, in Christ's strength:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Practical Information for Students

INTERNET

WIFI login: Tauernhof Guests, **Password:** bodysoulspirit

Info Portal: <https://tauernhofaustria.at/en/student-login/>, **Password:** springsemester2025

LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS

WINTERGARTEN

The Wintergarten is a place you can hang out and chat with other students and staff and where you can also hold meetings. There is a coffee machine you can use and you can pay by using the honesty box. At the end of the day, please remove all your personal items from it.

GARTENHAUS

The Gartenhaus is the former Lecture Hall of Tauernhof which has been turned into office space. Several Staff members have their offices here, including the Deans of Students and the RA's. There is a small Conference Room in the Gartenhaus, which you can only use upon approval of the Principal or one of the Deans.

EAGLE'S NEST

The Eagle's Nest is a meeting room for preparing for outreaches, social nights etc. Outside those scheduled meetings the room is designated for praying, reading and doing course work. Please keep it strictly quiet when no meetings are on. Please do not remove any books, unless the Principal or Deans have authorized you to. There is no food allowed in the Eagle's Nest.

PRAYER ROOM

Upon entering the Eagle's Nest, you will find a small Prayer Room at your right hand. This room is strictly designated to prayer, so please do not use it for socializing or coursework. Due to the size of the room, a maximum of 4 people is allowed. If you have ideas to change something in this room or to personalize it for the term, please contact an RA. You can only make changes upon approval.

COUNSELLING ROOM

On the far end of the Eagle's Nest, to the right side, we have a Counselling room. This room is used by Staff members for personal counselling sessions. When it's not in use by staff, you may use the room for either prayer or study purposes. We ask you not to change anything in this room and not to use any of the electrical appliances in it (kettle etc.).

LECTURE HALL (ARCHE)

This is a study area. Please respect others may use it for studying and keep it free from noise as much as possible. On weekdays you are free to use it for music purposes from 3-9 PM, on weekends from 10 AM – 9 PM, unless announced differently. As this is a public area, it is important to keep this tidy. Always take out your personal items such as your Bible, laptops and notebooks etc.

BISTRO

The bistro is a place to socialize and study. Food and drinks may be purchased in the evenings after the lectures. Except soft drinks and sweets no other food items may be consumed there. You may use the bistro in the morning hours for quiet time and prayer. Furniture may not be moved around anywhere (don't take chairs outside).

SAUNA

There will be specific sauna evenings which will be announced ahead of time. On all other days the sauna is out of bounds. Sauna nights will be either for boys or for girls only. Bringing a sauna towel is mandatory. Towels may be borrowed for a small fee from the Housekeeper. If you have any health issues, please refrain from using the sauna.

RUHERAUM (QUIET ROOM)

This room may be used for meetings, prayer and quiet time.

REC ROOM CHALET

The Recreation Room is located opposite the Laundry Room underneath the Reception and it can be used for meetings, preparations and music.

FITNESS ROOM

This room is designated for the purpose of physical exercise. Please leave the room clean and tidy. Please do not enter with dirty shoes or boots. Only drinks are allowed in the fitness room. Do not drop weights on the ground at any time. If the sauna is used, only people of the same gender can use the fitness room.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LAUNDRY

You can do your laundry between 7 AM and 10 PM from Monday to Sunday on your laundry day (please see the sheet in the Laundry Room). You will receive new bedsheets every 3 weeks from the Housekeeping Manager. For more information, please see the information sheets in the Laundry Room or ask Housekeeping Manager.

SICKNESS

You are only signed off as being sick when a roommate has reported your sickness to the Principal, Deans, Housekeeping Manager or RA's and they have confirmed your sickness. If you are confirmed as sick in the morning, then you are considered sick for the *whole day* and must stay in your bedroom for that day.

When you are sick, you are required to find (or ask your roommate) a replacement for your duties to ensure the continued smooth running of the Bible School. As soon as you are well again, you are required to catch up on missed lectures and required reading.

Note:

- ONLY STAFF are permitted to take medication out of the First Aid cabinet!

