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## F.A.Q.'s

### How Is The Philadelphia Project Different from other work camps?

We put an emphasis on your leaders using the work as a tool to build relationships with the teens rather than completing a task. We want the teens to be learning and doing the work, under adult supervision and guidance: not the other way around. Second, we want the emphasis to be placed on ministering to the homeowner, not just on project accomplishment. Students are encouraged to spend time during the work camp, sitting and talking with their residents whom they are serving. Third, we want an emphasis to be placed on worship. Devotions and worship sessions during the week focus on what it means to serve God with our lives. We want the teens to understand what it means to worship God both with their mouths in song, but also through their daily lives. Finally, everything must be done with a spirit of excellence (Col 3:23-24), as unto God, not for man. We want you to partner with us in something that God is already moving in, because we know that He is using it to change the lives of our students, and we want to help you provide that same experience for your teens.

We hope that you will let us partner with you. We want to help you involve your teens in worshipping God, not only through music, but through serving others and learning to live their lives looking for God to provide opportunities for them to minister to the spiritual needs of others.

### HOW MUCH DOES It Cost?

Week-long work camps cost \$275 per participant

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THOSE RATES?

Basically... Everything ... T-shirts, showers, recreation time, game room, your meals and all the necessary materials. Your group's "Night in Town" and two snack stops are not included.

## TOOLS AND MATERIALS

We do ask your adults to bring whatever tools might be helpful for the job that they will be working on that they happen to have at their disposal (especially if you are bringing any highly skilled adults who may have some specialties, as they may be helping to lead a site). We have basic tool kits at The Project, some saws, some ladders, etc. but we do encourage all of our primary worksite leader to bring tools specific to the job they're assigned. If any of your leaders are going to be primary worksite leader, we'll let you know that before you come so that they can plan and pack accordingly.

## OUR GROUP WILL HAVE 10-12 YOUTH AND 4 ADULTS. CAN YOU KEEP US ALL TOGETHER?

Some groups find that their students are pushed out of their comfort zones and therefore, grow more during the week when they are placed in pairs with students from other groups along with one of their own leaders when possible. However, other teams really prefer to keep their groups together. We can usually make either preference work. Please let us know two weeks ahead of arrival of your preference.

However we also try to keep crew sizes down to 5-7 students, so that each teen really has the opportunity to DO the work under the supervision and direction of their adult leaders/worksites leaders. This has proven to be more effective in ensuring that everyone enjoys the experience and gets everything out of the weekend that God has planned for them. We've found it's very difficult for the adult leaders to properly manage more than 2 or 3 pairs of students on any given site and doing so waters down the experience. Therefore, we'll probably need to divide your group of 10 into 2 crews so that you aren't stepping on each other throughout your work site.

This is one of the reasons we require that you maintain at least a 1:5 leader to student ratio for middle school students and 1:6-7 for high school students. preferable of the appropriate gender and it's even better if you can do this with adults skilled in various areas of construction.

## WHAT WORK WILL MY TEENS BE DOING?

Depending on the week, we may be doing anything from a wheel chair ramp, a kitchen

remodel, a bathroom replacement, some plumbing and electrical work, some concrete repair, drywall, spackling, painting, window and door replacement, etc., etc., etc.. Our crews do a little bit of everything. If we have a qualified, in-need homeowner who needs something done and is not in a position to do it themselves, and we have a skilled adult who can lead teens in those types of repairs, we try to help them out.