

# Youth Force

# Ardmore 2019

- **DATES & COST:** The dates for Youth Force Ardmore are Sunday, June 16 - Friday, June 21. The cost for each participant (youth or adult) is \$200. **Registration forms and payments are due May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **WHO CAN COME:** Youth Force is open to students who are entering 7th grade through students who have just graduated from high school. We can also have a young adult team if there is enough interest.
- **GOD SQUADS:** Our work groups are called God Squads. Each God Squad will have at least 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, guys and girls, and from the different churches represented at Youth Force. You may not know anyone else in your God Squad at the start, but by the end of the week the people in your God Squad may 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.
- **HOUSING INFO:** We will be sleeping and eating at Ardmore 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.
- **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 relationships 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!

# Packing List

- Bedding: Air Mattress or Cot (Twin Size Only), bed rolls, Blanket, Pillow, Sleeping Bag, etc.  
**(NO BEDS PROVIDED)**
- Towels & Washcloths
- Toiletries: Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Cosmetics, Toothbrush, Hairbrush, etc.
- 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 (for showering if there are group showers)
- Lava soap, Orange soap, etc.
- Shower shoes
- Laundry Bag for dirty clothes
- Bible
- Spending Money – there may be opportunities to stop at local drive through on the way back to the church after the work day.
- 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

## Clothing

- Remember, this is not a beauty contest! You don't have to look perfect to work!
- Every student should bring a pair of jeans or long pants. Hats are also helpful to protect from the sun.
- 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.**

***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.***

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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 \_\_\_\_ College Team \_\_\_\_ Adult

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 6/16/19) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

\*ALL MEDS will be turned into camp medical staff at time of arrival (with the exception of emergency meds: inhalers, epi-pens, etc)

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Immunization information: Tetanus \_\_\_\_\_ most recent 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 Contact & 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.

I (we) give permission for my child to travel to/from designated work and recreation areas by adult leaders approved for driving.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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, and to participate in the full week of camp from Sunday-Friday.
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.

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

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_



Fill out if you haven't already done so in 2019

## 2019 - St. Mark's United Methodist Church Permission, Waiver and Release of Liability, Medical Permission

I HAVE READ THE WAIVER AND RELEASE BELOW, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITIES BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Family \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's cellphone number: \_\_\_\_\_ OK to text? Yes or No

Emergency Contact: (1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance: Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and birthdate(s) of Student(s) 1) \_\_\_\_\_ BD \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ BD \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ BD \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ BD \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_ BD \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

List any allergies, illnesses, medications or other special needs of any of the children below

Child Name:

Child Name:

Child Name:

Signature of Mother/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Father/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in St. Mark's United Methodist Church (St. Mark's) related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agree that the member/participant should inspect the facility and equipment to be used and if the member/participant believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately advise a staff leader of such condition and refuse to participate. This includes activities on any of the St. Mark's or other United Methodist Church campuses or any offsite location and any activity such as a party, clinic, rally, festival, picnic, service project, conference, camp, retreat, project, workshop, rehearsals, program, concert, performance or competitions, etc. We understand that off-campus activities involve risks that may be different from and even greater than risks associated with on-campus activities.
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each member/participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence but the action, inaction, and negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Give permission for hospital and medical treatment if necessary.
4. Give permission for St. Mark's to video and/or photograph member/participant while participating in activities and to use said videos and/or photographs in St. Mark's promotional media.
5. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.