- Please inform the Bible School team if you need to see a doctor (all EU students will be covered by their social insurance but overseas students have to pay upfront and will receive a receipt that they can send to their insurance at home).

VISITORS

Visitors for students are very welcome and may stay at Tauernhof if space permits. Minimum stay of 3 days required (inquire with the Registrar – latest by Wednesday before the requested week). Participation in Bible School with you is possible, subject to the normal student conditions, space permitting, and upon approval of the Principal.

SPORTS

Tauernhof has a fitness plan with weekly requirements. Tauernhof has a climbing tower, outdoor volleyball, a fitness room and a ping pong table. Within walking distance, there is also an outdoor basketball court, a soccer field, a public indoor/outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, squash courts and a fitness center. You may store your bikes in the Bike Shed (Code: 2419).

OUTINGS

We will offer organized outings (such as city visits and hikes) on Saturdays. Participation is strongly encouraged. For safety reasons (based on past experiences) you should **NOT** hike alone in the mountains unless you have informed an RA where you are going, when you are going and when you will be back and then the RA has approved your plans. Whenever going up into the mountains, go in groups of two or more, inform an RA (as above) and never beyond the tree line (1900m) without authorization from the Director, Principal or Dean.

Hitchhiking is strictly prohibited.

LOCAL CUSTOMS

There are many good coffee shops and restaurants in town. Please do not sit in a restaurant without ordering food or drinks since this is their income. Water will not be served automatically (and may not be free) and none of the restaurants offer free refills. Note the water in Austria is very drinkable!

In restaurants In Austria, tips are not automatically included in the price. We advise to give a tip of 10% of the total.

MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

- Please turn off the **heaters** when windows are open (failing to do so will earn an automatic failure for room checks)
- Please do not climb on the **roofs**
- Please do not wear any kind of **shoes** in the bedrooms
- Do not take **hiking boots** into your rooms – please use the boot rooms!
- Do not move any **furniture**, the room set-up has to stay as you found it when you arrived
- Use the **repair request box** in the foyer if anything is broken or needs attention.
- **Candles** or open fire are not permitted anywhere at Tauernhof

- Please unplug all **electrical equipment** including adapters when not in use - Danger of fire!!!
- Do not stick any **pictures** or other things on the walls in your rooms - only use the pin boards provided!
- Turn off the **lights** when you are not in your room!

ROOM DEPOSIT

There is a room deposit of 50 Euros included as part of the course fee that will be returned at the end of the course, subject to the room and other facilities used by you being left in a suitable condition.

KEY CARDS

You will receive a Key Card at the beginning of your time here to have access to your room and other public areas, please make sure not to lose it, leave it lying around or swap it with other students. In case of a loss make certain to inform the office straight away for security reasons, there will be a charge of 10 Euro for a new card. If not returned at the end of Bible School, the money will be deducted from your room deposit.

Family Group Preparation

Theme of the Series: James

We will go through the chapters step by step; we will understand and apply biblical principles to topical issues in order to live distinctively.

Week No. & topics:

1. Get to know each other & goal setting
2. James Chapter 1
3. James Chapter 2
4. James Chapter 3
5. Social/Game night
6. James Chapter 4
7. James Chapter 5
8. Social & Goals Review

Program:

The program must be followed as per the outline in terms of weeks and topics. Weeks 1 and 8 do not have a student led presentation. In Week 1, the 5 student led weeks should be allocated to a leader, or for some weeks 2 co-leaders.

