

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

12-2 p.m. Registration/Check In
 3 p.m. Welcome program
 4:15 p.m. Adult meeting
 5-6:30 p.m. Dinner & free time
 7 p.m. Evening program
 Meet your crews
 Project assignments
 8:30 p.m. Youth group devotions
 10:30-11 p.m. Get ready for bed
 11 p.m. Lights out

MON, TUES, THURS & FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. Wake-up call
 7-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
 Gather tools
 Fill water jugs
 Pack coolers with lunches
 8:00 a.m. Morning program
 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Depart for sites after program
 Work on project
 Eat lunch
 3:30 p.m. Return to lodging facility
 Report progress
 Shower Time
 Recreation/free time
 5-6:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Evening program
 8:30 p.m. Youth group devotions
 10-11 p.m. Adult-only shower time
 10:30 p.m. Get ready for bed
 11 p.m. Lights out (midnight Friday)

WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m.-12 p.m. Same as Monday
 12:30 p.m. Return to lodging facility
 Group free time
 Dinner on your own
 7:30 p.m. Evening program
 8:30 p.m. Youth group devotions
 10-11 p.m. Adult-only shower time
 10:30 p.m. Get ready for bed
 11 p.m. Lights out

SATURDAY

7-8 a.m. Breakfast
 7-9 a.m. Room checkout
 Pick up care cards
 Groups depart

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday 4:15 p.m. Adult meeting

➤ Make copies of this and distribute to your participants so they don't miss anything!

➤ Remember, attendance is mandatory from start to finish, so plan travel times accordingly.

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WHAT TO BRING

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Air mattress, cot, or foam pad (twin-size)
- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Blanket and pillow
- Towels and washcloths
- Swimsuit and shower shoes
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Soap and shampoo
- Any prescription medications
- Laundry/plastic bags (for dirty clothing)
- Long jeans or pants
- Shorts
- Work shirts
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Work boots or sturdy shoes
- Water bottle
- Personal health insurance card or legible copy
- Bible
- Tools from the "Tools to Bring" list
- Jacket
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bandannas, a hat, or visor
- Insect repellent
- Mirror*
- Camera*
- GPS* (recommended for drivers)
- Rain gear*
- Musical instruments*
- Fans* (most schools are not air-conditioned)
- Flashlight*
- Alarm clock* (battery-powered)
- Spending money*

*Optional Items

ITEM TO BRING AS A GROUP:

This was such a success last summer that we are again asking each group to bring canned or boxed food to camp with them. Working together, we all can make a huge difference to literally thousands of families.

Here's the details:

- All food and donations will be given to a local food agency.
- If transporting food is a challenge, bring money to purchase food while at your camp location.
- Please donate only canned or boxed food (no glass jars).
- The sky is the limit! Last year, we raised over 156,000 items, can we beat that? Involve your group, your congregation, friends, and your local businesses in the effort. You can even add more food to the pile throughout the camp week.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs
- Expensive clothes or jewelry
- Computers, electronic games, or anything really valuable
- Fireworks, weapons or toy guns
- Skimpy or revealing clothes
- MP3 Players/cell phones/iPods. We prefer you leave these items at home, for security purposes and because they can interfere with meeting new friends. But if you do bring any of these items with you, they may only be used in your sleeping room—not on project sites, during programs, or in public areas.

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TOOLS TO BRING

EACH YOUTH SHOULD BRING:

- Safety goggles
- Work gloves
- N-95 disposable mask
- Tool pouch, bag or bucket
- Small, medium, and large paintbrushes
- Paint roller
- Paint roller cover
- Paint tray
- Paint scraper and/or wire brush
- Screwdriver
- Hammer
- Spray bottle
- Tape measure

AS A GROUP BRING:

- Spade shovel (2 per group)*
- 1 box of rags
- 16-ft extension ladder or longer (1 per 6 people)
- 8-ft stepladder (1 per 6 people)
- Electric drill and bits (2 per group)*
- Post hole digger (2 per group)*
- Jigsaw (1 per group)*
- First-aid kit (1 per group)*

*If your group is larger than 50 participants,
please double these items.

