



# Youth Force 2017



A Teen Mission Experience

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Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church

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*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. - 1 John 3:18 (NIV)*

Youth Force is an United Methodist mission experience that happens all over Oklahoma each summer! Since its inception in 1987, Youth Force was designed to allow youth the opportunity to give back, in both urban and rural settings, to communities in our own backyards.

Youth Force is for youth entering seventh grade through those who have just graduated. It is our prayer that the youth that attend will become stronger disciples of Christ as they see His love shared through action, as they work together as part of a God Squad, live in a group setting and worship with other mission-minded youth and leaders.

NOW is the time to register your group. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and tends to fill quickly. Get ready for an exciting Youth Force experience! The week of Youth Force is full of

hard work but is also full of fun, fellowship, great worship and, most importantly, full of sharing God's love!

Next, begin recruiting your adult leaders. We ask that all leaders be at least 21 years old, mature, and like working with teens. Adults with carpentry skills are secondary to those who are great with youth! Each adult is asked to bring a vehicle to transport five people and tools. All adults must complete the Oklahoma Conference background check. We encourage that they begin this process sooner than later.

Whether this is your first Youth Force experience or your 10th, we look forward to all that God has planned for you. If you have any questions or want to know more, call (405) 530-2070.

## GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

Please read carefully

- 1) **Register your group as soon as possible after you receive this registration booklet. Registrations are processed in a first come, first served basis and all spots fill quickly.**
- 2) **Send your church registration (found in this packet) with your deposit to the conference office or complete and pay online. [www.okumc.org/youth\\_force](http://www.okumc.org/youth_force)**
- 3) **Important – Final payments (on your registration) are due one month prior to the event.**
- 4) **Final roster information and adult's background checks are due one month prior to the event date. E-mail roster to [lfoster@okumc.org](mailto:lfoster@okumc.org).**
- 5) **Refunds for cancelled registrations will only occur if the event reaches capacity after the cancellation occurs. Cancellations are also subject to the loss of the participant's deposit.**

## GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

Our preference is to have groups with a variety of ages and gender. Due to the intensity of the week young participants are encouraged to have been consistently involved in a youth group and have spent time away from home prior to this event. God Squads will reflect a balance of junior high, senior high, and adults in each squad.

**You must maintain a minimum ratio of:**

- One (1) adult to every five (5) youth.
- Six to 10 youth require two adults.
- 11 to 15 youth require three adults.

You must keep your ratio of male and female adults equal to your youth. For example: if you bring two girls and three boys, though numerically we require only one sponsor, you must bring both a male

and female adult. Adult sponsors must be at least 21 years of age, be highly mature, and complete a Safe Sanctuary background check.

Every adult sponsor is required to drive a vehicle with the capacity and adequate seat belts to transport six persons, plus tools, ice chest and a water cooler. One vehicle for every six persons registered. We prefer that there are two vehicles at each work site.

It is the responsibility of each church to make certain that each driver and vehicles are adequately insured.

Additionally each church will be responsible for bringing some tools (a list will be provided by event director/design team).

## SAFE SANCTUARY SCREENING PROCESS FOR YOUTH FORCE ADULT LEADERS

**EVERY ADULT** who works with children or youth at a conference or district-level event must complete the background check process and must receive a "cleared" status prior to the event.

Adult sponsor(s) who have a "not cleared" status, at the time of the event, will not be allow to attend.

The safety of our youth is very important, and your help is appreciated. Call (405) 530-2070 to check the status of any adult sponsor on your team.

### SAFE SANCTUARY SCREENING USING TRAK-I

The background process is completed online.

To request background screenings for your adult workers email to: [lfoster@okumc.org](mailto:lfoster@okumc.org) and someone will contact you with a link for you to complete the screenings online.

# OKLAHOMA LOCATIONS

1 adult for every 5 youth is required at all Youth Force Events

## YOUTH FORCE OKLAHOMA CITY

Sunday, June 11 - Friday, June 16, 2017

Register online at [www.okumc.org/youth\\_force](http://www.okumc.org/youth_force)

Cost: .....\$200

Registration Capacity: ..... 150  
(including adult sponsors  
church limit: 20 youth / 4 adults)

Housing: .....Oklahoma City University, Walker Hall  
bring your own bedding

Director: ..... Richelle Leibold  
(405) 831-7426 | [umyfdirector@sbcglobal.net](mailto:umyfdirector@sbcglobal.net)

Co-director: ..... Hayley Leibold  
(405) 831-9631 | [hayley.leibold@moorechurch.com](mailto:hayley.leibold@moorechurch.com)

## YOUTH FORCE HOLDENVILLE

Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30, 2017

Register online at [www.okumc.org/youth\\_force](http://www.okumc.org/youth_force)

Cost: .....\$200

Registration Capacity: ..... 125  
(including adult sponsors, no church limit)

Housing: ..... Barnard Memorial UMC  
300 East Eighth, Holdenville, OK 74848  
bring your own bedding

Directors: ..... Dawn Lindsey | 405-221-7161  
Kathi Lee | 405-712-0340  
Laura Good | 405-630-6787

## YOUTH FORCE GUYMON

Sunday, June 25 - Friday, June 30, 2017

Register online at [www.okumc.org/youth\\_force](http://www.okumc.org/youth_force)

Cost: ..... \$75

Registration Capacity: .....  
(including adult sponsors, no church limit)

Housing: .....Victory Memorial UMC  
bring your own bedding

Director: ..... Jacque Anderson  
(580) 338-2633 | [vmed@victorymemorial.org](mailto:vmed@victorymemorial.org)

## YOUTH FORCE GROVE

Sunday, July 23 - Friday, July 28, 2017

Register online at [www.okumc.org/youth\\_force](http://www.okumc.org/youth_force)

Cost: ..... \$150

Registration Capacity: .....80/90  
(including adult sponsors, no church limit)

Housing: .....Grove-First UMC, bring your own  
bedding

Director: ..... Eddisu Barker  
(918) 398-3874 | [Eddisu.b@groveumc.org](mailto:Eddisu.b@groveumc.org)

## YOUTH FORCE ADA

Sunday, June 25 - Friday, June 30, 2017

CLOSED

Registration Capacity: ..... closed

Director: ..... Keith King  
(405) 600-3417 | [kking@stlukesokc.org](mailto:kking@stlukesokc.org)

**NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR YOUR  
SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS AND MISSION EVENTS**

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[www.okvym.org](http://www.okvym.org)

**Come and join us as we do God's work!**

Many years ago, a group of Oklahoma United Methodist youth workers developed a youth inner city mission event modeled on Mountain T.O.P., the Appalachian Service Project, Group Work Camps and the San Marcos Mission Project.

From its humble beginnings, the mission project continued to grow and reach out to communities across the state. Today, "Youth Force" has become Oklahoma's largest in-state, multi-site mission experience for youth.

Youth Force is a week-long mission experience held every summer. Working in "God Squads" of six to eight youth and two adults, participants are given opportunities to repair homes of needy or elderly families. Open to youth entering seventh grade through those who have just graduated, the week offers a rewarding mission experience, including daily work on job sites, recreation, morning and evening worship.

Whether it's giving a home a new coat of paint, fixing a leaky faucet, or sharing the love of Jesus with elderly and disadvantaged families in our state, youth and adults will be united in mission next summer with an active, hands-on experience.



**What is Youth Force?**