

FAQS

WHAT ARE THE AGE REQUIREMENTS?

- Senior high locations: Ages 14+, or entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2010

WHAT IF SOMEONE DOES NOT MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENTS?

Anyone arriving at the location that does not meet the minimum age requirement will be sent home at the expense of the parent or guardian. Only participants are permitted at the lodging facility and at the project sites.

HOW MANY ADULTS DO WE NEED TO BRING?

Group Workcamps requires every group to bring one adult (over 21 years of age) for every five youth (20 and under). This ensures that there is at least one adult on every project site. If you register both male and female participants, bring at least one male and one female adult. This ensures that there is at least one adult in every sleeping room.

WHAT QUALIFIES SOMEONE AS AN ADULT?

A participant is considered an adult at camp if they are at least 21 years of age.

WHAT WORK WILL WE BE DOING?

Participants will be doing home repairs on the homes of local residents during the week. The residents that we serve either cannot afford to pay for these repairs or cannot physically do them. They are humbled and excited that we offer to do these repairs for them at no cost. We typically select repairs that can be completed during the duration of one week.

CAN WE ARRIVE LATE OR LEAVE EARLY?

No, attendance is mandatory from start to finish for all participants. Every part of the program is valuable and helps guarantee a life-changing week. No exceptions on this one, so please make travel arrangements accordingly.

WHAT DO WE DO DURING OUR FREE AFTERNOON OFF?

This is your group's time to spend together, so plan something fun and relaxing! You may want to assign someone in your group the job of researching the area that you are going to for ideas. We did list some ideas for you at GroupWorkcamps.com—just click on “Locations” and then click on your camp's description to open up details. Some groups like to wait to plan activities during this time until they actually arrive in the community and have the chance to look around and ask locals for their suggestions. In some locations, our local partner in the area ~~may actually put together~~ an event for that afternoon just for camp participants.

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WHAT TRANSPORTATION DO WE NEED TO PROVIDE?

- ❑ Each church must provide transportation to and from the camp location as well as daily transportation to and from the project sites. They need to provide enough seats for every participant in their group.
- ❑ All vehicles must be available for transportation to and from the sites. Mileage will not be reimbursed for vehicles used during the camp week or for traveling to and from the location.
- ❑ Vehicles with a minimum capacity of six passengers are required, with seat belts for every passenger. While adult leaders will be driving the vehicles they bring, they typically will not be transporting a crew that includes just their own group members. Typically, the youth from your group will be traveling with their crew in different vehicles.
- ❑ For 2010, there are 3 locations that we listed as “**Not Bus Accessible**”. These locations are Dunmore WV, Montgomery WV, and Red Mesa, AZ. Due to rough terrain and narrow roads, buses cannot be accommodated at these locations. If you are attending one of these camps, please plan on renting smaller vehicles.

WHERE DO PARTICIPANTS STAY?

We use local schools or similar facilities for lodging. Participants bring air mattresses, sleeping bags, or other bedding and sleep in classrooms. Adult leaders are assigned to the rooms with their own youth, and separate sleeping quarters are assigned to males and females. Sleeping quarters may be shared with people from other youth groups. Specific lodging information, including address, local directions, and emergency phone numbers, will be mailed to all groups in the spring.

WILL THE LODGING FACILITY HAVE AIR-CONDITIONING?

Typically, the community we are serving in has given us the best facility that they can. It is important to remind your group that we are coming into the community as servants, and we want to demonstrate Jesus' love by being ready and willing to forgo certain luxuries. Air-conditioning may not always be possible, so please plan to bring some fans with you.

WHAT ABOUT SHOWERS?

There will always be showers available during the week for participants. They may be in locker rooms at a school or gym or even constructed outside at the lodging facility. They will always be gender separate, and we try to make them as private as possible, but please remind your participants to bring their swimsuits.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD? WHAT IF I HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

We have placed a Sample Menu in the Additional Resources for you, you'll see that we offer a great variety of food during the week. For special diets, participants are welcome to bring their own food to substitute in. There is a Café Host staff person at camp who will be able to tell you where to store it. We also suggest that someone with a special diet ask to take the role of Break Maker on their work crew so that they can be in charge of what goes in and out of their crew's lunch cooler.

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WHAT IF A PARTICIPANT BECOMES INJURED DURING THE WEEK?

- If the injury or illness is severe, the adult at the site will call 911 immediately and then notify the camp office. The camp staff will then notify the participant's youth leader, bring necessary paperwork to the hospital, and arrange supervision for the other participants in the crew, if needed.
- If the injury or illness is not severe, the adult can just call the camp office for assistance. The camp staff will notify the participant's youth leader and help arrange transportation of the injured or ill person to a hospital or other appropriate health-care facility and coordinate supervision for the other campers in the crew, if needed.
- If the injury or illness is minor, it may be treated at the site. Each crew is provided with a small first-aid kit containing basic supplies like bandages and antibiotic ointment. We recommend that adults bring a larger first-aid kit with them.
- First-aid procedures will be reviewed with all adults prior to the camp so they know how to determine an emergency situation and respond appropriately.
- Participants should bring their insurance card or a legible copy with them and have it on them at all times.

WILL THERE BE MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE AT CAMP?

Letters and packages sent by the U.S. Postal Service and most express carriers can be received during the camp week. Use caution when shipping valuables; we cannot guarantee that packages will be received there, and we are not responsible for tracking lost or stolen packages.

CAN I EMAIL A PARTICIPANT?

Family and friends may be able to e-mail a participant by going to GroupWorkcamps.com and clicking on the "E-mail a Camper" button. This link is only available during ongoing camps. A camp location will not appear in the dropdown menu if Internet service is not available there. Details will be provided at a later date.

WHAT ABOUT ELECTRONIC DEVICES?

Experience has shown that use of some electronic devices (such as cell phones, iPods, and MP3 players) at camp become a distraction to the owner and disruptive to the experience of other participants. These devices often isolate participants and interfere with their ability to fully engage in the community. They can also present a safety hazard on work sites when people talk on their cell phones or listen to music through ear buds or headphones. In addition, many of these electronic items are costly and are easily lost, broken, or stolen. For those reasons, the Code of Conduct states: "In order to build relationships with my group, my crew, and others at camp, I will not text message or use my cell phone, iPod, MP3 player, etc., on work sites or during worship programs. I may use my cell phone to call the camp office or respond to an emergency."