

Group Work Camp Application
Savannah, Georgia
July 10th - July 18th

Ages: Rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders and folks who just graduated

We have 20 slots that we will fill first come first served, giving preference to Trinity Youth and older youth, since younger youth, should we fill up, will have other chances to attend. Friends are more than invited. Sign up sooner rather than later. You won't regret it! **Deadline: End of March 2010.**

DESCRIPTION:

You'll marvel at this port city so rich in history and southern tradition. Grand restored mansions stand proudly along carefully cobbled streets. But there's also another Savannah...one with houses that are battered by time and salt air. Peeling paint, sagging steps, and crumbling porches. You'll turn these tumbledown dwellings into snug, comfortable homes for the friendly people who live here. It's an amazing experience of service that will turn the empty looks of strangers into the happy faces of friends. Bring your service and love to the hospitality of the south!

We'll spend one night, on the way there and back, at a church en route. We'll have one evening to do an activity as a youth group, which will be something fun in the Savannah area. Savannah is near beaches, but is also a very neat city in and of itself.

Typical Day: A "typical" day involves serving others, "God Sightings", daily devotions, and inspirational/interactive worship programs. Your daily schedule will look similar to this:

6:45 a.m. Rise and shine!

7:00 a.m. Breakfast and gather supplies for the day

8:00 a.m. Morning program

8:30 a.m. Leave for project sites and serve at project locations

3:30 p.m. Return to lodging site for clean-up and free time

5:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Evening program, youth group devotions, free time, prep for bed

11:00 p.m. Lights out

Food: A total of 16 meals will be provided during the trip, beginning with dinner on Sunday evening. Meals will consist of hot breakfasts, sack lunches, and hot dinners. All meals will be prepared for you by lodging facility staff. Picnic-style lunches will be put together in the morning and you'll bring these with you to your project site locations when you depart in the morning. The last meal will be breakfast on Saturday morning. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Dinner will NOT be provided on Wednesday.

Youth groups will have free time that afternoon.

Lodging: You will lodge at a local school, community center, church or similar facility. Accommodations will include areas for groups to room together by gender, a common eating area, and a program area. Plan to sleep on the floor (so bring a single size air mattress). Showers will be available, however, they may be indoor showers (locker room style) or they may be outdoor semi-private, temporary showers. PLEASE, make sure everyone in your group brings a swimming suit to be prepared for any showering situation. The facilities may or may not be air-conditioned, so plan accordingly. You might want to bring a small fan. Pay phones may be available; however, there will always be an emergency phone onsite. Also, although cell phone service may be limited in some areas, feel free to bring your cell.

Cleanup: Facility staff prepares and clean-up all meals and clean the lodging facility.

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Nature of Projects: You and your group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people that need your help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire week, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. And, most projects are designed to be completed during the week, allowing your group to experience the satisfaction of a job well done. You'll serve the needs of others through projects like... interior and exterior painting, building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps, building or repairing steps, weatherization, and other home repairs.

Project Crew Structure: Typically, you'll work at a home in small teams (five-six teenagers with one or two adults) helping someone who needs—and appreciates—your help. Each crew member is a valuable part of the team fulfilling an important and defined role within the crew. You and your group will make new friends while serving on project teams with people from other churches. Or, if you desire, we can keep you together with people from your own group...just let the Registration team know so we can make proper arrangements.

PROGRAM: You'll applaud the daily programs and devotions. Along with hundreds of other people, you'll experience high-impact, interactive programs with music, Scripture, video, drama, and hands-on activities...led by a trained youth ministry professional and a song leader. Programs are carefully designed by the youth ministry experts at Group Magazine (the most widely read youth ministry publication) to help you shape your group's service experience into a spiritual growth experience.

STAFFING: We've got you well-covered with a trip Director, Program Leader, Song Leader, and up to 14 additional trained staff to handle project materials, project assignments, office tasks, program multi-media, project site coaching...and more. Additional adults in your group (beyond the 5-to-1 ratio), may apply online for a volunteer position. If chosen as a volunteer staff member, your registration fee is waived. Many of our staff serve year-after-year because they have a heart to minister to church groups.

WHAT TO BRING:

Supplies: Each group must bring supplies such as ladders, painting supplies, and construction tools including circular saws, electric drills, hammers, etc. We'll provide you with a full list of tools and items to bring at our work camp meetings.

Personal Items: We'll soon provide you with a full list of what to bring. It's pretty much what you'd expect—including a single size air mattress or foam pad for sleeping, water jugs and coolers, work gloves, sunscreen, and modest clothing appropriate for a Christian mission trip. Please pack lightly. Some spending money will be needed for our group dinner.

TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS:

Travel Insurance: All participants need to have sufficient medical insurance. Each person must bring a copy of his or her insurance card with them. If you are a participant without adequate medical insurance and/or if you desire to purchase trip protection insurance, you can purchase low-cost domestic and international insurance online through our insurance partner...or you can purchase it from another insurance provider of your choice. Trinity Presbyterian Church provides insurance for vehicles.

\$442.00 per person

Youth Portion: \$100 due when the application is completed to hold your slot and serve as your offering to the community of Savannah, GA. The rest of the amount as well as transportation costs we will raise as a group!

Savannah Work Camp

Name: _____

Email: _____

Age and date of birth: _____

Please write why you are interested in going to Work Camp:

What "gifts" do you bring to the group? (Circle all that apply)

- Good at building things?
- Enjoy leading devotions
- Heart for service
- Patience and then some
- Enjoy sleeping on the floor
- Know the Get Down dance
- Know some new van games
- Care about building a strong youth group
- Like Tater Tots
- Hope to make a difference in someone's life
- Have free time this summer
- Play an instrument
- Know something about drama
- Like to make new friends
- Other: _____

Parent signature: _____

- Please turn in your \$100 payment along with this application
- Place completed form in AP Rebecca Messman's box in the church office or give to Youth Director, Mary Pratt

Once we've received this application, we'll send you a confirmation email letting you know you have a spot. Then, we'll need to you to take part in:

- All work camp meetings
- Fundraising activities (sending letters to family and friends, helping at the spaghetti dinner, etc.)