In weeks where there is a presentation:

- Ask students for their take aways from last week's lectures and discuss if necessary
- The student leader(s) of the evening share his/her testimony
- The same student(s) prepares the whole of the given passage from James and prepares their own questions and provides a handout to all Family Group members. They may wish to use the above discussion questions and should also refer to other Bible passages as appropriate.
- **A draft handout must be shown and discussed with the Family Group Leader(s) no later than 5 PM on the Monday before the relevant Family Group. The Family Group Leader should either approve the draft or suggest changes.**

Practical advice for Students in Preparing and Presenting:

- Use as many relevant resources as possible: the Bible, Christian books and commentaries from the Eagle's Nest, the Internet (e.g. biblegateway.com) and ask staff/lecturers.
- The points in the outlines listed above should be covered and especially:
 - o What does the Bible say in the passage and what cross-references are helpful in light of the given topic(s)?
 - o What does society say about the themes that come up?
 - o Are there any relevant statistics from a reliable source?
 - o Do you have any personal experience that is relevant?
 - o How can we live distinctively in this area?
 - o Your own questions for the group

Possible timeframe:

- Use an icebreaker if you like (approx. 5 minutes)
- Lead the discussion about last week's lectures (approx. 15 minutes)
- Share testimony (approx. 10 minutes)
- Invite questions from the group about your testimony (approx. 5 minutes)
- Read the relevant passage from James and lead the group through the topics raised (approx. 20 minutes) and present your thoughts
- Leave about 30-40 minutes for discussion
- Close in prayer (consider group prayer, prayer requests for home situations, goals) (approx. 10 minutes)
- Finish around 9:30 PM

Family Groups & Meeting Places

FG 1 (Home)

Andrea Woods, 19, CA	Jonathan Muntean, 18, GE
Angelina Golyschkin, 19, GE	Sonja Engen, 18, USA
Christina Enders, 31, GE	Tobias Neuscheler, 22, GE
Emma Bélair, 18, CA	

David & Debs, Nollie

FG 3 (Home)

Anna Maren Zysk, 19, GE	Carter Siebert, 18, CA
Beatrice Kasule, 47, UG	Mattea Bader, 20, GE
Boaz West, 19, USA	Ryan Funk, 24, CA
Cameron Taylor, 22, USA	Sarah Bawias, 19, GE

Zippi, Magda

FG 5 (Staff Lounge)

Antonia Thorwart, 34, GE	Julius Rygaard, 21, DK
Gavin Harding, 18, USA	Leslie Berning, 18, GE
Hannah Cramer, 21, GE	Maggie Wilson, 19, CA
Joelle Richter, 19, GE	Sam Bouts, 19, USA

Lydia & Timon, Marion

FG 7 (Home)

Annika Wildprett, 27, GE	Esther Rink, 19, GE
Ben Armstrong, 18, CA	Jenny Liu, 18, CA
Christopher Fries, 34, GE	Olivia Schwab, 23, USA
Emily Clowes, 19, UK	

Josh & Rebekka, Zeb

FG 9 (Home)

Alois Prochart, 56, AT	Fiona Krauth, 19, GE
Annika Janzen, 18, CA	Megan Parrie, 19, USA
Hannah Zacharias, 19, GE	Nate Neufeld, 18, CA
Josiah Hanna, 19, USA	Rebecca Abt, 21, GE

Olly, Lea

FG 11 (Home)

Ann-Christin Reich, 28, GE	Macy Jespersen, 18, CA
Giulia Alber, 23, GE	Oskar Trusch, 18, NA
Isaiah Johnson, 18, USA	Rachel Otteson, 18, USA
Josua Kotsanszky, 20, GE	

Mikayla, Hanna

FG 2 (Home)

Denae Waldner, 19, CA	Manuela Schiller, 24, AT
Jacob MacDonald, 22, CA	Naemi Mohn, 23, GE
Jens Hohner, 22, GE	Silas Schmidt, 19, GE
Lucy Anderson, 20, USA	

Fred & Suzan

FG 4 (Bistro)

Amelie Rajaona-Horne, 20, UK	Katharina Kaiser, 24, GE
Anna Hoyer, 26, GE	Marek Basson, 19, GE
Bria Patterson, 19, USA	Willem Barber, 18, CA
Justin Warkentin, 18, CA	

Janneke, Rieke

FG 6 (Wintergarten)

Clara Möllmann, 25, GE	Rosie Long, 18, UK
Emma Ridley, 20, USA	Sebastian Häßner, 27, GE
Madita Risse, 20, GE	Wyatt Carlson, 20, CA
Rachel Edwards, 19, CA	

Abigail, Johannes

FG 8 (Home)

