

## Good Shepherd Youth Ministry

# WorkCamp 2012

## Participant Information Packet & Application

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THROUGH  
THIS ENTIRE PACKET CAREFULLY!**

**PAGES 1-2 ARE FOR YOU TO KEEP.  
PAGES 3-4 ARE FOR YOU TO TURN IN.**

An **Informational Meeting** will be held on:  
Sunday, January 8, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm.

**Winchester, Virginia: June 23 – June 29**  
*designed for any high school students*

**Woodbridge, Virginia: July 21-27**  
*designed for any high school students*  
**TENTATIVE – WILL ONLY OCCUR WITH ENOUGH INTEREST**

**Knox County, Kentucky: July 22-27**  
*family option for high school students (14 and up) and their parents*

*“Our resident said the greatest way of spreading the Good News was through service. Hearing him say that made me realize something: people talk a lot about bringing Christ to others, but the people we serve don’t need Christ brought to them; we need Christ brought to us.”*

--Neil Burke, WorkCamp 2006: Orange, VA

## What is WorkCamp?

WorkCamp is a week-long mission trip designed to help high school students live out their Catholic faith. This is accomplished through direct service with people in need, communal prayer and worship, small group discussions, talks, and more. The work you do depends on which trip you attend and the work site you are assigned, but is typically light to moderate home improvement and/or construction. All work is well supervised and safe.

If you are only interested in completing service hours, WorkCamp is probably not for you. If you are open to God working in you and through you, and if you are interested in serving your brothers and sisters in Christ, then WorkCamp will probably be an amazing experience for you.

## How can I participate in WorkCamp?

If after reading through this information packet you decide you would like to make the commitment to be involved in WorkCamp this year, please fill out the attached application and turn it in by Tuesday, January 17. If you are selected for one of our WorkCamp teams, you will then need to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your spot (see chart below for deposit costs). At that point, you will need to attend ALL preparatory meetings and participate in fundraising efforts to raise the necessary money for your trip.

## How much does WorkCamp Cost?

Each has a unique costs as outlined below. Participant fundraising efforts pay the majority of the expenses, but any leftover costs will need to be incurred by the students. Therefore the more fundraising you do, the less you will have to pay out of pocket. We highly recommend that you discuss your WorkCamp trip with friends and relatives and ask them to support you financially if they are able to. This is the most effective way to raise money.

• Winchester, Virginia:	total cost - \$485	deposit - \$50
• Kentucky:	total cost - \$400	deposit - \$50
• Woodbridge, Virginia:	total cost - \$425	deposit - \$50

## When are the preparatory meetings?

Sunday, January 22, 3:30-5:00 pm  
Sunday, February 12, 3:30-5:00 pm  
Sunday, March 11, 3:30-5:00 pm  
Sunday, April 15, 7:30-9:00 pm  
Sunday, May 20, 7:30-9:00 pm  
Sunday, June 3, 10:30 am-1:00 pm  
Wednesday, July 11, 7:30-8:30 pm (for July WorkCamp only)

It is your responsibility to remember these dates and to be present at the meetings!

## Can I miss a preparatory meeting?

No. Participation in one of our WorkCamp trips requires preparation, formation, prayer, and team building. Thus our meetings are not optional. If when you turn in your application you are already aware of a life event that you cannot miss (like your sister's wedding or your brother's graduation), we can make an exception, but you must speak with Miguel immediately. We understand if an unforeseen emergency arises, but excuses will only be given for emergencies.

Other extracurricular commitments are incredibly important, but if there is a conflict, you will need to decide which commitment is more important to you. If you choose the other commitment (like a sports team, band, drama, etc.), then you are choosing not to participate in WorkCamp this summer. Some of the most difficult choices in life involve choosing between two things that are good. We understand how difficult it is to say no to a commitment. The decision is ultimately up to you, and we support that decision, even if it means you have to miss WorkCamp this year.

**PARTICIPANT APPLICATION – DUE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age you will be at WorkCamp** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail of parent(s)/guardian(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your t-shirt size?**    S        M        L        XL

**Have you participated in WorkCamp before?**    Y / N    **If yes, which trip(s)?**

**Which trip would you prefer to attend this year? Note: if more than one trip works for your calendar, please list your order of preference:**

**Do you have any health/medical concerns or special needs that we should be aware of?**

**Why are you interested in doing service?**

**How does serving those in need relate to our faith in God?**

**How will you raise money for your trip?**

## **Covenant for Youth**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the WorkCamp Participant Information Packet fully, and I understand what my participation in WorkCamp entails. I am aware that this is a huge commitment to serve God and to serve others. I promise that if I am selected to be a WorkCamp participant:

- I will attend and fully participate in ALL of the preparatory meetings, and I understand that if I choose to miss a meeting, I am choosing to not participate in WorkCamp this summer
- I will pray about this experience before, during, and after the trip
- I will participate in fundraising efforts to raise money for the trips
- I will behave in a manor appropriate to a maturing Christian
- I will share my experiences with the church when I return

Note: Do not sign below if you are not willing to make this commitment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Covenant for Parents/Guardians**

As the parent/guardian of the student named above, I have read the WorkCamp Participant Information Packet fully, and I understand what my teen's participation in WorkCamp entails. I am aware that this is a huge commitment for her/him to serve God and to serve others. I pledge to give my teen full support throughout this journey. If she/he is selected to be a WorkCamp participant, I will support her/him in meeting all of the commitments listed above.

Note: Do not sign below if you are not willing to support your teen in this commitment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*[This second signature line is for families with two parents/guardians.  
If your household only has one parent/guardian, please disregard.]*