

## **Heads Up! Hartford 2015**

Heads Up! Hartford is a faith-based volunteer work camp designed to bring together urban and suburban teenagers from in and around Hartford, based at **St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT** for the purpose of working toward the betterment of the city of Hartford and creating relationships over the urban-suburban divide. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual HUH! camp will be held from **June 19 – 26, 2015**.

### **Who can participate?**

Youth currently in grades 8-12 who are active members of their youth group may join us. Churches and sponsoring organizations are expected to strive to send at least one full-time adult advisor per every eight campers who attend. All staff are unpaid volunteers and donate their time to coordinating and running the camp.

### **What will we do?**

Campers spend the days in separate groups working on projects with our partner organizations: Charities of Hope, ABC House, Goodwin Park, CRT, Village for Families and Children and many others. Over the week, the campers will complete over 30 hours of community service. In the evenings they play games, worship, celebrate their commonalities and differences, put on a talent show, play in a basketball tournament, and learn what it means to be a leader in today's society.

### **What are some of the highlights from last year?**

Aside from completing many hours of community service in the Greater Hartford Area, last year the campers collected over a ton of food donations for local food banks, made picnic tables for distribution to local organizations, participated in thought provoking evening programs, joined together for a youth-led worship service, and enjoyed a well-deserved day at Stratton Brook State Park to end the week.

### **How can organizations help?**

The biggest obstacle for Heads Up! Hartford is the cost. Over half of our students depend on full or partial scholarships to attend camp and all are welcome regardless of their ability to pay. Fundraising and donations of any kind are always greatly appreciated. Heads Up! Hartford also needs adult volunteers to help on-site during the week to assist with various activities and to maintain a presence with the youth during afternoon down time/recreation while the advisors are meeting. The HUH! Board of Directors is also looking for involvement and participation. Please contact us at (860) 633-5057 or [headsuphartford@gmail.com](mailto:headsuphartford@gmail.com) about volunteering.

### **What is the cost?**

The fee for a camper to attend the week-long camp, including room and board, is \$375 per participant. However, the actual cost to provide for each and every camper is even higher. The churches handle the cost for their participants in different ways: in some instances the youth and their family pay the entire fee and in others there are donations and fund-raisers to help fund students. When the church or other sponsoring organization cannot fully fund a camper, scholarships from HUH are available.

### **Donations?**

Those interested in making a donation can make checks payable to *Heads Up! Hartford* and send them to

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