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TO: YOUTH PASTORS & LEADERS  
FROM: KIRBY ST. JOHN  
SUBJECT: YOUTH CAMP & YP WORK DAYS INFORMATION

- Included in this packet you will find camp registration brochure/s, camp posters, and a Work Days RSVP card •

> **ALL CAMPER AND VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE THIS YEAR. NO PAPER!** <

-- Visit [msmstudent.com/camp](http://msmstudent.com/camp) to register, and for access to all youth camp promotional materials --

1. **Youth Camps 2018:** If you have not done so already, return the enclosed postcard or e-mail us at [msm@mnaog.org](mailto:msm@mnaog.org) indicating which week/s your church is planning to attend. This helps us plan staffing and housing needs. Please choose both weeks either 1's or 2's based on your previous year's attendance, unless you have received approval to split or change weeks. This keeps our camps balanced in attendance and assures the needed housing each week. If you've not yet decided, please contact Kirby to find out which week you should attend. Also, indicate if you would prefer to attend separate or joint junior/senior high camps in 2019.
2. **Youth Pastor/Leader Work Days:** Youth pastors & leaders – your help is needed May 30-31, 2018, to help prepare the campgrounds for camp this summer. *You will have a blast with other youth pastors as we spend time together working on rec projects and anything else that needs to be done!* Mark the days on your calendar now, and return the enclosed card to confirm your attendance. Many groups have chosen to drive up after Wednesday night services, begin working Thursday morning, and conclude Thursday afternoon/evening. There is no charge for this fun-filled couple of days. Spouses are welcome to come, as well as youth leaders or interns (just let us know how many). Please bring rakes, shovels, toolboxes, waders, etc. to help with the work. **You will also need to bring your own bedding, towels, etc.**
3. **Volunteer Registration:** Please have all leaders complete their online registration forms ASAP. We are doing background checks again this year for all camp workers. *Youth Pastors must also fill out the online application and **ALL applications (including Youth & Lead Pastors) must be sent with \$75 per week** to cover the camp worker fee and background checks.* This fee covers only a portion of the actual cost we are charged for volunteers. Volunteer acceptance is based on forms we have received, so please submit your online applications before the due date of May 24.

Until recently, we limited the number of counselors from any one church to a 1/10 ratio per gender. We will continue to charge the \$75 fee for all counselors based on the 1/10 ratio, but if you would like to bring additional counselors you may do so by paying the same reduced cost that we pay for each staff person (\$140 – includes background check). This will allow you to set your own ratio for campers to counselors and get as many of your team members involved as you want.

4. **Camp Brochures:** In addition to the brochure/s within this packet, we sent each student who has attended youth camp in the past a brochure in the mail (unless directed not to send to your students). **If you need more brochures,** contact Marissa and she will mail you more ASAP, or download them from our website at [www.msmstudent.com/camp](http://www.msmstudent.com/camp). There is also an editable brochure file you may download online if you would like to add your group's reservation code or add any additional information (transportation fee, time bus leaves, etc.).