

Memphis Workcamp Leader's Guide 2019

"Things You Need To Know Before You Promote Workcamp"

Participants

Teens currently in 7th-12th grades (2018-2019 school year) may attend. Youth Ministers, interns, college students, and other youth volunteers may attend. All participants must have medical insurance and complete an application.

Adult-Sponsors

Your group must include at least **one adult for every five teenagers**. An adult is defined as a person who has been out of high school for at LEAST one year. All adult-sponsors and youth ministers will serve as crew leaders.

Transportation

You must bring one fifteen passenger van or vehicle AND an open trailer or pickup for every fifteen people you bring to Workcamp.

Lodging (for out-of-town groups)

Check out the "Housing" section of the website for hotel ideas.

Meals

Bring one large ice chest and one five gallon water cooler per van. Each worker must bring their own lunch, including drink, to work each day. Ice, water, and cups are provided at each site. We will also provide dinner Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Each youth group meets on their own on Wednesday night for dinner and a devotional.

Crews

Each work crew consists of 2-3 adults, including college students, and 10-12 teenagers. All adults serve as crew leaders. **Each youth group is divided up and members are assigned to different teams**. This allows workers to meet new friends during the day and be with their own groups at night. No one is allowed to change groups. Please communicate this to your teens ahead of time.

Tools

Groups should **bring as many ladders as possible**. (No ladders = much frustration.) Each worker is asked to bring their own ladder. We need both extension ladders and step ladders. The group leaders should bring a tool box with hammer, saw, or other items useful for minor home repairs. **Each Workcamp participant is required to bring a paint brush & ladder**. Paint buckets, scrapers, drop-cloths, etc. will be provided.

Preparation

Stress the seriousness of Workcamp. It is hard work. It is hot and humid. Everyone is expected to work without complaining. Everyone is expected to be a servant. Do some service projects before you come. Teach them how to be courteous guests in their host homes. **Pray for Workcamp!**

Cost

\$70 per worker, plus \$300 group fee
Youth ministers and interns attend for free.

SUMMARY CHECKLIST

- Promote Workcamp to your church.
 - Recruit a 1:5 adult-student ratio.
 - Secure 15-passenger vans for your group.
 - One open trailer or truck per van.
 - One five-gallon water cooler per van.
 - One large chest cooler per van.
 - One 3"-4" paint brush per person.
 - One ladder per person.
 - Toolbox for minor repairs.
 - Remind adults they will be crew leaders.
 - Prepare group to serve.
 - Plan your own devotional/meal for Wednesday night of Workcamp.
 - **Make sure EVERY PERSON attending, including yourself, has:**
 - (1) A completed AND signed application
 - (2) Medical insurance coverage listed
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- FRIDAY, MARCH 1: Reserve your group's spot by paying your Group Fee. This Fee is \$300 per church group. This is not a deposit; it is in addition to the fees for workers you will send with your registration. Checks for the Group Fee can be made out to "Memphis Workcamp", and mailed to our office:
400 N Houston Levee Road
Cordova, TN 38018

 - SUNDAY, MAY 5: Collect Individual Applications for each worker, including adults and youth ministers. Each person must fill out this Individual Application to work at Workcamp and have it returned to you, the leader.
Do not accept late applications.

 - By FRIDAY, MAY 10: Complete the online registration for your group. Mail the Individual Applications and your check to the Workcamp office by this date. Be sure to make copies of these for your own records.