

## UNITED METHODIST ACTION REACH-OUT MISSION BY YOUTH

# Basics for Host Churches



### What can a Host Church expect?

- We will arrive Sunday of camp week after your regular Sunday church service (Some of our key staff may join you in worship that day.)
- We expect between 40 and 100 total participants in the program that week (depending on the size of your church)
- Adult to youth ratio is a minimum of 2 adults for every 5 youth
- We will sleep in the Sunday school classrooms, worship twice daily in the sanctuary and eat and have evening activities in the main hall space or outside. It will be most helpful if you clear your church calendar for the entire week as regular meeting space is usually in use for sleeping or other activities
- We will supply and prepare our own meals during the week
- We will shower at a local school, health club or YMCA
- Thursday night, is designated as “Client Night”. Our clients will be invited to your church to share a meal with camp participants. Local dignitaries and church leaders are also invited to that meal.
- We will provide all bathroom and kitchen paper products during the week
- We will provide a dumpster for all construction and camp waste
- Teams are assigned clean up duties every day in order to keep your facility well maintained.
- We will depart on Saturday after having thoroughly cleaned your church. Our aim is to leave it better than we found it. Please designate a person from your church to do a “walk through” on Saturday morning so we can insure we have not left any detail undone.

### How can the Host Church help?

- Pray for our camp leadership, participants and clients beginning NOW!!!
- Local volunteers are needed on our Pre-site Day, and we request the use a room at your church as a home base that day. (Generally scheduled on a Saturday about a month before camp.)
- Local contacts for referral agencies, ice, dumpster, swimming locations or businesses that may be able to offer donations or discounts are very helpful.
- Suggestions for local grocery stores and wholesale food outlets are also important.
- Please consider preparing a meal for us one evening and/or providing baked “treats” for our young people during the week. This is a great project for a Sunday school class or youth group!
- We would also love volunteer drivers for some of our clients to and from the Thursday night dinner