



THE
MISSION
PROJECT

OMP

Ozark Mission Project 2012

Student Initial Sign Up Packet

OMP's Mission Statement

“To transform lives through worship, fellowship, and hands-on mission.”

Ozark Mission Project (OMP) is a mission of the Arkansas Area United Methodist Church, organized for ministry to "persons in need" in response to Jesus Christ's call to servanthood. We bring church youth groups to camp sites around Arkansas where they, in turn, serve people in the surrounding communities.

What began with one camp in 1986 has since expanded to 12 camps each summer, serving all four corners of Arkansas.

OMP's purpose is

- to be a helping hand to those, who, for financial or physical reasons, cannot maintain their homes
- to meet the spiritual, social, and emotional needs of these persons
- to help develop spiritual, social, and emotional wholeness in our campers
- to encourage our campers to put their faith in action in their local churches and communities

Learn more about Ozark Mission Project at <http://ozarkmissionproject.org>.

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Due Sunday, February 12, 2012

All of the following information needs to be completed, typed, and turned in together to the church office by February 12, 2012. If it is not, your packet will be considered incomplete.

1. Parent Support Form (page 5, **parent must sign**)
2. Personal Testimony (page 6, **must type** on separate sheet – with your name)
3. Reflection Questions (page 6, **must type** on separate sheet – with your name)
4. The Promise (page 6, **student must sign**)
5. \$75 Non-refundable Deposit (\$125 after February 12 – adding \$50 to overall cost)

Sign Up and Waiting List Procedures

Students who turn in their *Initial Sign Up Packets* (typed reflection questions, typed personal testimony, signed parent support form, signed Promise, and \$75 non-refundable deposit) by Sunday, February 12, 2012, will be eligible for OMP. We have 20 (4 adults, 16 youth) spots available. **Signing up on time is important.** Students may turn in their *Initial Sign Up Packets* anytime from now until February 12, 2012. If all the spots fill up before that date, we will start a wait list in the order that complete packets are received. The \$75 deposit will be refundable if no spaces open up.

The Details

Fellowship Student Ministries will join with other youth groups from around the state to serve people who are less fortunate and need a helping hand. Our workdays will begin early with individual devotions, then hard work in near 100-degree temperatures. OMP's evening program is student led worship, teaching, and debriefing from the day's work.

A typical day on this trip will include a half-a-day of work on a project site (construction, paint, yard work, etc.), afternoon free, an evening large group meeting with a speaker, and share time.

Probable Trip Dates – depart June 10, 2012 – return June 16, 2012

Sign up Deadline – Sunday, February 12, 2012

Cost – \$190 plus a \$75 deposit per person for a total of \$265. Deposit is non-refundable.

Deposit – \$75 due February 12, 2012

2nd Payment – \$60 due April 29, 2012

1st Payment - \$60 due March 11, 2012

3rd Payment - \$70 due June 3, 2012

If a student drops out after March 11, the deposit and the first payment are non-refundable. Dropping out after April 1 will require full payment of the trip. **The Cost** for OMP is all inclusive. Extra money can be brought for stops to and from the camp, Sonic runs, snack shack, and any additional expenses that your student may choose to spend money.

*****PLEASE TURN IN COMPLETE PACKETS ONLY*****

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Important Dates

Friday, February 10	1 st Fundraiser – Dinner & Dance
Sunday, February 12	Initial Sign Up Packet and \$75 Deposit Due AND Training Session 2:00-4:00 PM
Saturday, March 3	2 nd Fundraiser – Yard Sale
Sunday, March 11	1 st payment of \$60 due
Tuesday, April 17	3 rd (final) Fundraiser – Dinner @ Fellowship
Sunday, April 29	2 nd payment of \$60 due
Sunday, June 3	Third Training Session 2:00-4:00 PM Final Payment of \$70 Due

Attendance of the trainings is mandatory. Fundraiser money goes to those who work the fundraiser.

