

Summer Group Leader Checklist

Use this information along with that at www.WWUMCCC.org/our-programs/group-leaders/ to get your students registered and prepared for summer camp

1. Get the Word Out: *December - February*

Summer camp can be an amazing and transformative week in the life of a young person. Start spreading the word early so students and parents can plan and prepare to make this week a priority. Use the videos on our website and Facebook, or ask a student who has attended camp in the past to share about their experience. If you there are parents or guardians who are new to summer camp send them to www.wwumccc.org/our-programs/parents-info/ for helpful parent information.

Pro Tip: Every United Methodist Church in Florida is sent a promotional packet of all of our programs for the year, including a poster advertising summer camp dates. If you missed this packet or want more materials email tanner@wwumccc.org.

2. Pick your Dates: *February*

Take a look at your upcoming summer schedule and find a week that works for your students to attend camp together. Experiencing summer camp as a group is an awesome experience that will help them grow together and give them shared memories to reflect on all year. Promote your dates to the parents or guardians of your students so they can plan vacations accordingly.

Pro Tip: If schedules are difficult and your group cannot attend together, help your students find groups and register together. Sharing a cabin together makes the experience of summer camp all the more meaningful, and can help new campers attend with less anxiety.

3. Promote Scholarships: *Due April 1st*

The Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is comitted to making it possible for every student to attend a week of camp. Scholarships are offered to all students who are a part of a United Methodist faith community. Go to www.WWUMCCC.org for a link to our Camp Scholarship Application.

Pro Tip: The Camp Scholarship Application requires a verification statement from a church staff member. Consider holding a Camper Night at your church, with information about camp, registration, and a time for parents or guardians to fill out their Scholarship Applications as a group so that you can verify them all at once.

4. Help with Registration: *March - May*

Campers must be registered by a parent or guardian. For first time campers this can be a bit confusing, so offer to help them or connect them with someone who has registered a camper in the past. For a complete registration every camper needs:

1. a completed camper profile
2. date you are attending, church contact name and email
3. name of your roommate request
4. a \$75 registration deposit

After submitting each of these the parent or guardian will receive an email confirming their registration. If your parents have any issues they can contact Mindy at 352-787-4345 ext. 4165 or mindy@wwumccc.org.

Pro Tip: Create a handout with all of the vital information for registration. Make sure to include the week you plan to attend, the correct name of your church, the name and contact info for the church contact person, how you will be getting to camp, and scholarship and fundraising information.

5. Arrange for Drop-off and Pick-up: *May*

How will your students be arriving and departing from camp? Will you drive together or will campers be dropped-off and picked-up individually? Make sure you reserve a vehicle and find drivers for your group or print up information for parents or guardians.

Pro Tip: Each Saturday morning at 8am we end our week of summer camp with a viewing of the weekly video and a final Praise Time service. Encourage parents or guardians of your students to attend so they can see some of the fun their student has participated in that week.

6. Register as an Adult Volunteer: *May*

Adult Volunteers are a vital part of our summer camp ministry. Consider taking a week of your summer to play, pray, and teach with hundreds of campers from all over Florida, including the ones from your church! As an Adult Volunteer you will be expected to lead two daily small groups, with a co-leader, and given the opportunity to assist our staff in many more ways.

There is no charge to be an Adult Volunteer, and we consider the cost associated with their meals and lodging to be a worthy investment in the lives of the campers they will serve. If you, or your church, are able we always appreciate donations to defer these cost. Donations can be made via-check or at www.WWUMCCC.org

Get the Congregation Involved: *All Year!*

Showing your congregation the excitement and value of a week of summer camp is a great way to build support and tuition scholarship assistance for your campers. Invite your congregation to pray over the students before they leave and arrange for a camper to share their camp experience in worship once they return.

Pro Tip: The last Sunday in February has been designated as Camping Sunday by the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Use this Sunday as a time to share about camp and ask your