

DOOR CHICAGO

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GROUP of the Federated Church - Work Camp 2010

June 27 to July 2, 2010

Dear GROUP Work Campers,

Here is our first description for our Summer 2010 Work Camp. This memo is in two sections – the part below is from the DOOR about the program, and the section that follows are the details for all of us from Federated Church. Sign up begins NOW!

Who Can Participate?

The DOOR-Chicago program is designed for participants from junior high to high school to intergenerational and beyond and is open to all denominations. We ask that one adult sponsor accompany every five youth who make up the group. For a week-long experience, DOOR-Chicago can accommodate groups of up to 70 total participants (youth and sponsors). Smaller groups may be paired with other small groups, a practice that allows participants from different places and denominations to share in service.

What Will You Do in Your Service Assignments?

A typical week in Chicago begins on arrival Sunday evening after supper and ends with departure after lunch on Friday. A one-to two-hour orientation/logistics session Sunday evening helps prepare everyone for the week. Your group will be divided into work teams, (4-6 participants with one adult sponsor as designated leader) that are also your meal teams. Meal teams are responsible for preparing and cleaning up after all meals eaten together by the group. Groceries, menus, and cooking instructions are provided and a DOOR-Chicago staff person is on hand for reference.

Once assigned to work and meal teams, participants generally stay with those same teams for the week. Work teams usually spend each day at a different service assignment. Our goal is for

all participants to have a variety of experiences that they can share with each other.

Examples of service assignments are: preparing and serving meals at a soup kitchen; helping with homeless children's programs, cleaning feeding kitchens and shelters, urban gardening; meeting and listening to groups and individuals who are working for change in the city, conversing and worshiping with city folks.

What Will The Schedule Be Like?

Although the schedule **varies** and is flexible, a typical day **may** go as follows:

6:30 to 8:00 a.m. Wake up, prepare, eat and clean up breakfast

8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Quiet Time/Bible Study

7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Travel to service assignment (time of departure varies with each site)

9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Service assignment

3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Return to host site, clean-up, free time

5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Meal team prepares supper

5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Supper and clean-up

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Evening session/ Reflection

Evening sessions include worship, presentations, and group reflection. Thursday evening is set aside for a time together to help participants reflect on and process what they have seen, felt, and learned during the course of each day. This is perhaps the most important time of the week. Issues raised are addressed in light of our calling as Christians to love others and to respond to those in need.

On Wednesday evening a formal reflection time is not scheduled. DOOR does not provide supper on this evening so most groups choose to eat out and spend the evening seeing more of Chicago. (Please keep in mind that some work teams may not finish their assignments until early evening).

While in Chicago, groups stay at First Church of the Brethren on the west side of the city. Each participant should bring a sleeping bag, sleeping mat, a towel, and toiletries. Air mattresses are not allowed. Work clothing is a must and other casual/sport clothing as desired. There are no laundry facilities. Participants should also bring Bibles and notebooks. The packing list will be included in the orientation materials sent in the spring.

That's their information and here is ours.

Who May Participate?

Any ACTIVE member of GROUP who participates in the various fundraisers and shows a love of reaching out to help others. Non-GROUP members also welcome to join us if they come to GROUP.

Cost \$375.00