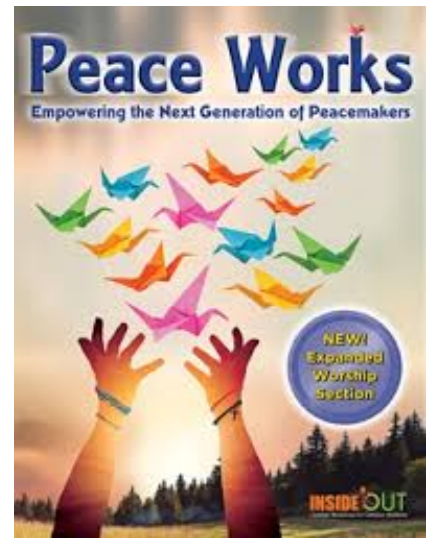




**Great Plains
Annual Conference
Camping Ministry**

**UMY Institute
Youth Coordinating
Team (YCT)
Application Packet**



Responsibilities: To take the plan Vision Team has worked on for UMY Institute 2019: Peace Works and to put it in place for the week of camp. Check out the attached job description.

Characteristics: Ability to lead by Christian example, servant leadership, team player, being comfortable up-front and behind the scenes, and committed (be ready to plan, work and follow through, youth coordinating team for institute becomes a top priority).

Abilities: Previous experience as a care group leader at UMY Institute or other leadership experience, improvisation, flexibility, active in home church, graceful authority and public speaking

You Can Apply if you...

- Attended at least one session of Institute in the past
- Feel called after prayerful consideration
- Have served in other leadership positions and are looking for another challenge
- Are committed to the full week of Institute, June 24th to 29th (YCT arrive at camp on June 23rd)

How do you apply?

1. Fill out the enclosed application form.
2. Share this info with your parent(s)/guardian(s). Your application requires a parent/guardian(s) signature.
3. TWO reference forms must be filled out by TWO adults (not related to you) who know your activities and abilities as a leader. One reference preferably would be someone from the church you attend. (Make it easy for your references to give you a good recommendation by downloading forms for them and supplying them with pre-addressed, stamped envelopes in which to mail the references! OR if they would rather fill out a form and send electronically, send them a link to the form online!)
4. Attach a recent picture of yourself to help the Vision Team members identify you more easily.

**Your Application and reference forms must be received by Wednesday November 14th 2018 at 5:00pm.
The Vision Team – A/YCT transition meeting will be on Saturday January 19th 2019 at Camp Chippewa.**

Send or e-mail your application to:

**UMY Institute
C/O Kurt Cooper
1305 Merchant
Emporia, KS 66801
umcmesu@gmail.com 620-342-5854**

2019 UMY Institute Youth Coordinating Team Application

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Years/ Sessions at Institute: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

Church: _____ District: _____

High School: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper:

1. Describe your faith Journey.
2. What do you think the purpose of Institute is as a "Christian Community"?
3. How has Institute affected your faith journey and your relationship with Christ?
4. In what ways have you been involved in Institute? (Care Groups, Vision Team, etc.)
5. Describe various leadership positions you have held (church, school, community, etc.) and tell what you have learned about leadership from those experiences.
6. Why do you want to be a member of YCT?
7. What do you see as the most important part of the YCT role at Institute?
8. At Institute, how are you going to share your faith journey with others?

I have given my reference forms to:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I have read and understand the Responsibilities and submit this application to be a member of YCT for Institute 2019. I carefully and prayerfully considered my decision to apply and discussed it with my Parents/ Guardians. I understand the commitment I make by applying for this position and will honor that commitment if I am selected.

Signature: _____

For the Applicant's parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I affirm my child's desire to be on YCT. I read the requirements and understand the responsibilities and time commitment of YCT members. I will support my child in fulfilling this commitment.

Signature: _____

UMY Institute 2019

Youth Coordinating Team (YCT) Application Reference

This reference is for: _____

The youth named above is applying for a leadership position on the Youth Coordinating Team (YCT) of the United Methodist Youth Institute. Institute is a week-long summer camp that functions as a time of Christian community for senior high youth and is sponsored by the Great Plains Annual Conference Camping Ministry of the United Methodist Church. The YCT plans and implements activities and carries out responsibilities that give other youth the opportunity to experience Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, and God's presence in their lives. The YCT serves a very important role at Institute. Please on a separate page answer the following questions carefully, thoughtfully, and honestly. This form is confidential and will not be viewed by the applicant.

How do you perceive the applicant's:

1. Leadership qualities (up-front and behind-the-scenes?)
2. Relationship with Christ?
3. Relationship to and involvement in the church?
4. Ability to express his/her personal feelings and ideas? Skills in listening to others?
5. Relationships with others? (Adults and Peers) Sense of responsibility?
6. Does he/ she follow through with commitments?

What is your relationship with the applicant?

Any other comments you may have about their level of maturity, interpersonal skills, and/ or leadership abilities?

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Church and town: _____ District: _____

Church Position if Church leader: _____

Email Address: _____

Thank you for your time to help us select the 2019 UMY Institute Youth Staff!

Please Send in form by Wednesday November 14th, 2018 by 5:00pm

Mail or e-mail to: UMY Institute
C/O Kurt Cooper
1305 Merchant
Emporia, KS, 66801
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Youth Coordinating Team

Institute

Before Institute:

1. Attend January Vision Team meeting and plan to meet monthly prior to UMY Institute.
2. Attend a combined Adult/Youth Coordinating Team meeting prior to the session.
3. If more than one session, consult with other sessions YCTs to coordinate responsibilities.
4. Selects/recruits youth care group leaders in consultation with Care Group Staff Coordinator
5. Works with Care Group Staff Coordinators to pair youth and adult care group leaders by May 1st.
6. Prepares the site for the week (welcome signs, registration, happy sacks with candy, name tags, door signs, etc.) in coordination with Care Group Staff and Facilities Coordinator.

Facilitating the Week:

1. Participate in daily A/YCT meeting.
2. Plans and implements Institute orientation. Includes serious discussion regarding covenant, introductions of A/YCT, staff, lifesaver and creative involvement leadership, Conference Council on Youth Ministry, and the UMY Institute Vision Team.
3. Plans and implements orientation activities for all first timers (in addition to the all camp orientation) on the first day of the UMY Institute.
4. Plans and implements community happenings each evening (Monday-Friday). Coordinates with Camp Chippewa Institute Coordinator for drinks, snacks, cups, set up equipment, etc.
5. Educate session about Youth Service Fund. Collect Youth Service Fund and secure with Youth Coordinating Team Coordinators.
6. Explain role of Vision Team, arrange for applications to be available by Wednesday of the session and conducts Vision Team elections. Turns in results to Community Life Coordinator. Sites for these elections should be clearly announced and/or stated in the camper book.
7. Plans/designs/leads morning gatherings and announcements.
8. Leads meeting for the youth staff on Wednesday scheduled in coordination with the Care Group Staff Coordinator and YCTCs.
9. Arrange for sound system when needed for activities.

After Institute:

1. Maintain an electronic file and notebook to pass onto next Youth Coordinating Team of significant events, comments, and observations. Also submit a copy to the Camp Chippewa Director.

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