

WHAT WILL THE WORKCAMP BE LIKE?!?!



ARRIVAL

You and your youth group will arrive at the workcamp around 1:00 pm on Sunday. After your youth group checks in at the Reach Office at the school, you'll be assigned sleeping quarters in a classroom. You'll carry all of your belongings to your sleeping quarters and settle into your "home" for the week. You'll have time to explore the school, take a shower, play volleyball or basketball and meet other workcampers before supper.

FIRST SESSION

After supper, you'll have a few minutes to relax before the evening program. During the evening program at 7:00 pm, you'll enjoy group mixers, singing and orientation. Workcrews will also be formed. Each member of your youth group will be assigned to a different workcrew. Workcrews will consist of seven people, five or six youth and one or two adults. You will work on your project with the same workcrew all week. Junior high participants (youth going into 7th or 8th grade in the Fall) at the Combination Workcamps will work together in teams of three to four from their own youth group paired with another youth group team. Each junior high team will have one of their own adult sponsors assigned to them. Junior and Senior high workcrews are not assigned to the same worksite. (Your workcrew will receive your work description, review it and have a chance to visit with a troubleshooter before going to your worksite on Monday.)

EACH MORNING...

You'll enjoy a hearty breakfast in the school cafeteria and then meet together for the Morning Quiet Time. From there, you will head out to your worksite with your workcrew.

AT THE WORKSITE

Once you arrive at your worksite, you'll introduce yourself to your neighbor(s) and then begin working on the projects assigned to your workcrew. Your worksite may involve scraping and painting, building steps, repairing roofs or porches or caulking windows. Reach will provide daily On-Site Devotions to help you focus on our theme for the week.

END OF THE WORK DAY

You'll return to the school around 2:30 pm (Junior High Crews) or 3:30 pm (Senior High Crews) to get cleaned up and enjoy some free time before supper in the cafeteria.

EACH EVENING

From 7:00 - 8:30 pm, the Evening Program will bring everyone together for some fun activities, worship, community building, dramas, crew sharing and a time for spiritual inspiration and challenge. After the Evening Program, you will gather with your youth group for Youth Group Reflections. Following your Youth Group Reflections, you will have free time until lights out.

YOUTH GROUP REFLECTIONS

Following the evening program (around 8:30 pm), you'll meet with your youth group and reflect on the day's activities as well as look forward to tomorrow's expectations. This is a great time to build lasting friendships with your youth group. Reach will provide the youth group reflections for the leaders.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

You'll leave your worksite and meet your own youth group back at the school at 12:30pm. This is a free afternoon for you to rest, take in an interesting site or recreational opportunity in the area. Supper will not be served at the school on Wednesday. You will be responsible for your own expenses for that afternoon including supper. You must be back at the school by 7:00 pm for the evening program.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Part of the evening program will include a talent show. If you would like to participate, members of your group will have the opportunity to try-out for the talent show, so bring individual or group acts. Acts can be serious or comical, but must be in good taste.

FREE TIME

Free time will give you a chance to make new friends, play basketball, volleyball, write care cards, take a nap or write a letter to the folks back home.

PICTURES

We will be taking about 2,000 pictures at the workcamp. You will have the opportunity to buy a Whole Workcamp Digital Photo CD with every image from the Workcamp or CD's of individual pictures that we take during the workcamp week.

LAST DAY

On the last morning (Saturday), you'll celebrate your week of Christian service and look ahead to ways you can serve back home. By 9:30 am, you'll be packed and on your way home.