



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST

A full week (five nights) is \$480 per person. 1.0 and 3.0 weeks (four nights) are \$440. One free chaperone is included per group registration for the Winston-Salem location. Limited scholarships are available. For the Puerto Rico trip, we will provide a 1/2 price registration for one chaperone. Payment installment details are laid out in the program agreement signed by the group leader. Payment must be made by check payable to SPARK.

2. CAN WE CUSTOMIZE THE LENGTH OF OUR TRIP

Our summer trip dates are set and available on our website, but throughout the year we welcome trips of all lengths and sizes, including weekend Service Plunges, Confirmation Retreats, and Campus Ministry programs. We will work with you to negotiate the details and costs.

3. WHAT DOES THE COST INCLUDE

Church based housing with access to showers, complete service site coordination, supplies, and arrangement for free time outings, daily devotional content, group processing and worship leadership, and most meals. *for full weeks - groups will have dinner out one night at their own expense

4. WHAT AM I EXPECTED TO PROVIDE FOR OUR TRIP

Transportation during the week for all participants, bedding*, food during travel, permission/health form for each participant, signed program agreement, certificate of liability, snacks, leader background checks, and adult supervision (1 adult for every 8 student participants). *if group is traveling by air, bedding assistance may be available

5. TRAVEL, LODGING, AND TRANSPORTATION DETAILS

Cost of transportation to Winston-Salem is not included in the participant fee. If you are traveling by plane, we're happy to recommend local airports and rental car companies to accommodate your group. Participants will be lodging at Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem and showering at the Robinhood YMCA. Overnight onsite staff will be present to manage the program, however leaders are expected to be present with their group at all times.

6. SERVICE GROUP CONFIGURATION & DRIVING WHILE IN WINSTON-SALEM

Church groups will be divided into service groups, mixing youth and adults from different congregations. This helps us move through the week as one Spark'Dwell community, building relationships beyond the people we came with. Because groups are mixed, adult drivers should expect to have students from other congregations riding in their vehicles. Sharing the ride is part of sharing the week!

7. HOW MANY CAN A SPARK'DWELL EXPERIENCE ACCOMMODATE

Each week Spark'Dwell hosts multiple groups from around the country. We can easily accommodate large groups, including youth and adults. We prefer to keep our group size to a maximum of 60ish participants each week.

8. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO BRING

Your group might consider collecting and bringing an in-kind offering from your congregation. This might be coffee, creamer, and sugar, shower supplies, socks, underwear, and t-shirts, or something else. Have an idea? Let's talk!