Questions about OMP? Call Shane at 327-3444 or 339-3954.

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Parent Support Form

I understand that my student needs to turn in his/her *Initial Sign Up Packet* by Sunday, February 12, 2012. This packet includes reflection questions (must be typed), personal testimony (must be typed), this form, and a \$75 non-refundable deposit.

I understand that the cost of the trip is \$190 **plus** the \$75 non-refundable deposit for a total of \$265. This money may be raised through support letters. If the money is not raised by the due dates, I will be responsible for the amount due on the payment dates.

Deposit - \$75 due February 12
2nd Payment - \$60 due April 29

1st Payment - \$60 due March 11
3rd Payment - \$70 due June 3

We have to pay for each spot regardless of when we have someone drop out, so all deposits are non-refundable.

I understand that if my student is in a situation that demands disciplinary action (as decided by the leadership team) that results in him/her being sent home early, this will be done at my own expense.

Importance of Training Meetings

The training meetings are **mandatory**. These meetings begin the team-building process that becomes a critical part of the mission. The meetings will prepare your student to get the most out of the mission experience. We will focus on team building, serving one another, sharing our faith, and ministering to others.

I understand the importance of the orientation meetings and how they will prepare my student for ministry. I will do my best to see that my student attends these meetings. I will be responsible for making sure my student turns in any work assigned as a result of missed training meetings. Missed training meetings may result in a student not attending the trip.

Turning in Support Money

I understand that the money raised through support letters may be turned in at any time before the deadlines. **All money needs to be enclosed in an envelope with my child's name on the outside (not on the check)**. All checks need to be made out to Fellowship Bible Church. Mission envelopes to include with your support letter are available from Shane or the church office.

I have read and agree with all the above statements.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

My child's name is _____

Please return this page in an envelope with the student's name on the front by Sunday, February 12, 2012, along with the rest of the Initial Sign Up Packet and the \$75 non-refundable deposit.

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Write Out Your Testimony on separate piece of paper

There should be four sections to your testimony. Each one is listed below and given a brief explanation. Please use this format for your testimony (**please type and make sure your name is on the paper**). When you are finished, a non-Christian should be able to read your paper and understand what the gospel is and how to become a Christian. **Testimonies turned in that are not typed will be returned.**

Life before I became a Christian. Briefly describe what your life was like before you became a Christian (things you did, things you thought, habits you had, etc.).

How I became a Christian (the gospel). Describe how you became a Christian. Who shared with you? What did they say? Etc. As you tell your story, you should include statements that explain the gospel so that whomever you are talking with will be able to understand the gospel better. For example, "My mom explained to me that I needed to have my sins forgiven, and the only way that could happen is by believing that Jesus died on the cross as payment for my sins."

Life after I became a Christian. How is your life different now? In what ways has your life changed? How have you grown since you have accepted Christ?

Invitation. Use Bible verses to explain the gospel and write a question asking if they want to accept Jesus into their life as their Savior.

Reflection Questions

Please answer all of the following questions. **Please type** your answers on a separate sheet of paper (make sure your name is on the paper). Begin each of your answers by writing the question, followed by your answer. **Reflection Questions that are not typed will be returned.**

1. Write out your testimony (see above for helps & suggestions).
2. Why do you want to go on the 2012 OMP trip?
3. What do you expect to learn/experience on this trip?
4. What do you think will be the most rewarding part of the trip?
5. Sometimes others see us a little differently from the way we think about ourselves. How do you think others would rate your relationship with Jesus? What would they say?
5. What is the gospel (50 words or less...not the definition of the gospel, which is the "Good News")?
6. What does your relationship with Christ look like day-to-day?

The Promise

In order to focus on the purpose of this mission trip **and** to make sure I don't distract others from their focus, **I promise** not to develop any exclusive relationships with the opposite sex. If I have a boyfriend/girlfriend who is going on the trip, **I promise** to act as if we are not boyfriend/girlfriend until we return to FBC.

Student Signature _____

Date _____