

An Overview of Youth Force Ada 2017

- **DATES & COST:** The dates for Youth Force Ada are Sunday, June 25-Friday, June 30. The cost for youth participants is \$275. The deadline for registration is June 1.
- **WHO CAN COME:** Youth Force is open to students who are entering 7th grade through students who have just graduated from high school.
- **WHAT'S A GOD SQUAD?** Our work groups are called God Squads. Each God Squad will have 2 adults and 8-10 youth who will work together to complete the projects at their site throughout the week. The God Squads will be made up of a mix of students from junior high and high school and guys and girls. You may not know anyone else in your "God Squad" but by the end of the week the people in your God Squad will be some of your best friends!
- **WORK SITES:** There will be a variety of jobs that have been selected prior to your arrival. Work sites may include siding, minor construction repair, painting, yard work, etc. The homeowners will be those who are physically or financially unable to do the work themselves. Some will be elderly, some may be families with young children, and others disabled. You will work on one job until it is completed.
- **GOD SQUAD LEADERS:** Most adults will serve as God Squad leaders. They will be working with another adult to be the leader of a God Squad as well as sleeping in the rooms with the students from their own church.
- **TECH ANGELS:** We also have a need for some adults to serve as Tech Angels. These are adults who have lots of carpentry skills and knowledge who would oversee 2-4 sites. They would assist God Squads in performing the tasks and would provide much of the knowledge and necessary work and leadership to complete the task, especially in situations where a problem arises or in a place where God Squad leaders are unsure of what to do. If you have anyone who is interested and qualified, please let us know!
- **HOUSING INFO:** We will be sleeping and eating at Ada First United Methodist Church. Church groups will be sleeping in rooms throughout the church in designated guy/girl areas. Bring bedding – including air mattresses or cots! You will also need to bring your own towels and toiletries.
- **EVENINGS:** Evenings after dinner will be filled with recreation and worship.
- **CLOSED CAMP:** Youth Force is a CLOSED camp. Once you arrive, you are expected to stay the entire week. Visitors must check-in with the director prior to visiting anyone.
- **THEME:** The theme for Youth Force Ada 2017 is Living Hope based on Romans 5:1-5.
- **PURPOSE:** Our call as Christians is to love God and love others. The work that we will do will change the lives of the homeowners and probably your life as well. The relationship you will build with the homeowners, with other God Squad members, and with your church is also very important. We hope that Youth Force will intensify and restore your commitment to God through servanthood and missions. We hope it will give you a greater understanding of living out our calling as we seek to restore one another and see for ourselves what it means to commit our lives to Christ and serve Him even as he has given true life to each of us. Get ready for an awesome week and one that is life-changing!

What to Bring to Youth Force

- Bedding: Air Mattress or Cot (Twin Size Only), bed rolls, Blanket, Pillow, Sleeping Bag, etc.
(NO BEDS PROVIDED)
- Towels & Washcloths
- Toiletries: Shampoo Hair dryer Soap Deodorant
 Cosmetics Toothbrush/paste Hairbrush/Comb
- Clothes for 4 days of work (see Job Site Style below)
- Hard sole shoes for work (**no open toe sandals allowed on work site!**)
- Hat
- Swimsuit
- Lava soap, Orange soap, etc.
- Shower shoes
- Laundry Bag for dirty clothes
- Bible
- Personal Tool Kit - Please put your name on each tool!
 - Safety Goggles
 - Heavy Duty work gloves
 - Hammer (at least 14 oz.)
 - Tape Measure (min. 12 ft.)
 - Utility Knife
 - Water Bottle
 - Nail Belt
 - Tin Snips or cutters for siding (Worth spending some money on...)
 - Bug spray and Sunscreen
- Spending Money – there may be opportunities to stop at local drive through on the way back to the church after the work day.

Any valuables that you bring are your own responsibility. Use of phones or other electronics are allowed, but there are times when use will be at a minimum to ensure the best experience and opportunity overall.

Job Site Style

- Remember, this is not a beauty/beau contest! You don't have to look perfect to work!
 - Every student should also bring a pair of jeans or long pants. Hats are also helpful to protect from the sun. Sunscreen is a must!
 - Just a reminder...on the job site, grubbies are fine, as long as they are in good taste and in keeping with a good Christian witness.
 - Shirts should cover your front, side, and backside. No low cut shirts allowed. Tank tops are ok as long as they are not low cut or with deep cut sleeves.
 - No short shorts allowed OR shorts that hang too low – bring a belt if needed.
- **Please remember that at all times we are representing Christ and the church.**

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**THE PURPOSE OF YOUTH FOCE IS TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE MISSION EXPERIENCE
TO ALL PARTICIPANTS WHILE REVIVING HOPE TO THE COMMUNITY**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Check one: ____ Youth ____ Adult

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Gender: _____ Age (as of 6/25/17) _____ Grade in Fall 2017: _____

Parent Cell Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL (adult sizes)

Give your registration to the appropriate person in your church, normally the Youth Director or Pastor, and he/she will get it to Youth Force team

PERMISSION, LIABILITY & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

I (we), the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of

Youth Force Participant / participant's birth date

agree to hold the Oklahoma Conference leadership team and the leaders free from liability for injuries, damages, or losses unless caused by willful or intentional conduct on the part of the leadership team, leaders, or camp staff.

As legal guardian(s) I (we) give permission to the camp staff to seek medical attention if needed for this camper.

Our Health Insurance Co. is _____ Policy # _____ Group # _____

Camper's pre-existing medical conditions & current medication use _____

Allergies: _____

Immunization information: Tetanus _____ date _____ Tetanus Boosters _____ date _____

May we have permission to administer: Tylenol, Motrin or Benadryl to your child? YES NO

Parents' home phone (with area code) _____ Business phone (with area code) _____

Emergency Phone (other than parent/guardian) _____

I (we) as legal guardian(s)/parent(s) give permission for the above named child's personal property to be searched, if just cause is determined by the event staff. If such search is deemed necessary, the participant's property is to be searched in the presence of two staff persons, designated by the Event Leader/Site Official.

I (we) give my permission for my child to be photographed or videotaped, which may be used by The United Methodist Church for camp promotions.

signature of parent or guardian

date

signature of parent or guardian

date

If there are two parents or legal guardians, both signatures are preferable. In the event of an emergency, some health care or emergency service providers will only discuss the patient's needs or health issues with a parent or guardian signed above.

For Youth Force participants over the age of 18, all statements above apply to adult signees.

PARTICIPANT COVENANT OF CONDUCT

In all meetings or other events under the sponsorship/guidance of my church, I am a representative of that Christian Community and I am responsible for my actions. I understand the following guidelines will be followed.

1. I will not bring or use firearms, explosives, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages or tobacco products because all are prohibited.
2. My conduct will be in keeping with the highest Christian regard for all people.
3. I will be expected to participate in all group activities and small group meetings.
4. I understand that sleeping at night is good for my health and alertness so I will be in my room in my bed when indicated by my camp schedule
5. I will follow all dress codes and dress appropriate for my Christian witness.
6. I will leave all areas clean; meetings, rooms, work sites, sanctuary, and other activity areas.
7. I will participate in the full week of camp; arriving on Sunday by 3:00 PM and not leaving until noon on Friday.

I have read and understand the Participant Covenant of Conduct and agree to abide by it

Participant's Signature _____

date _____