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2018
JH MISSION TRIP
INFORMATION
PACKET



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December 1st, 2017

Dear Parent, Guardian, Teenager or other awesome person!

I am so thrilled that you are reading this letter right now. In this packet you will find all of the information you need to participate in our 2018 JH Summer Mission Trip.

This July we will be spending the better part of a week working with the summer children's program at Washington U.C.C. in Cincinnati, OH. This trip is open to all current 7th and 8th graders. You do NOT have to be a member of our church to participate in this trip.

I am thrilled that you are reading this letter because this trip will change your life. You will return home with a new perspective on the world, a new appreciation for all the "stuff" you have, a better sense of why service is important, a desire to make this world a better place, a bunch of new friends, a bag of smelly clothes and a personal gas tank on empty.

Many, many moons ago when I was a Junior Higher, I went on my first mission trip to Washington U.C.C. in Cincinnati with Pilgrim U.C.C. in Toledo, OH. Being able to develop a relationship with the people and the community at Washington U.C.C. so many years later is something I am so grateful for. Over the past seven years, Pastor Pam and everyone at the church have become so important to those of us involved with this trip.

I am thrilled that you are considering joining us on this adventure. I don't make many guarantees, especially concerning weather, but I will guarantee this – if you join us on this trip and you come with an open heart and a willingness to serve, you will have the best time ever.

We are very limited on space for this trip, so I encourage you to look through these pages, complete your forms and turn them in with your deposit as soon as possible so you don't get shut out from this summer's trip.

If you have any questions, I am always available and more than willing to talk to you about the trip and help you prepare for this life-changing experience. In the meantime I will be praying that you join our team and that this summer's trip will be as beneficial to you and your growth as a person as it is to the people of Cincinnati.

I am thrilled that you are still reading this letter! Looking forward to having you on our team.

All the Best,

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Avon Lake U.C.C. Jr. High Summer 2018 Mission Trip

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WHO CAN GO ON THE AVON LAKE U.C.C. JH MISSION TRIP?

All youth that are currently in grades 7 or 8 are welcome to attend this trip. You do not have to be a member of this church to attend our summer mission trips. We also have room for 4 male and 4 female adult chaperons.

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE TRIP?

The dates of this year's trip are Sunday, July 15th – Friday, July 20th, 2018. We will be departing Avon Lake U.C.C. at approximately 12:00PM on that Sunday and arriving that evening in Cincinnati around 5:00PM. On Friday, we will be departing Cincinnati at approximately 9:00AM and returning to Avon Lake U.C.C. around 3:00PM.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Each summer our JH Mission Trip travels to Cincinnati, OH and stays at Washington United Church of Christ in the historic Camp Washington neighborhood of Cincinnati. The church is located at:

Washington U.C.C.

2950 Sidney Ave.

Cincinnati, OH 45225

www.washingtonucc.org

HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE?

We will be traveling to Cincinnati in 15-passenger vans from Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Our Adult Leadership Team attending the trip will drive the vans.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

While we are in Cincinnati we will be doing a little bit of everything. Our main focus during our time there will be to assist the church staff with the summer children's program that they offer to the neighborhood. Between 30-40 children, ages 4-15 participate in this program. The program provides them with educational opportunities, religious experiences, daily breakfast and lunch and countless other cultural and community activities to help them learn, grow and develop into intelligent and caring young adults. For more information check out the Washington U.C.C. newsletter:

WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND THIS TRIP?

The cost of this trip is \$250.00 for church members and \$350 for non-church members. We ask for a \$100.00 deposit by February 1st, 2018 to hold your spot. Space is limited to 35 youth and 8 adults. Don't delay in signing up for this life-changing experience. If the cost is something that could prohibit you from attending this experience, please speak to Nate privately. We have many ways to make this experience possible for everyone.

WHAT FORMS DO I NEED TO FILL OUT TO ATTEND THIS TRIP?

Everyone must have the following three forms completed and filled out entirely to attend our trip next July. We are asking that ALL paperwork please be submitted with your deposit by February 1st, 2017. These forms are available online and at the church.

- ___ALUCC Waiver/Release Form - <https://avonlakeucc.breezechms.com/form/be828b>
- ___ALUCC Mission Trip Application Form - <https://avonlakeucc.breezechms.com/form/bff1ea40>
- ___ALUCC Overnight Trip Medications Form - <https://avonlakeucc.breezechms.com/form/4221be53>
- ___Washington U.C.C. Waiver/Release Form

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO GO ON THE TRIP?

There a number of things you need to do to go on this summer's trip. The first and most important is to pray about this opportunity. Are you ready and willing to serve God and the people in Cincinnati?

Next you will need to do the following:

- 1.Fill out all of your required paperwork.
- 2.Turn in your \$100, non-refundable deposit and pay your entire balance before May 1st, 2018.
- 3.Volunteer at all of our fundraisers.
- 4.Recruit a minimum of 5 people to participate in our Dirty Dog 5K Race.
- 5.Attend church and Jr. High on a regular basis
- 6.Attend ALL of the team meetings and/or fundraising events

IS THERE ANY MANDATORY EVENTS OR MEETINGS THAT I MUST ATTEND?

