

**The Church Participation Guide for**  
**The Landing Camp for Foster Kids: July 29-August 2, 2019**  
**All Camp Volunteers Arrive on Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 pm**

**Why the Landing Camp?**

*Over 80% of the prison population was at one time in the Foster System. When kids transition out of the system without a network of caring relationships, they become the highest demographic for suicide, prison, prostitution, and drug abuse, and more.*

*As the local church, we have an opportunity and the need to do more. Every kid going through this journey is missing out on much needed security, nurture and HOPE. That is purely what the camp is about. We want to offer one week where kids like this in our area get to just be kids, have fun, and encounter the love and hope of Christ in an unforgettable way. We want them to come the next year and the next and end up with a support group made up of people who know them from area churches! Our goal is to host 50 kids in our circuit this year.*

**What do we need?**

- ❖ **Camp Counselors:** Camp Counselors are adult overnight campers who will be assigned a couple of kids that they will nurture and experience camp activities with as cheerleaders. They will get to know the hearts of a couple of kids and be able to speak love and hope into those hearts maybe for the first time! We need more Camp Counselors! This will determine the number of kids we can invite. Camp Counselors are required to complete training but are not responsible for creating or leading camp activities.

**The Cost:** We are calling this a local mission trip and are asking Camp Counselors to cover their camp cost of \$250 both to help offset the budget and to be vested as part of their commitment to the kids. Camp Counselors can raise their support through tax deductible contributions from their friends and family.

*If you can't be an overnight camp counselor, you can still help!*

- ❖ **Special Teams:** Church groups can begin forming now to create Specialty Teams. Here are a few great opportunities that you could fill.
  - ✓ Check in team: Registration, bag check/tag, medication check, lice check, luggage transport (Monday morning)
  - ✓ Cabin decorating, bed making, set up (Sunday, July 28)
  - ✓ Decorating team for Auditorium, Cafeteria, outdoor space (Sunday, July 28)
  - ✓ Craft team: pre-make craft kits (weeks leading up to camp)
  - ✓ Volunteer Boat Captains: boat outing for kids (Wednesday, July 31)
  - ✓ Scheduling/Admin prep team: all paper prep work leading up to camp (weeks leading up to camp)
  - ✓ Memory team: preparing photo albums for kids to take home
  - ✓ Gather and provide back pack kits for campers (*essentials and extra touches they may not have*)
  - ✓ **THE BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY** team (planning and executing)
- ❖ **Sponsors:** We need churches and individuals to provide financial sponsorships for kids to go. Even a church small group could sponsor a camper for a life changing experience. \$300 per camper.

**Get Started Now!**

Contact Kristi Mann ([Kristi@heartofthebride.org](mailto:Kristi@heartofthebride.org)) She will provide you with the next steps and answer any questions that will help you join the team!

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