



2009 Information Packet



September 5-6 2009

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What is Vertigo?

Vertigo is a unique and striking event that has its roots in the small youth group of South 11th and Willis in Abilene, TX. The original idea was to stand in a public place for a given time in order to vocalize and support your beliefs, and to raise money for a hurricane relief trip in Bayou La Batre, AL. However, the idea has branched out over time. From a corner in a mall, to citywide, to statewide, to nation-wide and further! So far, the event has spread to larger cities in Texas, such as Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston; we intend for it to spread even further! One of the many amazing things about this event is that it's completely organized by youths and college students!

Like the original event in 2008, Vertigo 2009 will be passing all donations to a cause. This year, all contributions will be going to Sam's Place. Vertigo 2009 is planned to be on Saturday September 5th at 8:00pm until Sunday September 6th at 9:00pm, which is Labor Day weekend. Though the event will be nation-wide, the hub of the event will be in Abilene, TX. We are planning to invite bands and speakers to join us during this event; they will be connected to other Vertigo sites through a live video stream.



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The Cause

Vertigo's main purpose is to forward all of its collected funds to a single cause; each year a new cause will be nominated and selected as that year's beneficiary. This year, all acquired donations will be passed to Sam's Place. Sam's Place offers a light of hope to deaf orphans in Kenya by providing them a safe home and a place of education. It is a little known fact that the deaf children in Kenya are usually abandoned. There have also been cases reported of deaf children being tied to trees and left for the animals.

Sam's Place is still in its beginning stages, so they need all the help they can get. The goal we have set to send over to them is \$100,000. The numbers may seem overwhelming, but achieving this in a daylong event is definitely within reach if we can work together. To learn more about Sam's Place, see the Sam's Place Brochure or the [Link Page](#).



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The Inspiration of Do Hard Things

We encourage any participants of Vertigo to conduct a book study of Do Hard Things. Do Hard Things is a book that was written by Alex and Brett Harris, who were teenagers at the time. After our Youth Minister and College Minister read this book, they decided to share their thoughts with us. After telling us that the event they had imagined would be youth led, they encouraged us to attend a book study in which we read and discussed each chapter in depth. This book is the inspirational philosophy and driving motivation behind Vertigo. Many of the short biographies in this book are about other youths stepping outside of their comfort zone in order to accomplish things they never would have dreamed of participating in.

Three of our teens got to meet Alex and Brett Harris at the Christian Book Expo in Dallas, TX this spring. The event deeply moved them, enough that they began to stray outside of their normal boundaries; they found themselves talking to complete stranger and Vertigo, and inspired more and more people to join this cause. After hearing these three teens explain Vertigo, the Harris brothers were so impressed that they mentioned making an addition about our efforts in their next book!

Along with this book study, a certain song has been very inspirational; the name of this song is "The Motions" by Matthew West. Many of us are afraid at first what other people will think of us, but we find that after taking that first shaky step, our fears subside. The youth planning Vertigo defies what others told us is impossible; we will make it happen. 1 Timothy 4:12 states: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." The entirety of this event revolves around that very verse. Our age does not determine for us what we can or cannot do.



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Ways to Participate

If you think you are not able to participate – think again! This event is not just for youth (adults are welcome). During this event we will need many people not just to stand but to be the support team for those who are standing. Here are just a few examples of how you can help:

1. Set-up/Tear down
2. Registration
3. Nurse's Station (We need certified nurses, doctors, paramedics, etc.)
4. Security (Off-duty officers)
5. Teams to organize and pass out food
6. Entertainers and Game directors
7. Errand Runners
8. Announcers for speakers, bands, etc.
9. Time Regulators (1 per 20 standers) to keep track of break times

If you physically cannot stand for 25 hours, don't feel like you are immediately excluded from this event- you're not! You can be a part of a relay team where one person stands for a given amount of time then rests; while you are not standing you can assist any of the above jobs.

If you feel concern regarding safety matters, we will have off-duty officers present at all times. If you still feel that it is necessary, it is certainly okay for you to stand only for certain increments of time during the day.



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Release Waiver

I _____, agree not to hold Vertigoevent.org responsible for any injuries that may occur while I am participating in Vertigo 2009.

Participant's signature: _____

Needed if participant is under 18:

I _____, agree not to hold Vertigoevent.org responsible for any injuries that may occur while I am participating in Vertigo 2009.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



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Contact Sheet

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If you have any questions at all feel free to contact any one of us and we would be happy to answer them for you.



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Vertigo Event:

<http://vertigoevent.org>

<http://wiki.vertigoevent.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54159292540>

<http://twitter.com/vertigoevent>

Sam's Place (The Cause):

<http://www.willismissions.org>

<http://www.causes.com/samsplace>

The Rebelution (The Inspiration):

<http://www.therebelution.com>

<http://www.therebelution.com/blog>

<http://www.therebelution.com/dohardthings/>