Yes. We will require that everyone participate in our Dog Wash & Dirty Dog 5K on Saturday, July 20th, 2018 (note – the day AFTER we get back). There is a significant cost to pulling off these trips and it is critical that everyone participates and helps in our fundraising efforts. We will be recruiting parents and youth to be a part of our Dog Wash & Dirty Dog 5K planning team. Watch for information about this coming very soon. Our expectation is that everyone either participates or volunteers in the race/walk and/or volunteers for the Dog Wash.

We will also have a team meeting on Monday, June 18th, 2018 where we will cover our agenda, covenant, expectations, packing lists and much more. We will introduce you to our leadership team and our Youth Ministries Summer Intern (hired in early 2018) who will be co-leading this trip to Cincinnati.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ___Monday, February 1, 2018 DEPOSIT & ALL PAPERWORK DUE
- ___Monday, May 1, 2018 BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL
- ___Monday, June 18, 2018 TEAM MEETING 6:30pm
- ___Tuesday, July 31, 2018 Post-Trip REUNION & Worship Planning 10:00am – 12:30pm
- ___Sunday, August 5, 2018 Mission Trip Worship Service

*All dates are tentative and subject to change

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions between now and June, please don't hesitate to contact me at nate@avonlakeucc.org or 440.503.2549. Please read our weekly youth ministries email that will have a special section for JH Mission Trip Updates. There will be lots and lots of things you need to know before we get out of here. Be on the lookout.

STAY IN TOUCH:

Every Thursday we send out an email with updates on all of our Youth Ministry programs. Please be sure to check these every week for updates on the trip. You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram by following @waypointym.

Below is a list of suggested items to make your stay at WUCC comfortable.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:

- Bible: Do not leave home without it!
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.
- Shower Shoes: recommend for hygiene
- Towels: at least two (you will get dirty)
- Sleep Stuff: sleeping bag or blanket, sheets, pillow, pajamas
- Work Clothes: old, discardable clothing – at least one pairs of long pants, two pair of shorts, one long sleeve shirt, as well as t-shirts
- Shorts, T-shirts, and Sandals are appropriate for evenings and off days. They may not be worn on work sites.
- Work Gloves: write your name on them
- Work Boots or Sturdy Shoes: two pairs are recommended
- Swimsuit: please use modesty when choosing what you will be wearing. No bikinis. One-piece or tankinis are acceptable.
- Sunglasses
- Spending Money: Lunch on Sunday, Kings Island spending money (tickets are covered) and dinner on Thursday
- Camera
- Sweatshirt or Light Jacket

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT BRING:

- Expensive tech items: ipods, video games, laptops, TV, DVD players, etc.
- Valuable jewelry, watches, cameras (consider bringing a disposable or inexpensive camera), etc.
- Cigarettes, alcohol, drugs
- Weapons of ANY kind
- Bad Attitude
- Excessive Flatulence
- Live Animals
- Trampoline
- Grand Piano
- Canoe, Jet Ski or other watercrafts

THINGS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER BRINGING:

- Instruments: there is always free time and they add a lot to worship.
- Cell phones: used during recreational and leisure times only.

Please note that Washington United Church of Christ
CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE for lost or stolen items.

NOTE: Per my policy, I will not comment on possible weather conditions, temperatures, traditional July weather, fronts, systems or any other form or meteorology. For your assistance I recommend www.weather.com or www.weatherbug.com.



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2018 JH MISSION TRIP HOMELESS CARE PACKAGES
WASHINGTON U.C.C. – Cincinnati, OH

Proverbs 19:17 “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

One of the more impactful activities that our students take part in while they are in Cincinnati is the collection, sorting, packing and handing out of Homeless Care Packages. These plastic bags are filled with things someone living on the street would find useful and would greatly appreciate. We are not naïve to think that these packages will change the course of someone’s life, but we are naïve enough to believe that any act of love is good. And that we are called to do good things, to be the light in the world and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Over the next several months we will be collecting items for our Homeless Care Packages to take with us to Cincinnati next July. Your help in collecting these items would be greatly appreciated.

All donations can be returned to church. We will have a drop off area set-up in the church by our Youth Ministries bulletin board and a drop off spot in the Buoy.

HOMELESS CARE PACKAGE IDEAS:

Peanut butter pouch
Tissues
Gum
Wet wipes
Bottled water
Apple sauce
Plastic spoon
Granola bars
Cookies
Deodorant

Tuna pouch
Mints
Hard candy
Hand sanitizer
Fruit cups
Crackers
Small box cereal
Crackers/pretzels
Socks

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DRAFT Itinerary

SUNDAY - July 15th, 2018

12:00	Check-in
1:03	Depart Avon Lake, OH
5:30	Arrival of Campers Get settled in apartments Pizza, Salad, Dessert Supper Orientation
11:00	Worship Lights Out!