Arden Joseph, 19, GE	Izzy Smith, 18, USA
Dusty Keating, 20, CA	Leonie Nusselt, 19, GE
Emily Dück, 18, GE	Rylan Lode, 18, CA
Emily MacLeod, 36, CA	

Hannah, Damaris

FG 10 (Home/Car)

Benedikt Stefes, 18, GE	Julia Thirsk, 18, CA
Bjorn Siira, 19, USA	Kate Edgar, 18, USA
Johanna Reuss, 31, GE	Lothar Leibrock, 62, GE
Jolanda Müller, 21, GE	

Armin & Trixi, Jair

FG 12 (Eagle's Nest)

Abigail Broadhurst, 18, UK	Noah Thomas, 21, GE
Benjamin Thiessen, 18, CA	Raelynn Isaacs, 18, CA
Dorina Windecker, 37, GE	Sophia Westbrook, 19, USA
Jael Lange, 18, GE	

Priska, Benjamin

Student Assignments and Duties

Assignments

The following tasks need to be handed in/completed in accordance with the given instructions and timings:

- Memorizing and reciting 3 Bible Verses per week*
- Positive result of Memory Verse Test*
- Reading through the required Bible passages*
- Written assignments – 7 “Reflection Papers”*
- Written assignment - “Gospel Paper”*
- Written assignment - “Truth & Lie Paper”*
- Reading the assigned books and completing the accompanying book report*
- Giving a Devotion and/or Testimony
- Practical duties and
- Obtaining the required weekly Fitness Units.

* can be done in German or English.

Depending on your overall performance you will be awarded a certificate that states that you either: *“attended”*; *“attended and fulfilled the requirements of”*; *“attended and fulfilled and satisfied the requirements of”*; or *“attended and exceeded the requirements of”*
Tauernhof Bible School.

Duties

You are responsible for your room – that includes:

- Making your bed every morning;
- Keeping your room tidy (no clothes on the floor, etc.);
- Please unpack your suitcase and leave it in the ski room (white house);
- Leave all sports & hiking boots in the boot room (it’s the *“Schuh- & Trockenraum”*);
- There is space on the shelves in your closet for all your other shoes;
- Please don’t hang up clothes on the curtain rails (use wardrobes and dry wet clothes in the drying room / chalet);
- Please take shampoos etc. out of the shower cabins after having a shower;
- You’re not allowed to take dishes from the kitchen to your room (the only exception is if someone is sick).

You have the opportunity to put into practice what you’re learning in the Lecture Hall:

- During daily duties (roughly 30mins): in the Kitchen & House, maintenance, garden, etc. (some will be permanent, some will change after a few weeks). The list will be hung up in the Foyer.
- On Workdays (roughly 2.5 hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons) at Tauernhof, farms, in the community etc.). Lists will be hung up on Tuesday & Thursday morning.

Please keep bathrooms free during duty times!

Reflection Paper

In several Reflection Papers, you will reflect on either something you heard during lecture, read in your daily readings or thought about personally. We want to help you to deepen your ability to reflect on faith matters in a more elaborate way in your daily life.

When writing your paper, please indicate what you read or heard, and write several paragraphs about a passage or a verse that stood out for you, why it did, and "so what" - i.e. what concrete difference might/will this make practically in your life?

Format: 2 pages, A4, double-spaced, regular margins, size 12 font, PDF only

Include: your name as well as the name of your grader (as of the second paper)

Due: see Due Date Schedule

Please refrain from using extended citations of scripture, a simple reference (e.g. "Mark 14:15") is sufficient.

Outreach Paper

This is one of the most challenging yet meaningful assignments of Bible School. Prayerfully pick a person who is, to the best of your knowledge, a non-believer (family member, friend, co-worker). Ask that person via email/phone whether he or she would be interested in receiving and reading a paper that you have to write for Bible School. Ask your Reader to read your assignment and to give you feedback on it. Your paper should include:

- Your personal experience
- Logical arguments for the Christian faith
- A presentation of the gospel
- A gentle invitation for further discussion

The assignment will serve a dual purpose: First, it will help you as students to think through and formulate clearly major Christian truth. Second, it will present a solid case for the Christian faith to the non-believing Reader and challenge them.

