



# UMY Institute 2024

Greetings!

United Methodist Youth Institute is a week of Christian spiritual growth for high school students. It is sponsored by Great Plains Camps, the 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 **Linked by Love**. 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 \$490.00. Attendance at the UMY Institute spring/summer Staff Training on Saturday at Camp Chippewa 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.

Grace and Peace,

Paul and Brenda Bauman Swank, Care Group Staff Coordinators.

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**UMY Institute 2024: Linked by Love  
Youth Care Group Staff Application**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> (Staff Arrives on June 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

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 15, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

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, **Linked by Love** 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 UMY Institute 2024: Linked by Love. I will support him/her in carrying out the responsibilities of a Care Group Leader.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Paul and Brenda Swank by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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