

# 2017 Youth Group Summer Mission Trip



**Join the John Wesley United Methodist Church Youth Group for their  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Mission Trip!**

This 4 –day, 3-night Mission Trip will be based at United Methodist Camp Mechuwana in in Winthrop, Maine, **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

The Youth will help with the construction and deconstruction of a teen crisis center in the town of Winthrop. There will be morning and evening devotionals, free time to swim and boat in the lake and most importantly, make God’s name known in the area. We hope you’ll join us!

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**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**



## Overview:

We are so excited to be going on our 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Mission Trip this July! And like any reoccurring event or activity we do in life, it can sometimes become mundane or even lose its zeal if we're not careful. So this year will be similar in mission, but the purpose for mission will be stressed in order that the true purpose will be imprinted on our hearts forever.

Not only does Jesus talk to His disciples in John 17:26 about how His purpose was to make God known to them, in order that they may know the love of God (reconciliation) in them. But we also see in the Old Testament that God brings up this theme of making His name known among the nations many times. In Exodus 9:14-16 God says, "I have raised you up for this very purpose...that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth" and in 2 Chronicles 6:32-33 after the Temple was built "so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you." The purpose for anything we do, whether it be Sunday service, going to Maine for a mission trip, loving one of our neighbors as Christ has loved us, is all for the purpose of making God's name known in order to bring Him praise and glory. This process of reconciling people back to God is one of the most beautiful stories the world has ever known, and we get to be a part of it.

Although the main purpose of going on mission is not for students to grow personally, feel good about themselves or even being obedient to Christ, it will happen. When one allows themselves to be used by God for the building up of His Kingdom, tremendous growth, passion and love for God will bloom.

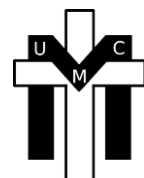
So we ask and pray that you consider partnering with us as we partner with God on our 3<sup>rd</sup> mission to make His name known.

## About Camp Mechuwana:

Mechuwana is located on 230 acres of forest land and offers a peaceful, natural setting. The camp borders Lake Annabessacook and Lower Narrows Pond. Located on the property are nature trails, boating and a swimming area. It also has basketball courts and sports fields.

Every summer Mechuwana plays host to an amazing group of people who volunteer to repair old camp buildings and head out into the community to help out with various local ministries.

Work projects include, housing repair for the needy (roofing, painting, drywall, handicap ramps, etc.), working in area clothing ministries, food banks and soup kitchens, renovations and repairs of local church buildings, teaching Vacation Bible School in rural church settings, nursing home program and more.





## FINANCIALS & DEADLINES

### **Open to ALL Youth in Grades 5 and up!**

Youth can and are encouraged to bring friends along on the Summer Mission Trip. Please make sure they have all the appropriate information and submit their documents on time.

### **Important Dates & Times:**

**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>:** Last day to turn in Fee and Permission Slips  
(please submit earlier if you can)

**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Team Meeting from 5:00-7:00 pm (food provided)

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Youth will meet at John Wesley UMC at 10:00 am (270 Gifford Street).  
Please bring a bagged lunch

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Parents/guardians pick up your youth at John Wesley UMC at 2:00 pm (This is an estimated time, and if it will be later we will reach out to Parents)

### **Cost:**

Cost is \$50 per person (sponsorship available)  
This **does** include: lodging, all meals and transportation

## EVENT OVERVIEW

### **Day One, Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:**

We will meet at the church at 10:00 am then drive to Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, Maine (just under four hours). We will arrive at the camp around 3:00 pm. We'll get situated in our cabin, have an introduction meeting with Camp staff and then get certified for boating and swimming. We will have dinner with the other campers and play games in our cabin. In the evening we will have a devotional time where we discuss and learn why we're on Mission.

### **Day Two, Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> & Day Three, Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>:**

We will have breakfast and a morning devotional before going out for the day. We will drive in town to start deconstruction and constructing portions of the new teen crisis center. All activities will be safe for the Youth. Dinner, boating/swimming and free time will be back at the camp followed by a debrief of the day and evening devotional.

