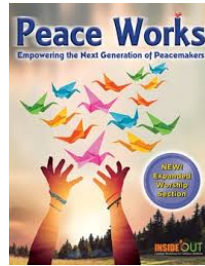


Institute 2019



Greetings!

United Methodist Youth Institute is a week of Christian spiritual growth for high school students. Institute is a ministry of Camp Chippewa, a camping ministry of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and is held on the campus of Baker University, Baldwin City, KS. For over 100 years young people have been coming to Institute to grow their faith and deepen their love of God.

Youth experience Christian community at Institute and learn to receive and give care as taught by Jesus Christ. Institute is intentional about making disciples for the transformation of the world. Our theme for this summer is **Peace Works**. It is our hope that you will consider applying to be on the youth staff at Institute this summer.

Youth staff members are vital to making Institute happen! They co-lead Care Groups with an adult staff person and lead other integral parts of the Institute week. Youth staff need to have attended Institute previously. Once selected to serve on staff, youth are asked to register for Institute. Youth Care Group Leaders are guaranteed the “early bird” rate of \$350.00.

Attendance at the Institute Staff Training on Saturday May 4th, 2019 at Countryside UMC in Topkea is strongly recommended.

It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider leadership at United Methodist Youth Institute this summer. Please return the enclosed application to Paul and Brenda Bauman Swank, Care Group Staff coordinators by April 8th, 2019.

Grace and Peace

Paul and Brenda Bauman Swank, Care Group Staff Coordinators

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Institute Vision Team Guidelines Appendix 8

Youth Care Group Leader

Care Groups are the core of Institute. Care Groups are small groups of around ten participants, one or two youth leader(s), and one or two adult leader(s). Care Groups meet twice a day for an hour and a half at a time and grow together in faith through discussions, games, and other activities. A bag of common supplies will be provided at the first staff gathering at Institute. Additional supplies are available in the Care Group Supply Room. Leaders and the group plan what activities to do during Care Group time. There are typically eight to fifteen Care Groups at each session of Institute. Some of the evening Community Happenings are completed as a Care Group team. Being a Care Group leader is one of the most rewarding opportunities at Institute.

Before Institute:

1. Attend Institute Staff training.
2. Prior to the session, meet or communicate with the Adult Care Group Leader(s) assigned to you (per Safe Gatherings guidelines).

Facilitating the Week:

1. Attend all Institute activities.
2. Make connections between Care Group sessions and the Institute theme.
3. Attend daily staff meetings at Institute.
4. Abide by the Institute covenant.
5. Balance the sessions with group building and spiritual content activities.
6. Concerns about Care Groups need to be shared with the Care Group Staff Coordinator (CGSC).

After Institute:

1. Follow Safe Gatherings guidelines when mentoring or following up with group participants.

Updated January 2019

Institute 2019: Peace Works!
Youth Care Group Staff Application

June 24th to 29th (Staff Arrives on June 23rd)

Please print:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Year in School: _____ Number of Institute Session(s) Attended: _____

Age as of June 15th 2019: _____

Home Church: _____

Pastor/Youth Worker Name: _____

District of the Great Plains Conference: _____

I am Safe Gatherings certified. Yes _____ No _____

Please Answer the Following Questions

1. What qualities do you think are needed to be a good Care Group Leader?

2. How have you been involved in your local church?

3. How has Institute impacted your faith journey?

4. How would you incorporate the theme, Peace Works, into Care Group?

5. What are four words you would use to describe yourself?

6. Describe the key characteristics of a Christian leader.

Please attach a picture. This is not a beauty contest, but it is easier for us to identify who you are with a photo.

I covenant to make Care Group Leadership a priority.

Youth Signature: _____

I support this youth applying to be a Care Group Leader.

Pastor/Youth Worker Signature: _____

I affirm my son/daughter's desire to be in leadership at Institute 2019: Peace Works. I will support him/her in carrying out the responsibilities of a Care Group Leader.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY PAUL AND BRENDA BAUMAN SWANK BY April 8th, 2019.

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