



***CHANGE LIVES, BE CHANGED***

*Ephesians 4:12 - to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up  
(NIV)*





**STACC Youth Ministries** is a servant leadership program for teens, age 15-17, involving hands on training in the camp setting. SYM includes any teen, under age 18 or hasn't graduated high school, which has participated in the STACC core program, HandS program, or is on the Jr. Staff team. Participation in these summer programs also provides year round opportunities to serve in the community, at churches, and in camp ministry. The goal, of this program for the teen, is to be biblically disciplined, to recognize gifts, and learn how to participate in ministry within a community. The program goal, for the camp, is to pass on the philosophy of ministry to the next group of future volunteers and leaders, year after year. This philosophy is an extension of the core values and the 'why we do what we do' aspect of the programming.

**Pre-Summer:** New candidates will submit an application including a pre interview and references. They will go through an interview with camp staff. Jr. Staff will fill out online volunteer application only.

### **The Summer:**

**STACC Core Program** - STACC members are required to be at camp for three weeks.

*Week One* ("Green" Week) – STACC will arrive on Sunday during camper registration and have one week, engaged in training together, in their own separate camper program. They will receive training in all areas of camp ministry that includes how-to's in areas of maintenance, program, and camp counselor. In addition, they will gain experience in recognizing gifts, sharing their testimony, and leading 'up'. This transition week gives us an opportunity to grow as a team and enter the following weeks with the tools to be successful in achieving our ministry goals and outcomes.

*Week Two and Three* –

\*One week will be spent as a CIT (counselor in training) living with a cabin group and participating in the complete camper experience as an assistant to the counselors.

\*One week will be spent on the CREW; engaging in facility maintenance, assisting in the kitchen, setting up program activities, and learning other behind the scenes functions of camp.

\*During this two week experience, the STACC team members will meet daily for instruction and encouragement from the STACC leadership. They will have opportunity to share with each other the lessons learned through individual ministry and devotions, as well as have a chance to fellowship and enjoy being together at camp. It is important to note that STACC teens will not have the same privileges as counselors. They will have their own unique set of privileges.

*The 'Weekend'*-

On the in-between weekends, STACC members are required to stay at camp. There will be time to rest, do laundry, and take a swim. We will also have time to reflect on the lessons of the past week and set up expectations for the week to come.

*STACC Graduation:* A STACC graduate has been exposed to the culture and is gaining an understanding of 'Why' we do what we do at Camp Conquest. The staff, summer leadership, and counselors will submit evaluations during the two weeks and determine if the individual is ready for that responsibility and recommend them for graduation. A ceremony on the final Saturday at 9:30 am will include brunch for the staff and parents. They are then considered Jr. Staff.

**Hands** – Helping and Supporting team. This program offers teens (ages 15-17) a one week experience within the CREW portion of STACC. There are 6 spots available during the STACC ‘Green’ Week. These teens will be immersed in helping and supporting the maintenance, kitchen, and program teams throughout the week. They will be staying in cabins with the staff and campers.

**Jr. Staff** -The next step for a STACC graduate would be in the day camp program, crew, or kitchen as **Jr. Staff** the following summer. This would allow them to continue in a progression of training toward being a counselor, activity leader, and eventually summer staff. Jr. Staff is anyone under 18 or has not graduated high school that participates in camp programs as a volunteer.

### **Post Camp**

We will invite the STACC students to participate in serving at camp during the Urban Hope and Release Time weeks in August. We will also be inviting STACC students to Urban Hopes Carnival of Hope in September where they can serve the children, which were at camp, in their own community. We will be utilizing the STACC program to serve local churches and other local ministries as they reach out to their communities. Examples would be serving at WJTL, Lititz Christian School carnival, church work days, and more. In addition we are offering a behind the scenes opportunity at Momentum Youth Conference.

### **The Application Process**

#### **10 female spots and 8 male spots**

In order to serve at Camp Conquest, a student needs to complete a camper registration. A STACC application will then be sent out to the individual. All STACC applicants must have a relationship with Jesus Christ and be able to articulate, at a basic level, the meaning of that relationship with others. STACC applicants must be 15 years old by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### *The Camper Registration:*

Each applicant must fill out a camper registration form online. The cost of the program is \$275. The participants each receive a **\$200 scholarship** toward their fee and are only required to pay the \$75 deposit after being accepted. The deposit must be returned within 10 days of the *announcement* date.

#### *The Written Portion:*

Each Applicant must fill out a pre-interview form and STACC application. An application will be sent via email after Camper Registration is received. As part of this application, each STACC applicant must affirm the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith and the Missionary Job Description (both available online). The applicant does not have to be involved at a GBC, but as a core value we honor our Grace Brethren heritage.

#### *The Evaluation forms:*

Each Applicant must have 2 adults, from your church (and not related to you), fill out an Evaluation form. We prefer that one of them is filled out by a youth pastor/leader. Evaluations can be mailed to camp. We must receive them before the interview.

#### *The Interview:*

All STACC applicants will go through an interview at camp. A parent is required to be in attendance. During the interviews, all the details and requirements of the program will be explained. The application and the interview are a process for determining who will fill the limited spots available in the STACC program. This is also considered beneficial as a life experience for the applicant.

#### *Training Weekend:*

STACC is no longer required to attend this weekend.

Jr. Staff *is* required to attend as an added value to the experience



## 2017 Timeline

January 15	STACC applications available
April 1	Deadline for STACC applications (sooner is acceptable and appreciated)
April 2-30	Interviews of STACC applicants and parent at camp
April 30	STACC positions are assigned and announced
June 2-4	Lifeguard Training available for interested candidates
June 24 – 30	1 Week HandS program
June 25 - 30	STACC “Green” week
July 1	First Day of STACC core program
July 15	Last Day of STACC summer program and Graduation/Brunch

## Optional Opportunities

July 16-23	Momentum Youth Conference with CC
August 13-18	Released Time Bible Program Camp at CC
August 20-25	Urban Hope week at CC
August 26	KCB Fest at WJTL
September 12-16	STACC stand (fundraiser) at Denver Fair
September 20	Ephrata Parade
September 23	Carnival of Hope at Urban Hope
September 27	New Holland Parade
October 4	Manheim Parade
October 6-8	‘Brighter’ Jr. High Retreat/Trail Life USA Training Weekend at CC
October 14	Calvary 5th and 6th grade day at CC
October 20-22	Father/Daughter Weekend at CC
November 27	Operation Christmas Child distribution center
December 31	STACC Reunion at CC
January 16 2018	Coatesville Service Day (MLK Day)
March 2018	Vision Conference and concert at LBC
April 2018	Father/Son Weekend at CC

Stay Tuned...more to come

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