

## **THE FOLLOWING ARE INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPANT PACKET:**

- Introduction Letter from Programs Coordinator
- History of In His Wakes
- Ministry Contact Sheet
- Participating Organization Commitment
- Sample Schedule of Events
- IHW "A Day to Remember" DVD

### **Participant Documents:**

- Form #1- 2015 WWA & IHW Release of Liability
- Form #2-Water Sports Participant Release of Liability



We are pleased to introduce you to **In His Wakes**, an action-packed, fun-filled, life-changing national water sports ministry. In His Wakes provides an experience and opportunity of a lifetime to our participants by providing a safe and successful environment for participants to engage in water sports activities which challenge both physical and emotional limits. The activities provide the opportunity for participants to set aside their fears, pride and insecurities and take to the water to experience new, and often overwhelming challenges.

Through their successful experience on the water, the participants gain much needed confidence and self esteem in their ability to overcome. Through the personal interaction between the In His Wakes' staff and participants, bonds of trust are developed which provide an avenue for In His Wakes' to show physically and share verbally the love of Christ and His message of hope and purpose for their lives which will enable the participants to better face the challenges of daily life. You will also find that their experiences will provide a point of breakthrough which will enable you to make an even greater impact on these precious lives!

We are excited to bring our Day to Remember Program to you and the children and/or adults of your organization by offering a Day to Remember in your location. We are confident that this event will positively impact the lives of your children in an incredible way. This packet includes valuable information that will help you in preparing to join us for this incredible day.

In this packet you will find a DVD, a history of the ministry, a contact information sheet, a Participant Commitment Form, planning timeline, a sample Day to Remember schedule, and event information (including directions to the site, date and time of event. These will all be provided to you by your event host). Also included are necessary forms to be brought to the registration site on the event day.

Please make copies as needed.

Form #1- 2015 WWA & IHW Release of Liability

Form #2-Water Sports Participant Release of Liability

We request that the above forms be prepared and signed in advance by the participants and your staff members whether or not they plan to be engaged in water sports activities. Each participant and staff member will also register on-site by signing an on-site registration form, they will personally submit their waivers and receive a registration bracelet, and then proceed to their assigned areas.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions regarding the upcoming event including questions regarding your liability waivers, media issues or any concerns regarding the on-water activities. My contact information is included below.

May God bless you and we look forward to joining you and your group very soon!

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## History of In His Wakes

In His Wakes was founded by world record holder water skier Kristi Overton Johnson in 2003, who through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, became burdened for the water sports community to experience God's love, His grace, and a purpose-filled life that only a relationship with Him can provide. Kristi also became burdened to share the experiences of water skiing with at-risk individuals who would not, in their ordinary lives, ever experience. Kristi knew first hand, as a professional water skier, the benefits water skiing provides to individuals both physically and emotionally and she desired to create opportunities for others to experience the benefits of the sport.

In order to fulfill her desire to share verbally and show physically the love of Christ, as well as expose people to the impacting sport of water skiing, Kristi incorporated In His Wakes, a Florida based non-profit organization. Programs were implemented which would fulfill the mission of In His Wakes, to introduce people worldwide to the life-changing power of Jesus Christ through the avenue of water sports.

In order to impact the water sports community, In His Wakes developed a division of the ministry called "**On the Shores.**" This aspect of the ministry travels to professional and amateur water sports events in order to hold church services open to the athletes, corporate sponsors and water sports enthusiasts who attend these events. At these events, In His Wakes also operates a ministry booth where individuals can find out more about the ministries of In His Wakes and be encouraged to use their talents and resources to be a blessing to others. "On the Shores" also provides on-water teaching clinics by professional Christian athletes in order to develop relationships through the sharing of on-water expertise which then opens a door for the athletes and In His Wakes staff to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. This division of ministry also organizes speaking engagements where professional water sports athletes are given a platform to share the true source of their strength.

