A Guide to Hosting a U.M. ARMY Work Camp

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a U. M. ARMY Host Church. We could not do God's work without your help. A base camp for our mission team is vital to our operation and our ability to serve the community in your area. Our presence at your church is also an opportunity for your church and other churches in your area to be involved in mission work.

Hosting a U.M. ARMY work camp is easy! There is no need to be intimidated by the fact that a large group of teenagers and adults will take over your entire church for a week! We are a completely self-contained and self sufficient mission group that just needs a place to stay while we do our work.

Your contact will be the Director of the work camp who will be assigned to you and will contact you prior to camp. Until that time, *and at all times*, please do not hesitate to contact the U.M. ARMY office.

Here are the essentials:

- **THE CAMP BEGINS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND ENDS THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY AT NOON.** There may be a scouting party that comes the Saturday before camp starts to get things ready, and they will need a place to sleep.
- **WE NEED A LARGE PORTION OF YOUR CHURCH, IF NOT THE ENTIRE CHURCH FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK.**
- **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE AREAS WE ARE IN**. We will need classrooms for sleeping, kitchen for preparing meals, dining area/fellowship hall for eating and gathering, sanctuary for worship, several additional rooms for offices & storing our "stuff", and the parking lot for vehicles and storage of lumber & tools.
- **WE WILL NEED KEYS TO THE DOORS.**
- **WE WILL NEED SHOWERS.** Members of your congregation may be able to provide their home for showers (see attached), or a nearby high school or athletic field house will also work.

In addition to the essentials, here are some ways you can help *if you are able*:

- **PROVIDE A MEAL(S) FOR THE GROUP.** When we can save money on food, we can use it to purchase building supplies for our clients.
- **PROVIDE SNACKS FOR THE GROUP.** Teenagers eat a lot, and eat often. Cookies, brownies, as well as healthy snacks (fruit, trail mix) are always appreciated.
- **HELP US WITH CONTACTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.** Suggestions of who we can call for:
    1. Clients who need home repairs
    2. Trash service
    3. Ice
    4. Building supplies

Finally, please fill out the enclosed form as best you can and return to us as soon as possible. The information in this form will be extremely valuable as we prepare to come to your community.

Thank you again for hosting U.M. ARMY! Please contact us if you have any questions.

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