

# Group Mission trip Info

## General Information

Final Payment of \$300 is due May 21<sup>st</sup>. A constant Contact Link has been sent to you today.

Cell Phone Number needs to be added to our list today see form on table or email Steve Wilson with your number.

Steve Wilson Cell number is 231-287-4432

Camp Dates July 24-31 - Lincoln Ill

We will be leaving at 9:00 AM Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

All items but your backpack for the travel will need to be at St. John by Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm. Items will need to be placed in the Atrium.

t-shirt size needed to be in by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Group T-Shirts will be worn on Sunday July 25.

We will have groups from St. Peter Macomb, and Cross of Christ joining us this year.

**For the safety of the group at this time we will likely be asking everyone to take a COVID test Tuesday before we leave on our trip.**

- **You do not need to get a COVID test if**
  - **Have been vaccinated**
  - **Have had covid in the last 90 days from the trip. A formal documentation from a doctor is needed. (May 1<sup>st</sup> or later.)**

## **Masks:**

Van trip: At this time we will not require masks in the vans. Van groups will be considered a cohort for sake of safety.

sleeping areas will be mask free.

Camp will require masks in common areas and program and possibly at work sites especially when indoors.

## **COVID-19 Plan Group Work Camp**

Camp season is still many months away and so many things surrounding COVID-19 are changing around the country daily. However, we're still hard at work preparing for a variety of scenarios for next summer. We have prepared a detailed list of many of the possibilities we could use to add precautions to sleeping arrangements, worksites, large-group gatherings, food prep, and more.

### **Arrival**

- The best thing you can do to keep camp safe is make sure your group arrives healthy.
- We will ensure that the camp environment has been cleaned and disinfected and ready for you.

### **Mealtimes**

- We are recruiting extra facility volunteers to assist with increased sanitization and cleaning tasks
- Planning to expand mealtimes and creating shifts for separate groups to provide better social distancing practices during mealtimes.
- Analyzing our food preparation procedures at Week of Hope and make necessary changes to ensure food safety since youth groups usually help prepare meals for each other.

### **Free time**

- Providing colored bracelets to participants that designate a person's comfort level of interaction – From very little interaction desired (red bracelet) to almost all interaction welcomed (green bracelet).
- Taking each person's temperature daily at each mission trip location.
- Requiring everyone to wear masks at worksites, in all public places, and at the lodging facility during gatherings and interactions.

### **Sleeping arrangements**

- We are speaking with location partners about the possibility of expanding the number of sleeping rooms to provide for social distancing in sleeping areas.
- Keeping Youth Group together in one room. Obviously, boys and girls will still be in separate rooms 😊

## **Large group gatherings**

- Creating multiple evening program times in shifts and conducting program outside (weather permitting) for separate groups to provide better social distancing practices during program times.
- Potentially eliminating the option for residents to attend our Friday evening programs at Workcamps to decrease exposure of anyone who may be at higher risk including our elderly residents.

## **Worksites**

- Keeping youth groups together (including on crews) to help keep people safe. We understand mixing groups is a large part of the relational experience at camp and if this is the safest option, we plan for this to be a temporary change for this year only.
- Limiting the amount of interaction with people at all project sites, including devotions, to decrease exposure of anyone who may be at higher risk including our elderly residents.

Our plan is to make summer 2021 as fun, safe, and as normal as possible. We are in contact with our partners in each community and working to make sure we provide the safest environment and follow all local guidelines when it comes time for camp next summer. Until we are much closer to the summer of 2021, we will not be able to finalize our plans, but we hope this gives you some idea of how we are preparing. As the situation changes, we may add or remove any of the listed precautions, and we will notify you of any of these updates before your mission trip begins.

## **Workcamps • Schedule, Menu, Packing**

### **Schedule**

#### **SUNDAY**

- 12–2 p.m. Check-in
- 3 p.m. Welcome program  
Followed by an adult meeting
- 5–6:30 p.m. Dinner
- Evening program
- 7 p.m. Meet your crew  
Project assignments
- 8:30 p.m. Youth group devotions
- 11 p.m. Lights-out

#### **MON, TUES, THURS, FRIDAY**

- 6:45 a.m. Wake-up call
- Breakfast
- 7–7:45 a.m. Gather Tools  
Fill water jugs  
Pack coolers with lunches
- Morning program
- 8 a.m. Depart for sites  
Work on project  
Lunch and crew devotions
- Return to lodging facility
- 3:30 p.m. Report progress  
Recreation/free time
- 5–6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Evening program
- 8:30 p.m. Youth group devotions

11 p.m      Lights-out (midnight Friday)

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:45 a.m.–12 p.m Same as Monday

	Check-in at lodging facility
12:30 p.m.	Youth group free time
	Dinner on your own
7:30 p.m	Program with variety show
8:30 p.m	Youth group devotions
11 p.m	Lights-out

### **SATURDAY**

7–8 a.m Breakfast

7–9 a.m. Room check-out  
Groups depart

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday 4:15 p.m. Adult meeting

7–9 a.m. Room check-out  
Groups depart

- Shower locations and times will be communicated at camp. There will be separate shower times designated for those that are 17 and younger from those 18 and older.
- All aspects of camp are designed just for you. Don't miss out on anything!

