



Catholic Heart Workcamp

Mission Statement

Our Mission is Twofold.....

First: To share the love of Jesus and serve the neglected, brokenhearted and marginalized in any way needed. The Catholic HEART Workcamp mission is to revitalize communities and beautify homes for the elderly, disabled and those who cannot afford needed repairs. Our goal is to inspire participants to serve in their local communities.

Second: To empower participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others. To foster the spiritual growth of each participant through the sacraments, Catholic faith sharing and prayer.



WHAT IS CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP?

Catholic HEART Workcamp is based in Orlando, FL. The Founders/Directors are Steve and Lisa Walker who love young people and God. After 17 years as Parish Youth Ministers in Pittsburgh, Houston and Orlando, the Walkers have devoted themselves to the development and management of the Catholic HEART Workcamp on a full time basis. They not only are experienced Youth Ministers but National Speakers and Workcamp veterans.

The first Workcamp was established in 1993 and has increased in size every year. The Workcamps were established to offer quality service projects and evangelical programs for Catholic young people and their leaders. Whenever possible, Catholic HEART Workcamp works hand in hand with the host city diocese. Catholic HEART Workcamp continues to faithfully and enthusiastically serve the Roman Catholic Church in obedience to the Magisterium and strict faithfulness to the Church teachings.

Each Workcamp is equipped with 10 summer staff members, adult associate staff members, a nurse, Priest, and camp Manager. Steve and/or Lisa Walker are in attendance at most camps. These members are a guarantee the Workcamp will run smoothly.



WHERE DO WE STAY AND SHOWER WHILE AT THE WORKCAMP?

Facilities at local high schools will be used for lodging, showers and food service. Bring your own sleeping bag and air mattress. There are separate sleeping areas for girls and guys. There are no facilities or time allotted for doing laundry.

Charlotte Catholic High School

Showers - They have showers (2 sets for girls = 12 total; 2 sets for boys). There are shower curtains for the girls.

Program Area - They hold the program in the gym. Once you are inside the school, it is air conditioned throughout. For that reason, we suggest our campers bring a sweatshirt as they get cold often.

Sleeping Arrangements - The campers sleep in classrooms on the second floor which all have carpeting. We usually fit 15-20 per classroom comfortably.



WHAT KIND OF WORK WILL WE BE DOING?

Each day will be spent either renewing homes by doing such things as painting, housecleaning, yard work, and minor home repairs (experienced trouble shooters will visit the sites to check on workmanship and provide help when needed); or helping at day care centers for low income families by assisting with the children's programs, working at homeless shelters or helping at centers that distribute food to the needy.

Charlotte Camp

They work with the City of Charlotte and an interdenominational agency which cares primarily for the elderly and poor. They do help agencies that do food service, home for abused women and children, nursing homes, etc. As a school, they also help these agencies throughout the school year, so the agencies value their reputation and relationship with them

HOW ARE WORKSITES SELECTED & ARE THE AREAS YOU WORK IN SAFE?

We work in cooperation with various agencies in each city to choose the sites and write up work descriptions. These agencies work to improve the lives of low- income families, children and the elderly. CHWC hopes campers will develop more of a heart like Jesus and share His compassion and love for the world. Our hope is campers will be stimulated by their service experience and be motivated to continue in their own communities.

WHAT IF A YOUNG PERSON HAS NO HOME REPAIR EXPERIENCE?

As long as young people come with a servant's attitude, there is no problem involving them in home repair projects. We match skills to projects. There is plenty of work that needs to be done, such as painting, which takes little or no experience. Young people are not asked to participate in projects they are not equipped to handle but will be given opportunities to learn new skills if they so desire.



WHAT WILL THE MORNING AND EVENING PROGRAMS CONSIST OF?

Our goal is to communicate that "OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IS NOT BORING!" A program at Catholic HEART Workcamp can leave you speechless! **Why?**

- SOUL STIRRING MESSAGE TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS
- SKITS THAT TEACH (AND SOME JUST FOR LAUGHS)
- LIVE MUSIC
- INSPIRATIONAL MEDIA AND VIDEOS
- PROFESSIONAL SOUND AND LIGHTING
- YOUTH INVOLVED ON STAGE
- OUTRAGEOUS CROWD BREAKERS
- DANCING
- SERIOUS LAUGHTER
- LIFE CHANGING

Charlotte Camp

Musicians

Josh has led music for various conferences and youth camps nationwide for the past 10 years. Josh is the 2004 Spirit and Song Unity Award winner and has two full length CD's released through the Sprit and Song label



Check his music out by clicking on this website:

<http://www.spiritandsong.com/artists/joshuablakesley>

HOW ARE THE ADULTS FROM EACH PARISH USED?

