

Worktrip 2011

Dear Parents and Youth -

This year, as many of you know, our 2011 worktrip location is Frostburg, Maryland. Our trip dates are July 2-10, 2011. Frostburg is a city in Allegany County and is located at the head of the Georges Creek Valley. The Georges Creek Valley is actually a number of small mining towns founded in the nineteenth century when coal was first discovered here. Unfortunately mining and the business' that came along with it have since declined leaving a community where 30% of the residents live below the poverty line and winters that are colder, wetter and harsher than any other geologic location in Maryland. Our work in Frostburg will change lives—both in us and the people we will serve. Plus, we will meet new friends, have lots of fun and see how God can use us in new and exciting ways!

The total trip cost is \$800 per person. This cost covers the camp fee, group supplies, most meals, excursions and transportation. As you are aware, fundraising is a big part of our trip experience and each youth is expected to participate in our fundraising activities. Not only does it help raise money to offset our costs, but it helps us get to know each other better before we leave for Worktrip.

The fundraising hours each youth works will go to offset the cost of the trip. For every hour you work at a fundraising event, you will receive \$25 off of your individual cost, for a maximum of \$500. You will need to work 20 fundraising hours in order to get the maximum discount, making the cost of the trip only \$300 + your spending/food money.

Parents: your help is needed to make the trip and the fundraising projects a success. We will need at least 5 adult chaperones for this trip. Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth and will assist with the home repairs, monitoring the youth, participating in devotions and will be considered part of the team! Please consider joining our group for this amazing mission oriented week! If you can't join us on the trip—please see the registration form to sign up to lead or assist with one of our fundraisers.

If you would like to join us for this fantastic trip, please fill out the registration form and turn it in to Stacie Buckler (Room 206), along with your \$100 per person non-refundable deposit by November 7.

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IMPORTANT DATES AND FUNDRAISERS for 2010-2011

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| EMC activities (brunch & calling members) | October 18-24, 2010 |
| Registration Deadline & 1st Payment (\$100) | November 7, 2010 |
| Parent's Night Out | December 3, 2010 |
| Pre-Worktrip Orientation (parents & youth) | January 24, 2011 (tentative) |
| Sub Sales | January 23 & 30, 2011 |
| Sub making and distribution | February 5 & 6, 2011 |
| Valentine's Dinner | February 12, 2011 |
| Payment due date (\$100) | March 6, 2011 |
| Pancake Breakfast | April 16, 2011 |
| Partners on the Highway/Cookie Sales | May 14, 15, 22, 2011 |
| Spring UMW Rummage Sale | May 17 & 18, 2011 |
| Payment due date (\$100) | May 22, 2011 |
| Itinerary Meeting (parents & youth) | May 22, 2011 |
| Commission Worktrip participants | June 26, 2011 (tentative) |
| Post-Worktrip Party | July 13, 2011 (tentative) |
| Worktrip Report Sunday | July 17, 2011 (tentative) |

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

- *How many spaces do we have reserved?* Currently, we have 30 spots reserved (25 youth and 5 adults). We may be able to get more spots if there is interest.
- *What fun activity will we do this year?* We will be going White Water River Rafting (with a guide & in class 3/4 waters) on the way home.
- *What will we use for transportation?* We will travel in 12 passenger vans and take a cargo van for our supplies and luggage.
- *What is not covered in the cost?* You will need to bring money to buy food while we are traveling (5 meals) and for any souvenirs you would like to purchase. On Wednesday night, we also typically make a stop at a Wal-Mart or Target.
- *Are there scholarships available?* Yes-we have partial scholarships available to cover the \$300 cost. Youth will still be expected to work 20 fundraising hours. If you are interested in a scholarship, please talk with Stacie.
- *Is there a discount for adults?* Yes- the cost for adults going on the trip is only \$100.
- *What fundraisers count toward my hours?* The fundraisers listed above will count toward your total hours. These are the fundraisers that will help to raise money for our trip and offset the costs for all of us. Many of you have also already helped with some fundraisers (tailgate, VBS rewind....these activities will also count towards your hours)
- *How will I know how many fundraising hours I have?* You will be responsible for keeping track of your own fundraising hours and turning them in to Stacie.
- *What if I am not able to work 20 fundraising hours?* Your cost would be discounted the number of hours you worked x \$25. Your final payment would be due in June after all the fundraising activities have been completed.