Why Would A Homeless Shelter Have a Summer Camp?

Camp is an incredibly rich place for personal development. Kids and staff, alike, are stretched and developed at Camp CUMCITO.

1. For a whole week, we get to provide for the immediate needs of hundreds of kids:
   - Healthy meals
   - Nurturing relationships
   - Age-appropriate activities
   - Bible lesson

2. Camp CUMCITO fights generational poverty by:
   - Teaching pertinent life skills
   - Fostering mentor relationships
   - Motivating campers through enriching activities

3. We strive to impact campers for Christ by:
   - Engaging chapel sessions
   - Cabin devotions
   - Scripture memory activities
   - Hiring spiritually vibrant staff

Our Mission

We strive to provide, in a Christ-centered atmosphere, an opportunity for a changed life through the experience and greater understanding of personal faith, healthy lifestyle, and loving, healthy relationships while engaging in fun activities such as chapel, Bible memory, crafts, canoeing, camping, fishing, hiking, sports, group games, archery, and swimming.

Camp CUMCITO (City Union Mission Camp) in the Quail's site on 600 acres near Warsaw, MO offers a one-week summer Bible camp experience to about 600 children and teens, ages 4-16. Founded in 1935, priority is given to those who aren’t able to pay for camp otherwise. We serve low-income youth, mainly from urban Kansas City and rural Benton County. Most campers pay only a $5 registration fee. This is made possible by generous volunteers who staff over 400 positions, each summer and donors who contribute over $380 per camper.
1. Applicants must be growing, maturing Christians and must have participated regularly in an evangelical Christian church for the preceding year
   - Screening process includes application, references, and interview

2. Positions are all on a volunteer basis
   - The only way we can do all of this on a very limited budget and staff is by staffing each week of camp with volunteers
   - See “Adopt a Week” below

3. Applicable training is mandatory for all positions, unless specifically stated otherwise, regardless of whether or not the applicant is experienced in that position

4. Staff must remain on grounds. They have 2 hours off per day.

5. Generalized minimum age requirements are:
   - “Assistant” positions at Big Camp and Big Siblings at Tot Lot, minimum age 16
   - “Leader” positions, minimum age 18
   - “Supervisor” positions, minimum age 21

ADOPT A WEEK

Adopting a week entails recruiting a group of volunteer staff from church to fill available camp positions and assisting them with the registration process, training, transportation, and emotional support

Benefits of ministering together at Camp CUMCITO include:
- Foster learning about different cultures in our city
- Camp training is applicable to church ministry
- Great opportunity to work side by side in a ministry environment
- Campers can see and experience God's love as they see your team act out His command for us to love one another

- An opportunity for a short-term mission trip at very low cost
- Praying for each other and the campers; other church members that can't come can be involved in praying and encouraging
- Families working together builds unity and develops leadership roles in both parents and teens
- Become acquainted with other members of your church group

Would you consider adopting a week at Camp CUMCITO with your church?

Questions? 816-339-2425 or campworkers@cityunionmission.org