Every adult (21 and older) is assigned to a work site. (This does not apply to “Associate Staff Member” volunteers) This adult is part of the overall team. We depend on adults to work side by side with the young people in accomplishing the work projects. For the safety of the teens, each parish must have at least one adult chaperone in each sleeping quarter. The Catholic HEART Work Camp also depends on adults to supervise their own parish young people during the free time and programs. CHWC requires 1 adult (21 or older) for every 5 youth. If you register male and female campers you will need at least 1 male and 1 female adult leader

WHAT CAN WE DO ON OUR FREE DAY?

Everyone is given a well deserved free day to visit local attractions. Cost of free day activities is not included in the registration fee. Leaders are responsible for their own groups and transportation needs. There will be morning mass and program on the free day morning starting at 8:00 am, then the rest of the day is yours. Groups will have the option to leave after the morning program or at the end of the free day or return to the school and leave the following morning. However, we do encourage groups to stay for the free day activity and return to the school. Campers use the evening time at the school to say their last goodbyes and exchange addresses.

Free Day Activity Suggestions

Paramount's Carowinds

92-acre theme park featuring six roller coasters, six-acre water park, Animation Station, plus a wide variety of shows, shops, restaurants, and many family attractions.

<http://www.carowinds.com/>



North Carolina Zoological Park

Natural-habitat zoo exhibiting more than 1,500 wild African and North American animals. Zoo rated among the top five in North America. Polar Bears, Gila monsters, Elephants and more. 75 miles from Charlotte, NC

<http://www.nczoo.org/>

Discovery Place

One of nation's top hands-on science museums. From the frontiers of space to the depths of the sea, Discovery Place is an ever-changing ever-growing, cutting edge science center. Our Discovery Halls and *The Charlotte Observer IMAX® Dome Theatre* offer something fun and educational for everyone in the family!

<http://www.discoveryplace.org/>



WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION FEE?

Registration before February 28 - \$315.00

Registration after February 28 - \$330.00

WHAT DOES THE REGISTRATION FEE COVER?

The registration fee covers:

- ❖ All meals during Workcamp (except on free day)
- ❖ Rental of facilities in each city
- ❖ Liability insurance
- ❖ Supplies and materials
- ❖ Morning and evening program materials
- ❖ Worksite plans
- ❖ Summer staff salaries
- ❖ Summer travel costs (including gas and insurance on staff vehicles)
- ❖ Advertisement and promotions
- ❖ T-shirts
- ❖ Marketing
- ❖ Gifts for each participant
- ❖ Contributions to other ministries
- ❖ Dues and resource subscriptions
- ❖ Web page
- ❖ Equipment rental
- ❖ Office supplies
- ❖ Postage
- ❖ Printing and brochure cost
- ❖ Computer and copy machine maintenance
- ❖ Musicians
- ❖ Expenses for developing future Workcamps

Registration fee does not cover free day expenses or transportation costs.



Catholic HEART Workcamp takes seriously the authority, responsibility and call from God to develop and maintain an organization that is ethical, honest and fair.

We are knowledgeable of the responsibility to be good stewards of the talents and finances God sends our way. Catholic HEART Workcamp is both a ministry and business.

As a ministry it's amazing to witness all that God is doing through young people and the movement of His Spirit.

As a business, we have grown in the areas of professionalism and organization.

The focus of CHWC has always been on sharing the Good News of Jesus with participants and serving others.

Our goal has never been on financial profits, though we cannot exist as an organization without meeting our financial obligations.

We know greed only leads to destruction and the seriousness of Christians who compromise their souls for money.

Jesus warned, "No person can serve two Masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other" (Matthew 6:24).

The registration fees are needed to carry out the ministry of HEART Workcamp. These fees pay for the operational cost of maintaining the business side of CHWC.

We are totally dependant on registration fees to meet our financial obligations.

We do not receive grants or any other outside financial assistance.

Check out the website www.heartworkcamp.com

Also click on 2010 Dates, then, July 4-10, then Charlotte, NC