

# PEANUTS Workcamp takes us away from our comfort zones, for a week of service to others.

**Destination:** to be determined

**Work sites:** When we choose our PEANUTS destination, the choice is many times based on the jobs available to us. Possibilities include disaster relief, inner city outreach, and camp support. We notoriously have a large group of workers, so choosing a location with a long list of projects suits us the best.

**Budget:** PEANUTS Workcamp is the largest line item in the LUMYouth annual budget. Taking a group of 40 persons from LUMC for a workcamp experience will cost roughly \$10,000 to \$12,000.

**Meetings:** PEANUTS Workcamp meetings take place monthly January through June, as a part of LUMYouth evening activities. Attendance at these gatherings is the best source of information on workcamp plans & preparations.

**Packing:** A packing list will be provided at the April workcamp meeting.

**Transportation:** We will travel by 12-passenger rental vans and possibly a cargo van to carry our gear.

**Travel:** PEANUTS Workcampers depart from Sar-ko-par Park after being dedicated at the 8:00 am Sunday “Church in the Park” worship service. Workcampers will return to the LUMC parking lot on the following Saturday afternoon or early evening.

**Sleeping situation:** Housing varies from year to year. We may have bunk beds, or a big floor. Girls and boys will have separate sleeping areas, and bathrooms, if at all possible. Shower accommodations also vary year to year.

**Family time:** PEANUTS Workcampers are divided into families for the week of workcamp. These families spend about an hour together “hanging out”, chatting, and maybe playing a game or two.

**Worship:** PEANUTS Workcampers start and end each day with worship & devotions.

**Daily duties:** Each family will have a rotation schedule of jobs at our lodging accommodations. These jobs will include meal preparation, bathroom cleaning, and leading worship.

**Self care:** PEANUTS Workcamp is a “baptism of fire” for being self-sufficient. PEANUTS Workcampers are expected to honor the packing list, and be responsible for all their own needs for the week. This includes medications, toiletries, clothing, & linens.

**Tools:** All workcampers are encouraged to bring their own tool box. Work gloves and protective eyewear are recommended. Please put your name on all your tools.

**Wardrobe:** Modest dress is always required. No matter the destination, traveling in the summer brings the expectation of warm temperatures. The specifics for the dress code is addressed on the packing list, but girls need to plan on bringing a one piece swim suit, no short shorts or spaghetti strap tops. Boys must always wear a shirt, and “wife beater” tank tops are not permitted. *Cell phones are not permitted for LUMYouth.*

**Fundraising:** PEANUTS Workcamp is partially supported by the LUMYouth fundraising projects. Youth and adults who plan to participate in PEANUTS Workcamp should plan to assist with these fundraising efforts.

**Spending money:** All meals are provided by PEANUTS Workcamp funds. A small amount of spending money is recommended for the van trip.

**Stewardship:** PEANUTS Workcampers are expected to bring with them an attitude of stewardship, and caring for others. At the conclusion of the work week, and before we depart for home, a collection is taken to leave with our work site. Workcampers should plan for this and bring enough money to make a donation.

**Sponsors:** Each PEANUTS Workcamper will have a volunteer sponsor who prepares for them a “sponsor bag”. This bag is filled with smaller bags of daily treats. These sponsors are from the general membership of Lenexa United Methodist Church, and “thank you” notes at the week’s end are a must.

**Value in Participation:** Value is given to participation in LUMYouth programs & activities. With ongoing participation in LUMYouth Ministries, value is earned toward PEANUTS Workcamp.

| <u>ACTIVITY</u>   | <u>VALUE</u>     |
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| Participation in 2 outreach projects <i>sponsored by LUMYouth Ministries.</i>     | required         |
| Full participation in the Chili & Soup Supper & Auction                           | required         |
| Full participation in the December or February Babysitting Fundraiser             | required         |
| Attend Sunday Morning Worship at least 25% of Sundays from September through May  | \$ 25.00         |
| Attend Sunday School at least 25% of Sundays from September through May           | \$ 25.00         |
| Attend LUMYouth Evening Activities at least 25% of Sundays from Sept. through May | \$ 25.00         |
| Attend 5 out of 6 PEANUTS Workcamp Meetings                                       | \$ 25.00         |
| Participation Fee   | \$ 100.00        |
| LUMC Sponsorship<br><i>(pending budget approval)</i>                              | \$ 100.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$ 300.00</b> |

**Date of PEANUTS Workcamp 2009**  
July 5 - 11, 2009 - *no partial participation.*  
PEANUTS Worship Services – July 12, 2009

**PEANUTS Sunday Worship Service:** All PEANUTS Workcampers will lead Sunday Worship Services at LUMC on the Sunday immediately following our return home. This service is planned during Workcamp week, and all workcampers are expected to participate.

**Secret Buddies:** At the first rest stop on the way to the workcamp destination, all names of PEANUTS Workcampers are put in a “hat” and everyone draws out a name. The name each person draws is their “secret buddy” for the week of workcamp. It is the job of each workcamper to “watch out” for their secret buddy, to continue to pray for them, and to think of a nickname for that person. During the week everyone will work on a “secret buddy gift” that will be presented to them at Friday night worship.

**Calling Tree:** A calling tree will be provided to all families of all PEANUTS Workcampers. This will be used to communicate to family’s news from the workcampers. Families will be called when the workcampers have arrived at their destination. They will also be called to be notified of their anticipated time of arrival back home. In the event of an emergency, the calling tree will provide the quickest and best communication for families back home.

**Committees:** Every PEANUTS Workcamp participant is expected to assist with committee work. This work is done at the PEANUTS Workcamp Meetings.

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