Group Discussion:

Before turning in and sending the paper, you should meet in a small group (of 3-4 people), where each of you will read out loud his or her assignment and ask the other group participants for their opinion. Help and challenge each other with ideas to optimize the work. Correct or change where it seems plausible. At the end of the group discussion, you should pray together for the recipients of the papers.

Format: 4 pages, A4, double spaced, regular margins, size 12 font, PDF only. No exceptions. Please also include your name and the name of your grader.

Book Report

You will find a document on your student portal, which we require you to use in order to fill out and submit your Book Report.

Due Dates

Friday, May 2	Letter to God	+ Memory Verses	O
Friday, May 9	Reflection Paper I	+ Memory Verses	O
Friday, May 16	Reflection Paper II	+ Memory Verses	O
Friday, May 23	Reflection Paper III	+ Memory Verses	O
Friday, May 30	Outreach Paper	+ Memory Verses	O
Friday, June 6	Reflection Paper IV	+ Memory Verses	O
Friday, June 13	Book Report & Rule of Life	+ Memory Verses	O
Wednesday, June 18	Final Exam		

How to Prepare a Devotion

Helpful hints for preparing and sharing a devotion:

1. What is a devotion?

- a. A devotion **is a personal thought** on a verse or passage or person from Scripture that helped you and challenged you in your walk with the Lord Jesus
- b. A devotion **is not a lecture** where you interpret Scripture. Do not inform people what Scripture says but tell them what it means to you and how it challenges you
- c. A devotion **is not a sermon** where at the end of it you challenge people to change their ways or re-think their walk with the Lord

2. How to prepare it:

- a. Take one verse or passage or person out of Scripture that has influenced you lately in your quiet times or through some experience you've had
- b. Think of one main point that you want to get across to the audience (the one thing that challenges you – it may be an encouragement to people who are in the same situation)
- c. Make a rough outline and once you are clear what you want to share – write it down in detail
- d. As you write it out, highlight the main point you want to stress
- e. Make sure you have a "red line" so that you get to the main point

3. How to share it:

- a. Read it through at least 3 times so that you know what you want to say
- b. Memorize the highlighted points by heart
- c. If you use stories or quotes, use short ones
- d. Use eye contact with audience
- e. Speak loud and clear
- f. Approximately **5 – 8 minutes** long
- g. We prefer you not using a cell phone for your devo notes
- h. Close with a prayer

How to Prepare a Testimony

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15)

Helpful Questions:

1. What was your life like before your conversion? (Family, church background, Christian influence yes/no) **Important:** Don't go into details of how bad you were before becoming a Christian!
2. Conversion – What made you take that decision? (What did you realize about Jesus, special circumstances, how did it happen?)
3. What has changed in your life since? (What is the difference, if any?)
4. What is important for your life today? (How do you walk with Christ today?)

Helpful Hints:

1. Do not use “Christian” language
2. Use simple words
3. Max. 10 minutes long
4. Have eye contact with the audience
5. If possible, do not read from paper (make short notes)
6. Relate to the audience (adults, kids, Christians or non-Believers)
7. Use a Bible Verse that has become important for your life
8. Be encouraging
9. **Do not preach at or teach people**
10. End with a challenging question (e.g. what is important for your life, what do you think about Jesus dying on the cross?)
11. BE REAL – do not “puff” up your testimony!

Office Information

<u>Office Hours:</u>	1:30 – 3:00 PM on weekdays
Tauernhof office phone:	+ 43 (0) 3687 22294
Photocopies:	10 cents per copy (free for outreach prep. etc), if you want to print something, you tell an RA you would like to print something and mail to: assignments@tauernhofaustria.at
Safe:	You can store valuables in the safe at the office, come and see the Registrar
Visas:	You don't need a visa if you're in Europe for 90 days or less, or if you're a European. If you think you need one, come and see the Registrar!
Key Card	Please don't put stickers on it or draw on it. Losing a key card will result in a 10 Euro fee.