## Packing List

### PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Air mattress, cot, or foam pad (twin-size)
- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Blanket and pillow
- Towels and washcloths
- Modest swimsuit and shower shoes
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Soap and shampoo
- Any prescription medications
- Laundry/plastic bags (for dirty clothing)
- Long pants or jeans (at least one for week)
- Modest shorts
- Work t-shirts (3-5)
- Pajamas, socks and underwear
- Work boots or sturdy shoes (must be closed toed shoes)
- Water bottle
- Personal health insurance card or copy
- Bible
- Tools from the Tool List
- Jacket
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bandanas, a hat, or visor
- Insect repellent
- Mirror\*
- Camera\*
- GPS\* (recommended for drivers)
- Rain gear\*
- Snacks\*
- Musical instruments\*
- Fans\* (most schools do not have AC)
- Flashlight\*
- Spending money\*
- Games for free time\*
- **1 mask per day (either disposable or enough cloth ones to get through the week without laundry)**

\*Optional Items

### **AS A GROUP:**

- 1 first-aid kit for every vehicle
- 1 5-gallon water jug for every 6 people
- 1 large cooler (on wheels is preferred) for every 6 people
- **1 thermometer per gender (larger groups should bring more so there's enough for 1 per sleeping room)**
- **Hand sanitizer for your vehicles and sleeping rooms**

COMMUNITY GIFT: We asked each camp location for a specific need in their community. Your group's mission: have FUN collecting as much of the needed item as you can and bring it to camp with you!

Check on your customer account, under "Helpful Resources, and then Schedule, Menu and Packing", to see your camp's requested item. Your gift will be meeting a specific need in the community you are serving—thank you in advance!

- Involve your congregation, friends and even your local businesses in the effort.
- Is transportation a problem? Purchase your community gifts when you arrive.

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

- Alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs
- Expensive clothes or jewelry
- Anything really valuable
- Fireworks, weapons or toy guns
- Skimpy or revealing clothes
  - Please bring clothes that are appropriate in any situation. Longer shorts, t-shirts, modest swimsuits, etc.

### **CELL PHONES/IPODS/LAPTOPS/ETC.**

For security reasons, it's best to leave these items at home. However, we do understand that they are great for capturing moments, sharing life, and communicating back home. If you decide to bring any of these items, don't let them distract from your experience. How can you be tethered to your devices and expect God to work in unexpected ways? If you decide to bring them, be sure to put them away during the programs and on your work sites.

## Tool List

### EACH YOUTH SHOULD BRING:

- Safety goggles
- Work gloves
- N-95 disposable dust mask (used when scraping paint)
- Tool pouch, bag or bucket
- Hammer
- Tape measure (16' or 25')
- Paint brushes: variety of sizes
- Paint roller handle
- Paint roller cover(s) 3
- Paint tray with liners
- Paint scraper and/or wire brush

### AS A GROUP PLEASE BRING:

- One 5-gallon water jug (1 per 6 people)
- Family-size cooler on wheels (1 per 6)
- Spade shovel (2 per group)\*
- One box of rags
- Drop cloths (1 per 6 people)
- At least one wrench or socket set
- Small old containers for paint
- Paint bucket hook (1 per 6 people)
- 16-ft or longer extension ladder (1 per 6)
  - *Extras are appreciated!*
- 8-ft stepladder (1 per 6 people)
  - *Extras are appreciated!*
- Post hole digger (2 per group)\*
- Jigsaw and sharp blades (1 per group)\*
- First-aid kit (1 for every vehicle)
- A box of gallon sized Ziploc bags (for paint brush storage)
- A box of large strong black trash bags

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



### **EACH ADULT SHOULD BRING:**

- Safety goggles
- Work gloves
- Tool pouch, bag, or bucket
- N-95 disposable dust mask
- Spray bottle
- Paint roller extension handle
- Utility knife and extra blades
- Chalk line and chalk
- Chisel
- Caulking gun
- Circular saw (extra blade)
- Level (3' length minimum)
- Pry bar
- Screwdriver(s) (Philips and Flathead)
- Square (Carpenters speed or 3')
- Extension cord (with GFCI protection) **or** Ground fault interrupter splitter/adaptor
- Cordless drill 18 volt or better
- Extra drill battery with a charger
- Star Bits Type T-25
- Drill bit kits (including small bits for drilling pilot holes and a 3/8" and 1/2" diameter 6"-8" in length)
- Lumber clamp/vise
- Carpenter pencil

The only tools at camp are those that YOU bring! There's a chance you may not use all the tools you bring, but it's better to have a tool you don't need than to need a tool you don't have!

Tools are often shared so be sure to label all tools with your name and church.

Flying to camp? You're still going to need tools! Plan to either ship ahead or purchase upon arrival. You can donate your tools to your resident or ship them back.

We don't expect you to buy tools brand new—try to borrow or buy them used. If you do purchase tools, keep receipts in case something doesn't get used.