MONDAY - July 16th, 2018

7:15	Wake-up Call
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Worship and Assignments for the Day
9:00	Summer Children's Program
12:00	Lunch and break
1:30	Summer Children's Program Ends
2:00	Homeless Experience
4:30	Showers for the dirty ones!
5:00	Dinner @ Camp Washington Chili
6:30	Interpretive Program - Rev. Pam DeFusco
8:00	Evening Devotions & Games
9:00	FREE Time
11:00	Lights Out!

TUESDAY - July 17th, 2018

7:15	Wake-up Cal
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Worship and Assignments for the Day
9:00	Summer Children's Program
12:00	Lunch and break
1:00	Field Trip - Community Pool
4:30	Showers for the dirty ones!
5:30	Community Dinner
7:30	Ice Cream Run
9:00	Evening Devotions & Games
10:00	FREE Time
11:00	Lights Out!

WEDNESDAY - July 18th, 2018

7:15	Wake-up Call
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Worship and Assignments for the Day
9:00	Summer Children's Program – Graduation Day
12:00	Lunch and break
1:30	Summer Children's Program Ends
2:00	Depart for King's Island
10:00	Return to Washington U.C.C.
11:00	Lights Out!

THURSDAY - July 19th, 2018

7:15	Wake-up Call
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Worship and Assignments for the Day
9:00	Summer Children's Program – Cincinnati Zoo
12:00	Lunch and break
1:30	Summer Children's Program Ends
2:00	Homeless Experience
4:30	Showers for the dirty ones!
5:00	Dinner
6:30	FREE TIME. Pack. Clean.
8:00	Closing Worship with Rev. Pam Defusco
9:00	FREE Time
11:00	Lights Out!

FRIDAY - July 20th, 2018

7:15	Wake-up Call
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Depart Cincinnati
3:00	Arrive in Avon Lake

*schedules are tentative and subject to change

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Washington UCC Discipline, Liability & Medical Release Form 2018

Make a copy for yourself and bring the ORIGINALS with you

Check One: Sponsor Student

Individual's Name _____ Male Female

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Home Phone _____ H.S. Graduation Year _____

Name of Parents/Legal Guardians (with whom you live) _____

Church You are Attending with _____

City/State _____ Group Leader's Name _____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Known Allergies and Reactions _____

Medications Currently Taking _____

I, the parent or legal guardian of the student listed on this form, certify that he/she has my full approval to participate in this Washington United Church of Christ Work Camp. The individual identified on this form understands that all students are expected to abide by the rules and be directly responsible to Washington United Church of Christ. Washington United Church of Christ and Group Leader assumes responsibility for discipline at the Work Camp and, if necessary, may, because of misconduct or disobedience, require a student to leave. In such instance, I will assume full responsibility for returning the student home.

Further, I do release and hereby agree to hold blameless Washington United Church of Christ and its employees and agents from any and every claim arising, or which may be asserted by me or by any member of my family by reason of participating in any activities associated with Washington United Church of Christ Work Camp. **I agree to pay for any damages to Washington United Church of Christ as determined by Washington United Church of Christ, including any key: not returned at the time of group check out. I understand that Washington United Church of Christ will not bear any liability or responsibility for property of the above named which is damaged, stolen, or lost during the event. I have been advised that participants should not bring electronics or other valuables to this event and if participant chooses to do so it is at his or her own risk.**

Further, I do authorize the minister, leader, or sponsor of this attending church or any Washington United Church of Christ employee, in the event I cannot be reached by phone, to give consent to a physician and/or hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment while on this trip. It is understood that I will assume any financial responsibility for any expense that may be incurred for said emergency treatment.

Further, I do certify that said child is covered by adequate accident insurance. My consent and signature is given below. I have read and agree to the information given in this entire form.

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of the Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Work Phone (in case of emergency) _____

Person to notify if you cannot be reached:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

I, the participant fully understand that I may be involved in construction work such as hammering, painting, roofing, dry walling, as well as gardening, food preparation, and neighborhood clean-up activities. There have been very few injuries on previous work camps, however accidents can occur causing injuries including but not limited to: scrapes, bruises, broken bones, quadriplegia, and death.

I, the participant will assist the leadership by informing/calling attention to situations which may cause injury for myself and/or other participants such as, defective equipment, surface conditions, not feeling well or being fatigued.

I accept and assume all responsibility for my personal actions and any and all risks of damage or personal injury which occur during or result from my participation.

Further, I, the participant hereby release, discharge and hold harmless Washington United Church of Christ, its coordinators, directors, and staff from any and all claims, demands, damages, or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting out of my service.

I covenant with God, my local church, and Washington United Church of Christ to participate fully in the Work Camp as it is planned and as it develops, and to abide by the covenant and behavior guidelines established by the group for the sake of life together.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____