



## Join us on a mission trip like none other.

Every summer, hundreds of volunteers like YOU come from all over the country to spend a week caring for the children of teen moms so that their mothers can participate in a life-changing week of YoungLives camp.

### The YoungLives Experience features...

- ✓ **Domestic missions:** choose between six locations across the U.S.
- ✓ **Built-in discipleship:** everyone who serves participates in daily worship, Bible study and prayer that is organized and led by our YoungLives team.
- ✓ **Service opportunity for youth and adults:** open to men and women, youth groups, families, college students, church teams (all individuals must be over age 14).
- ✓ **All-inclusive cost:** camp fee includes all meals and housing and is considered a tax-deductible donation.

### Sample Itinerary

	<i>Day 1 of camp</i>	<i>Day 2 of camp</i>	<i>Day 3 of camp</i>	<i>Day 4 of camp</i>	<i>Day 5 of camp</i>
<i>Early Morning</i>		Breakfast Group worship	Breakfast Group Worship	Breakfast Group Worship	Camp cleanup Breakfast
<i>Late Morning</i>		Provide childcare in nurseries	Provide childcare in nurseries	Provide childcare in nurseries	Attend club with teen moms
<i>Noon</i>	Check in at camp	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Departure
<i>Afternoon</i>	Required training session + preparation	Free time	Provide childcare in nurseries	Free time	
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
<i>Evening</i>	Provide childcare in nurseries	Provide childcare in nurseries	Provide childcare in nurseries	Provide childcare in nurseries	

### Key Responsibilities

- ✓ Care for the children in your assigned nursery while their moms participate in camp activities.
- ✓ Represent Christ to teen moms by showing them a kind, loving attitude.
- ✓ Work as a team with other childcare volunteers and your nursery leader.
- ✓ Assist with nursery set-up and clean-up, check in/out procedures, and any other nursery needs.
- ✓ Pray for teen moms, their children, and the YoungLives mentors and leaders.

## **Housing Arrangements**

Childcare volunteers stay in dorm-style cabins with bunks. Bathrooms are shared. Due to camp sizes, we cannot accommodate married couples together. Some locations may have married housing options off the camp property. Some of the camps may have RV/camper hookups available. Childcare volunteers sleep separately from the campers and babies. We want to make sure all our childcare volunteers are well-rested and ready to care for babies each day!

## **Schedule**

Childcare volunteers arrive 24 hours early for training, prayer, nursery set-up and getting to know each other. Once campers arrive, childcare generally will be provided every day after breakfast for a couple of hours and then again after dinner for three to four hours. Afternoon childcare assignments rotate so that you are not needed every afternoon. When you are not needed on an afternoon assignment, you will have free time - time to nap, swim, take a walk, pray, etc. You will also participate in daily nursery group meetings and big group childcare meetings.

## **Size of Camp**

We anticipate caring for more than 100 babies at each of the camps. You will be assigned to a nursery with a particular age group of babies. There will be about 7-12 babies and about 5-10 childcare volunteers per nursery. We follow all of the legal quotas for childcare ratios.

## **Camp Fee**

The camp fee is a tax-deductible donation because the cost is covering expenses associated with your volunteer service. If you fundraise your camp fee, amounts given by others toward your camp fee are also considered tax-deductible donations. In order to receive acknowledgement, these donations must be made out to Young Life and processed through Young Life's headquarters. Fundraising information is available at [goyounglives.younglife.org](http://goyounglives.younglife.org).

## **Age Requirement**

- Our minimum age is 14
- 14 & 15 year olds must come with a parent or guardian
- 16 & 17 year olds can come with a parent, an adult leader, or as part of a group

## **Packing**

Please pack comfortable clothes and shoes. You will be moving around with the babies and toddlers. You will want outfits which can get dirty and you will want a few extra outfits – you will be holding babies and they can be messy! You will need a sweatshirt or light jacket. You will also want something to carry your toiletries to the bathroom, as you will be sharing a bathroom. You will want some extra cash for the snack bar and store. Visit [experience.younglife.org](http://experience.younglife.org) for a full packing list.

## **Food**

Young Life camps offer a variety of delicious meals for our guests. Meals are generally served family style and all of our kitchens offer options for those with special diets and food sensitivities. Please make sure to include these needs on your application.

## **What people are saying about the YoungLives Experience...**

*"Seeing the Body of Christ at work in such a concrete way was such a blessing!"*

*"I have never been so tired yet so excited to get up every morning. I can't wait to come back next year!"*

*"This was the most beautiful picture of Jesus I have ever seen."*