EACH ADULT SHOULD BRING:

- Safety goggles
- Work gloves
- N-95 disposable mask
- Tool pouch, bag or bucket
- Paint roller extension handle
- Utility knife
- Chalk line
- Family-size cooler (on wheels, if possible)
- One 5-gallon water jug
- Chisel
- Caulking gun
- Circular saw
- Level
- Nail bar
- Square
- Extension cord and ground fault interrupt

TOOL TIPS:

- The only tools at a Workcamp are those that groups bring with them.
- Many tools will be shared with other participants.
- Label all your tools so you get them back.
- You may not use all the tools you bring, but it is better to have a tool you don't need than to need a tool you don't have.
- Flying to camp? Please still bring tools! You can ship them ahead or purchase them when you arrive at your camp location.

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THEME & PROGRAM DETAILS

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OUR PROGRAMS:

- To be involved! Since all of us learn better by doing, our programs get people involved—it's not a show you just sit and watch. Everything we do is REAL: Relational, Experiential, Applicable, and Learner-based. Our research has shown experiences that are REAL help people learn more, remember it longer, and experience a greater impact.
- High-impact multi-media: sound and video that will grab your students' attention and help them focus on the daily theme.
- Moving worship music: the music we use is some of the most popular worship music for Christian teenagers. If you play a musical instrument, bring it! (You are responsible for its care and protection.) There will be opportunities for you and your youth to take an active role in the music part of worship. Rehearsal times will be announced at camp.
- Games and other fun activities to help participants build relationships.
- Drama and stories that will emphasize the daily theme.
- Trained program staff.
- Biblical messages—delivered in many ways—that connect and emphasize the daily theme. This will challenge your students to grow closer to God in ways they'll never forget.

WHAT WON'T BE IN OUR PROGRAMS:

- A "typical" worship service, as if there is such a thing. All of us worship in different ways. Our programs are designed to help all of us find common ground to worship, in a neutral location, the God we all serve.
- The sacraments. Different denominations do these differently, but please feel free to celebrate these during your youth group devotions if you wish.
- An "altar call." You and your teenagers will be given opportunities to make a commitment to God in a variety of different ways at different times...without pressure or manipulation.
- A sermon. We've learned that most teenagers don't find sermons appealing. And in our research on how people learn best, we've found that people have greater life-changing experiences when they actively participate, not when they sit and listen. Your teenagers won't just hear about service; they'll actually do it, and because of that- it'll impact them much more powerfully. The same thing happens in our programs. We'll challenge you in a lot of unique and interesting ways...ways that make an impact that lasts for a lifetime.
- Negative messages about any faith group. We're all at camp to serve together, not debate or belittle one another over our differences.

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

We know it's scary partnering with an organization that's not related to your denomination. It's common to wonder things like, "What will they be telling my kids?" "Will they say things we disagree with?" "Will they teach a biblical message?" "Will my kids enjoy it?" Your radar will naturally be a little more sensitive, looking for things you disagree with. We understand. All of us at the Group Workcamps Foundation come from different faith backgrounds.

Here is our statement of faith, which you'll likely notice is similar to the basic creeds and statements of faith of orthodox Christian churches the world over:

- We believe people receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life through a relationship with Jesus.
- We believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his death on the cross, in his bodily resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in his personal return.

Maybe your church doesn't say it quite like that. Or maybe you would say more or less than this. On the camp, all our differences will come together as we serve and worship. Youth leaders have told us how much they appreciate the job we do at bringing everyone together to focus on God.

If you ever hear or see anything during the camp that differs from your church's beliefs, you'll have the opportunity in your evening youth group devotions to talk about this with your kids. If they hear things that are different from what you teach in other parts of their lives, you'll can use the evening devotions as teachable moments and help them understand how your church connects to God.

Again, our main goal at these camps and evening programs is to help you and your students grow closer to Jesus. We see this happen in many wonderful ways, year after year after year. We look forward to seeing your group grow closer to God as you serve with us this summer.

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