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## Mission Opportunity

U. M. ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth) offers an exciting and affordable mission opportunity for youth.

### OUR MISSION

*To provide Christ-centered,  
quality youth work camps  
that serve people in need  
and provide spiritual growth  
and leadership development in youth.*

U. M. ARMY (**United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth**) began in 1979 with a single work camp in Athens, Texas, where youth groups from several Houston churches gathered to provide home repair assistance to people in need.

Today this organization has grown to more than 40 work camps throughout East Texas with over 3,500 youth and adult volunteers annually.

Every summer U. M. ARMY recruits thousands of youth and adults to leave home and spend a week at a United Methodist church where they provide free home repairs for homeowners who are physically or financially unable to make the needed repairs.

Through the building of wheelchair ramps, porches, steps, and handrails; painting homes, cleaning houses, and mowing yards, this ARMY reaches out and becomes missionaries serving God's people.

This work, along with daily devotions and evening worship, provides a unique opportunity for Christian growth and leadership development in youth. Combining this with evening recreation, fellowship, and fun makes U. M. ARMY an unforgettable and life-changing experience

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*Who attends U. M. ARMY?*

Youth groups from any church are welcome to participate. A ratio of 2 adults for every 5 youth is necessary. The minimum age is a young person who has completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade prior to camp, including graduating seniors and college age young adults. A college work camp is available for young adults at least one year out of high school (1 adult/3 youth).

A typical U. M. ARMY work camp is 60 – 120 people comprised of youth groups from several different churches. Work teams (4 or more youth and one adult) are assigned at the beginning of camp, mixing people from different churches. Once camp starts, individual church identities are discouraged in order to form one camp, one community. Everybody works at U. M. ARMY. Adults are not just chaperones; they are equal participants and work along with the youth in the home repair projects and the daily camp chores.

*When is U. M. ARMY?*

U. M. ARMY work camps are one week long, starting Sunday afternoon and ending the following Saturday at noon. Summer work camps begin the first full week in June and continue every week through the end of July.

*Where is U. M. ARMY?*

United Methodist churches in the East Texas area serve as a host for a U. M. ARMY work camp. Participants sleep in classrooms, have meals and fellowship in the great hall, and worship in the sanctuary. Participants travel approximately 2 hours from home to the host church where they spend the week.

*Registration Information*

Registration fees are \$199 per person and cover all costs for the week, including food and building materials.

U. M. ARMY sends registration forms to churches; individuals register through their home church. Group registrations are accepted beginning November 1. Registration is closed when all camps are full.

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