

2022 JH Mission Trip

# INFORMATION PACKET

AVON LAKE U.C.C.

**WAYPOINT**

YOUTH MINISTRIES

December 6, 2021

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 2022 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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 ten years we have developed a deep and special relationship with our friends in Cincinnati.

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. 2022 JH Mission Trip INFORMATION SHEET

### 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 17 – Friday, July 22, 2022. 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

### 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 [www.washingtonucc.org](http://www.washingtonucc.org).

### WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND THIS TRIP?

The cost of this trip is \$300.00 for church members and \$400 for non-church members. We ask for a \$100.00 deposit by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 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 COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IN PLACE?

Our church council along with our COVID Advisory Team will be actively involved in any requirements and restrictions surrounding these trips. ALL participants must be fully vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus at least 2 weeks before we go on our trip. Your children's safety and well-being is our number one concern. We will have much more information regarding this as we get closer to the summer.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All but one of these forms are available online. The links to the registration forms will be available beginning on Monday, January 3, 2022 when registration opens.

2021-22 Waypoint YM Waiver/Release Form  
 2022 JH Mission Trip Registration Form

2022 JH Mission Trip Overnight Consent Form  
 Washington U.C.C. Waiver/Release Form

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

There are 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 beginning on Monday, January 3, 2022
2. Turn in your \$100, non-refundable deposit and pay your entire balance before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
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

## **ARE 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 16, 2022 (note – the day BEFORE we leave). 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 Wednesday, July 6, 2022 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 Assistant, Maddie Stiles, who will be attending this trip to Cincinnati as well.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- \_\_ Tuesday, February 1, 2022 DEPOSIT & ALL PAPERWORK DUE
- \_\_ Sunday, May 1, 2022 BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL
- \_\_ Wednesday, July 6, 2022 TEAM MEETING 6pm
- \_\_ Monday, August 1, 2022 Post-Trip REUNION & Worship Planning 12PM – 1:30PM
- \_\_ Sunday, August 7, 2022 Mission Trip Worship Service 10AM – 11AM

\*All dates are tentative and subject to change

## **QUESTIONS:**

If you have any questions between now and July, please don't hesitate to contact me at [nate@avonlakeucc.org](mailto: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.

## Avon Lake U.C.C. 2022 JH Mission Trip PACKING LIST

### 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 shirt, old shorts, old shoes for one or two days of possible painting/community projects
- Shorts, T-shirts, and Sandals are appropriate for evenings and off days.
- Work Gloves: write your name on them – not mandatory, but not a bad idea
- Shoes: tennis shoes, old sturdy shoes, sandals, slides – shoes for a variety of activities
- Swimsuit: please use modesty when choosing what you will be wearing.
- Sunglasses
- Spending Money: Lunch on Sunday, Kings Island spending money (tickets are covered) and dinner on Thursday
- Camera
- Sweatshirt or Light Jacket
- Water Bottle – A MUST

### 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](http://www.weather.com) or [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com).



## Avon Lake U.C.C. 2022 JH Mission Trip CARE PACKAGES

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  
Applesauce  
Plastic spoon  
Granola bars  
Cookies  
Deodorant

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

## Avon Lake U.C.C. 2022 JH Mission Trip

### ITINERARY

#### SUNDAY – July 17, 2022

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

#### MONDAY – July 18, 2022

7:15	Wake-up Call
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Worship and Assignments
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
8:00	Evening Devotions & Games
9:00	FREE Time
11:00	Lights Out!

#### TUESDAY – July 19, 2022

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
1:00	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 20, 2022

7:15	Wake-up Call
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Worship and Assignments
9:00	Summer Children's Program
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 21, 2022

7:15	Wake-up Call
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Worship and Assignments
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
6:30	FREE TIME. Pack. Clean.
8:00	Closing Worship
9:00	FREE Time
11:00	Lights Out!

#### FRIDAY – July 22, 2022

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

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# Washington UCC Discipline, Liability & Medical Release Form

Make a copy for yourself and bring the ORIGINALS with you

Check One:  Adult  Student GENDER:  Male  Female

Individual's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 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 Mission Trip/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 keys 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 \_\_\_\_\_