



BACKYARD MISSION CAMP

@ EPWORTH UMC

WED JUNE 25 - SUN JUNE 29

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SQUAD LEADER



Backyard Mission Camp has been doing good stuff for our neighbors since 2016 and to be honest ... it's a ridiculously simple concept that creates some pretty amazing ripples. We're glad you're going to be part of it!

During our time together we'll be hanging out in these words from Galatians 6:9-10

***So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good.
At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit.
Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all,
starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.***

We don't like waiting; it goes hand in hand with boredom. We are huge fans of instant gratification and TikTok reels. We swipe through things that we don't like and let "influencers" tell us what we should like. But what would happen if we just unplugged, put down the screens and earbuds and lived in the moment? What if in those moments we re-directed and "worked for the benefit of all?" What if every single day we woke up and asked ourselves how we can make the world a little bit better?

Backyard is about sharing the experience of servant leadership, humbling ourselves and making neighbors our priority. This is a place of radical hospitality with no strings attached. We all have different gifts and points of view. We all have something of value to offer the people around us. You don't have to be a theology expert to be part of Backyard but we ask that you are open to being part of a faith-based community rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. That guy made some pretty good points.

This packet walks you through what to expect and what to bring but I urge you to leave room for flexibility and spontaneous bursts of the Holy Spirit (that's where God does His best work). Thanks for being part of this ministry and helping Backyard do good stuff.

Jen

LET'S GOOOOOO!



We'll officially begin around 4pm but if you'd like to arrive beforehand you're welcome to come by and set up your tent.

You'll have a chance to settle in and we'll have an overview of camp and what to expect. We'll have plenty of folks who can help you with your tent.

WHAT TO BRING



First rule of Backyard ... LABEL EVERYTHING.

Use this list to guide you in being prepared for both work and play at Backyard – especially if you're embracing the spirit of Backyard by tent camping. The beauty of serving locally is you can always swing by your house or have your mama bring your pillow.

We do not have shower facilities but there is time carved out each day for free time and showers. You can go home to shower or we'll get you connected with another camper who lives close by so you can shower. We want to keep these blocks of time to about 90 minutes. We'll also be happy to use the water hose to knock your dirt around.

In the past we've been able to provide electricity to tents through a myriad of questionable power strips for fans, chargers, etc. We can't guarantee you'll have juice so battery-powered fans and lanterns are preferable. We won't have enough drop cords and outlets for everyone so please bring your own and we'll see how long it takes to send Concord into a black-out. There are outlets inside for charging stations.

THE CAMPING PART



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| <input type="checkbox"/> TENT | We have tents available if you need one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COT / AIR MATTRESS | Unless you're a ground-sleeping savage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEPING BAG & PILLOW | If you're glamping please bring color-coordinated bedding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BATTERY OPERATED FAN / LANTERN | 'Cause it's hot and also dark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRASH BAG | We've seen your rooms. You need a trash bag. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POWER STRIP / DROP CORD | For testing the limits of local power grids |

*If you decide camping is just not for you ... you are welcome to stay at home
and return to camp in the morning.*



THE PROJECT & WORK SITE PART

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED-TOED SHOES | No Crocs, flip-flops, sandals or bare feet on work sites. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LONG PANTS | Long pants are preferred for work sites but you can wear shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES | We'll be doing massive yardwork, pruning, hauling debris |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAT | Suggested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COOLING TOWEL | Suggested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUNSCREEN & BUGSPRAY | Suggested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WATER BOTTLE | There will be water coolers on the work site. Hydration is a MUST! |

THE IN-CAMP PART



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| <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTHES | Be comfortable and appropriate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOILETRIES | Toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant (you'll be able to go to a home to shower but make sure you bring the basics for in-camp) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMP CHAIR, BLANKET or TOWEL | For fancy sittin' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAMES, ART STUFF | We'll have some games, outdoor rec stuff available but feel free to bring your fun stuff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAMMOCKS | If you can find two trees, you're welcome to bring your hammock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BATHING SUIT / TOWEL | Saturday afternoon: Carrigan Farms for swimming at the quarry. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPENDING MONEY | Admission is covered for Carrigan Farms outing but you'll need money for dinner at the Carrigan Farms eatery (you'll receive a \$5 coupon for food with your admission). |



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If you're a Type A you'll appreciate this timeline ... if you're a fly-by-the-seat of your pants person you'll appreciate the space we leave for flexibility and spontaneity.

WEDNESDAY . JUNE 25

4:00pm Arrive at camp
5:00pm Intros and expectations
6:00 pm Dinner & clean-up
7:30 pm Worship
8:45pm Backyard Trivia Night
10:00 pm Lights Out!

THURSDAY . JUNE 26

8:00am Rise & Shine!
8:30am Breakfast, clean up & pack lunches
9:15 Head out of camp & **DO GOOD STUFF**
** Lunch on work-site **
4:00 pm Shower Power Hours & free time
6:00 pm Dinner & clean-up
7:30pm Worship
8:30 pm Movie Night
10:00 pm Lights Out!

FRIDAY . JUNE 27

8:00am Rise & Shine!
8:30am Breakfast, clean-up & pack lunches
9:15am Head out of camp & **DO GOOD STUFF**
** Lunch on work-site **
4:00 pm Shower Power Hours & free time
6:00 pm Dinner & Camp Chaos Buddies arrive
10:00 pm Lights Out!

SATURDAY . JUNE 28

8:30 am Rise & Shine!
9:00 am Breakfast & clean-up
10:00am In-Camp activities, worship planning
Noon Lunch @ camp
3:00pm Leave for Carrigan Farms
3:45pm Swimming reservation @ Carrigan Farms
Dinner at Carrigan Farms (on your own)
7:00pm Back to Camp
** Free time to shower if you choose **
10:00 pm Lights Out!

SUNDAY . JUNE 29

Invite your family and friends to join us for worship. We'll host a light breakfast in the narthex for a time of community and fellowship

We'll be participating and leading parts of the worship service We'll be planning this during camp. You'll have an opportunity to share stories and experiences from camp.

8am Wake-up call
9:15am Head to main building to prep for worship & grab breakfast
9:55am Worship service
11:30am Break down camp & head home

Be sure to follow us!



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