Other Opening Times:

Bank:	8:30 AM – 12:00 PM / 2:30 – 4:30 PM (closed on Sat & Sun) if you need to see a bank manager. They all have ATMs and there's one right by Tauernhof.	
Post office:	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 2:00 – 17:30 PM (closed on Sat & Sun)	
Book Shop:	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM / 2:30 – 6:00 PM	Mon – Fri
	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Sat (closed on Sun)

If your parents wire/transfer money for your personal use, you can use the same account that you used for paying the Bible School fees, but please make sure your name is given as a reference!

Account No.:	17400007708
Bank Identifier Code (BIC):	STSPAT2G
IBAN:	AT252081517400007708
Name of the bank:	Steiermärkische Sparkasse, A-8970 Schladming

Curriculum – Spring Bible School 2025



Week	Date	Speaker	Topic
1	Apr. 27 – May 3	BS Team	Introduction Week
2	May 4 – May 10	Martin Buchsteiner	Colossians
3	May 11 – May 17	Thomas Taul	James
4	May 18 – May 24	David Hines	Identity in Christ
5	May 25 – May 31	Steve Volle	Elisha
6	June 1 – June 7	Michael Kirchdorfer	Christian Battle
7	June 8 – June 14	Eis van Dijk	Philippians
8	June 15 – June 21	BS Team	Final Week

Speakers and Topics are subject to change

SBS BIBLE READING

NAME: _____

During the course we will read through the Old Testament. Below is a daily schedule to help you plan and discipline your reading.

Please place a ✓ by what you have read.

1st Week

Monday	Luke	1 – 5
Tuesday		6 – 10
Wednesday		11 – 15
Thursday		16 – 20
Friday		21 – 24

5th Week

Saturday	Galatians	1 – 6
Sunday	Ephesians	1 – 6
Monday	Hebrews	1 – 3
Tuesday		4 – 8
Wednesday		9 – 13
Thursday	1 Timothy	1 – 6
Friday	2 Timothy	1 – 4

2nd Week

Saturday	Col., Philemon	1 – 4, 1
Sunday	Acts	1 – 5
Monday		6 – 10
Tuesday		11 – 16
Wednesday		17 – 22
Thursday		23 – 28
Friday	James	1 – 5

6th Week

Saturday	Matthew	1 – 4
Sunday		5 – 10
Monday		11 – 16
Tuesday		17 – 22
Wednesday		23 – 28
Thursday	1 Peter	1 – 5
Friday	2 Peter, Jude	1 – 3, 1

3rd Week

Saturday	Romans	1 – 4
Sunday		5 – 8
Monday		9 – 12
Tuesday		13 – 16
Wednesday	1 Corinthians	1 – 5
Thursday		6 – 10
Friday		11 – 16

7th Week

Saturday	Philippians	1 – 4
Sunday	1 Thessalonians	1 – 5
Monday	2 Thessalonians	1 – 3
Tuesday	John	1 – 5
Wednesday		6 – 10
Thursday		11 – 15
Friday		16 – 21

4th Week

Saturday	2 Corinthians	1 – 5
Sunday		6 – 9
Monday		10 – 13
Tuesday	Revelation	1 – 5
Wednesday		6 – 11
Thursday		12 – 17
Friday		18 – 22

SBS BIBLE MEMORY PLAN**NAME:** _____

- Memorize three Bible verses each week. The first one (a) is given; for (b) you choose one from the week's lecture content; and for (c) you choose one freely (e.g. from your Old Testament Readings).
- You will recite these verses to any available Bible School staff every week. Upon having memorized and recited them correctly, they will initial this sheet.
- On the reverse side of this sheet, write down which verses you chose for (b) and (c), together with a brief statement as to why you chose them. Hand this sheet in every week, no later than 17:00 PM each Friday.
- There will be a written test on the 12(a) verses in the last week of Bible School.