### **Day Four, Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

We will have breakfast and pack up to leave Camp Mechuwana. We will arrive at the church around 2:00 pm (this is our best estimate as of right now). Lunch will **not** be provided.



## PACKING LIST

- Sleeping bag or sheets and blankets
- Pillow
- Shower towel and lake towel
- Pair of close-toes shoes (not allowed to wear sandals, flip flops, clogs or other loose fitting footwear on the worksites)
- Socks
- Sandals, bathing suite (more than one), sunscreen
- Modest night and working clothing
- Rain gear (it's possible it might rain while outside)
- PJ's, underwear, bathrobe
- Toiletry items - toothbrush, shampoo, face wash, etc.
- Bible, notebook, pen

Please **do not** bring:

- Skateboard and other bulky sports equipment
- Excessive snack food
- Lots of money (some is allowed for snacks and souvenirs)

### Volunteer Dress Code Policy:

Please do NOT wear:	Tight jeans or stretch pants	Crop shirts
	Sunglasses (at the worksites)	Open toed shoes
	Shorts	Tank-tops
	Sleeveless T-shirts	A lot of jewelry

Youth are representing God and JWUMC and should avoid clothing with inappropriate sayings. Do not wear very short shorts and shirts that expose midriff or cleavage.

Cell phones and electronics should NOT be brought to the worksites. There is usually no safe place to store these items and they frequently get lost or left behind. Consider taking a "break" from electronics during the trip.

It is ok for youth to bring books, cards and/or electronic devices to play with on the car ride to and from Camp Mechuwana. If games involve playing with others, all must be invited to participate. Once we arrive at the camp, there will be restrictions to gaming/electronics.

\*If possible, please pack in soft luggage (such as a backpack, duffle bag, etc.) as this will make it easier to pack a lot of stuff into a trunk.



## PRAYER SPACE

Use this space to start writing down your prayers to God about the trip. You are welcome to pray for what's provided below or just write freely.

**CAMP MECHUWANA STAFF & WINTHROP COMMUNITY:**

**TEEN CRISIS CENTER:**

**OUR GROUP:**

**YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS TO GOD:**



## 2017 Mission Trip Permission Form

Youth will meet Allison and adult volunteers at JWUMC on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** and travel to Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, Maine for a 4-day, 3-night Mission Trip construction/deconstructing a teen crisis center. Youth will be back at JWUMC on **Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm**.

### Code of Conduct

- Be courteous, polite and respectful – you are representing yourself, the group and John Wesley UMC
- Be thoughtful - this is a great opportunity to serve God’s Kingdom
- Observe the posted rules and those verbally communicated
- Will clean up after myself and leave the area better than we arrived
- Respect authorities, including John Wesley UMC staff and volunteers
- Pay for damaged and/or destroyed property
- Stay with the group at all times
- Refrain from the use and possession of alcohol, cigarettes and/or drugs
- All participants will respect others’ physical boundaries. Inappropriate behavior (i.e. harassment, bullying, rough housing, etc.) is not permitted
- No profanity by adults or participants
- In case of an emergency, parents will be notified. The chaperons will do everything in their power to make sure each participant is safe and will receive proper medical attention at the time of any incident
- Failure to comply to this code, may result in early dismissal and your parent will be notified to pick you up

Participant Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency & Medical Information

Any known Food or Medicine Allergy \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions we should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Provider and Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Consent

Parent/Guardian: By signing, I am stating that I agree with the Code of Conduct above. I also understand that each participant is in a safe environment and do not hold John Wesley UMC, or any staff or volunteer liable for any illness or mishap during the event. I understand if my child gets removed from the event, I am responsible for transportation of my child home. I authorize treatment by an accredited hospital and/or physician as needed for my child.

- It is OK for my child(ren) to be photographed/recorded and for those media to be shared on the JWUMC website, other social media, FCTV public access channel and printed promotional materials. Their names will not be shared.
- It is NOT OK for my child to be photographed/recorded.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_