The On the Shores program has been very successful from the onset and has grown tremendously as the ministry traveled nationally sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ at water sports events and through speaking engagements. As a result, tens of thousands of lives have been impacted as professional athletes, including founder Kristi Overton Johnson, share the life-changing message of Christ, as well as encouragement and Biblical truths which will equip individuals to step off their spiritual docks and take to the course of life with Christ at the helm. These events not only touch lives, they also provide an incredible platform to share the ministries of In His Wakes with those who would be interested in partnering with In His Wakes' efforts.

In order to provide an opportunity of a lifetime to individuals who would not, in their ordinary lives, have the opportunity to experience water sports, In His Wakes developed the "**Day to Remember**" program for at-risk individuals. This division of ministry provides an opportunity of a lifetime for predominately at-risk youth where they experience an unforgettable day of water sports activities such as swimming, boat riding, personal water crafts, inflatable toys, knee boarding, water skiing and wake boarding. These activities break through walls of fear, distrust, and low self-esteem and expose the joy and smiles that have been suppressed by a lifetime of challenges. Through the on-water activities, the time invested in the participant's life, and the life-changing message of Jesus Christ, the "Day to Remember" becomes a starting point for a new life for the participants as they gain confidence, self esteem, and newfound hope to face the challenges of life.

Within the first year of ministry, In His Wakes traveled nationally with its ministry programs teaching the sport of water skiing and sharing the love of Christ through water sports activities and speaking platforms. The ministry grew quickly in popularity and demand. The "Day to Remember" events saw tremendous growth from four events in 2003 to over 60 events in 2015 and we estimated that over 65 events will be

conducted nationally in 2016 with thousands of at-risk youth being impacted in a measurable, positive way. Through this program, hundreds of water sports enthusiasts are also encouraged and given the opportunity to minister to at-risk youth through the joining of efforts with In His Wakes.

**The success of the ministry can be attributed to the following strengths:**

- Exciting on-water activities provided by highly experienced, highly trained athletes/staff;
- Impacting, exciting and relevant gospel presentation using analogies between water sports and everyday life is unique to In His Wakes and is highly effective at demonstrating the love of Christ and His plans for our lives;
- Very efficient and effective water sports program with an incredible safety record;
- Reputation of excellence and integrity within the ministry activities and its leadership;
- Cohesive, knowledgeable and experienced staff who are passionate about the mission of In His Wakes, unified in purpose, and possess a servant's heart and attitude;
- The impact of a "Day to Remember" on the lives of its participants results in the organizations requesting the opportunity for more of their children to go through our program. In summary, we don't have to "sell" the program as it's effectiveness and unique experiences "sells" itself.

## **IHW CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### Event Participant Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as participants of a Day to Remember on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ understand the purposes behind the Day to Remember event. I understand the importance of having the participant forms completed by each person attending the "Day to Remember," and commit to bringing all forms to registration the morning of the event.

Please sign and email to [ivy@inhiswakes.com](mailto:ivy@inhiswakes.com)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Group Representative

Estimated number of participants and staff members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

General ages and gender of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## **A Day to Remember Sample Schedule**

7:30am	Event Host and IHW Staff Arrive
8:00am	Final site preparations and schedule review Volunteers Arrive Pray for the Day!
8:45am	Event Participants Arrive Give permission forms to registrar Volunteers report to stations Bathroom and Changing Time
9:00am	Registration/Arm bands given
9:30am	Nate Miller or Regional Coordinator divides participants into groups, review rules, shares plan for the day, and gets kids ready to go!
10:00am	Water Activities Begin
10:45am	Snack volunteers set up for snack
11:00am	Snack for kids (water activities continue through snack)
12:00pm	Lunch volunteers set up for lunch
12:15pm	Lunch (water activities cease during lunch, exhibitions may be given)
1:00pm	Water Activities Resume
2:30	Water Activities Finish
2:45pm	IHW Staff shares gospel and extends invitation for salvation and prayer. Awards Ceremony/Group Pictures.
3:30pm	Event Participants Depart Site and Equipment cleaned up and packed up

Note: Schedule is a sample schedule and is subject to change on the day of event. IHW staff will have an updated schedule the day of the event.