Week	No.	Reference	Theme	Initial
1	(a)	Psalm 119:165	Knowing God's Word	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
2	(a)	Matthew 22:37-39	Love	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
3	(a)	Galatians 2:20	Christ in You	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
4	(a)	Galatians 5:22-23	Fruit of the Spirit	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
5	(a)	Philippians 4:6-7	Anxiety and Peace	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
6	(a)	Colossians 3:16	The Word of Christ	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
7	(a)	Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
8	(a)	Joshua 1:9	Trial	Final Test

Week	No.	Reason
1	(b)	
	(c)	
2	(b)	
	(c)	
3	(b)	
	(c)	
4	(b)	
	(c)	
5	(b)	
	(c)	
6	(b)	
	(c)	
7	(b)	
	(c)	

TAUERNHOF BIBLE SCHOOL

TIMETABLE: Week XXX

TYPICAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SPEAKER/TOPIC: XXX

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:00-7:45	Quiet Time	FOCUS	Quiet Time	FOCUS	Quiet Time	Quiet Time	Quiet Time
7:45-8:30	Breakfast & Devo	Breakfast & Devo	Breakfast & Devo	Breakfast & Devo	Breakfast & Devo	Breakfast & Devo	8:30 - 09:30 Brunch
8:30-9:10	Duty	Duty	Duty	Duty	Duty		Church (opt.)
9:10-10:00	PRAY	LEC	LEC	LEC	LEC	Outings / Reflection Time	
10:10-11:00	LEC	LEC	LEC	LEC	LEC		
11:00-11:20	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
11:20-12:10	LEC	LEC	LEC	LEC	LEC		
12:10-12:20	ANNOUNCEMENTS (LECTURE HALL)						
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Bag Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
	PST	WORKDAY	FIT	WORKDAY	PST		
18:00	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
19:45-20:30	FREE TIME	FG ^{19:30}	FREE TIME	WORSHIP ^{19:45}	SOC	FREE TIME	CHAPEL ^{19:45}
20:30-21:15							

Fitness Units

Healthy habits are important in our lives. In order to help you establish healthy habits in caring for your bodies, Tauernhof requires you to exercise during your stay here.

Our goal is for you to appreciate bodily exercise and the benefits that come with it.

Ideally, you continue your healthy rhythm after your time at Tauernhof.

- **Per week**, you are required to complete a **minimum of 4 FITNESS UNITS**.
- **Per day**, you may obtain a **maximum of 2 FITNESS UNITS**.
- Please complete and hand in the Exercise Record Sheet every Friday at 5 PM.
- On scheduled Saturday hikes you can obtain a maximum of 1 Fitness Unit.
- City Visits & Tours do not qualify as Fitness Units.
- Wednesday afternoon sports fully qualify as units.

In determining how many units you obtained per exercise, keep the following guideline in mind:

- **30 minutes of fully-active exercises count as 1 Unit.**

These are exercises where you exercise without taking breaks and where your heartrate is elevated the entire time.

Examples: Running; Speed-Hiking; Swimming laps; Cardio-Workout

- **60 minutes of semi-active exercises count as 1 Unit**

These are exercises where you take breaks in between, chat with other people, and your heart rate is not elevated the entire time.

Examples: Weight-Workout; Hiking; Climbing; Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee

Note: A 30-minute semi-active exercise may qualify for 0.5 Units, whereas 15 minutes of semi-active exercises do not.

Note: Please double-check with Bible School Staff if you have questions.

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

SBS Fitness Units

NAME: _____

During the course we will work on our healthy habits. Indicate in the table below, which sport you did when, as well as the number of units.

1st Week

Day	Exercise Type	Units
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Total Units		

2nd Week

Day	Exercise Type	Units
Saturday		
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Total Units		

3rd Week

Day	Exercise Type	Units
Saturday		
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Total Units		

4th Week

Day	Exercise Type	Units
Saturday		
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Total Units		

5rd Week

Day	Exercise Type	Units
Saturday		
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Total Units		

6th Week

Day	Exercise Type	Units
Saturday		
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Total Units		

7th Week

Day	Exercise Type	Units
Saturday		
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Total Units		