

## *What's the church or organization's commitment to Heads Up! Hartford? - 2015*

### **Advisors**

We ask each church or organization to provide one full-time adult advisor for every 8 participating students that attend Heads Up! Hartford. These advisors serve as chaperones, and go out with work groups in the Greater Hartford area during the day and stay overnight at St. Thomas seminary during the week. We provide training and support for the adult advisors who attend. The advisors are considered a full-fledged member of the HUH! team.

### **HUH! church representative**

Each church must have a point person with whom the HUH! organization can communicate. Their purpose is also to help recruit kids as well as adult volunteers for the HUH! camp. They coordinate an overview meeting with parents and youth to explain what HUH! is, and serve as a camp communication liaison by 'talking it up' via church bulletins and announcements to raise the awareness within the church. In addition to building enthusiasm for the camp, the church reps are also responsible for distributing and collecting completed youth and adult applications and medical forms.

### **Volunteers**

- Each church is encouraged to recruit full and part-time volunteers for the week. Part-time volunteers can help us in a variety of ways; examples are during the daily block of time between 2:30 – 5:30 PM. Full-day volunteers 7 AM to 4 PM are also needed and welcomed.
- The church, parents and the entire congregation are encouraged to attend the closing event on the final evening of camp at 7:00 PM on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Our operations committee would be glad to talk to the adults of your church to discuss ways they could participate in HUH! to help plan and prepare for a successful camp experience.

### **Youth Participation**

- Participating students should be affiliated with the youth group at church. Everyone must have a completed application and medical forms returned by the deadline to the HUH! representative from your church.
- Youth are expected to participate for the entire duration of the camp, unless they submit a request to the camp director a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the start of camp. No visitors to HUH! are permitted without permission from the camp director.
- There is no alcohol, drug, or tobacco use allowed during the week. Cell phones are not permitted. Personal music players/devices are allowed in individual rooms during 'down time' only. If we find them being used during work or activity time, we reserve the right to take them and hold on to them until the end of camp. Public displays of affection are not acceptable. All students are expected to participate in all facets of the program for the week.
- There is also a Youth Advisory Board that receives formal leadership development, and works with HUH! coordinators to plan and prepare for the week-long camp. This is an opportunity to gain leadership training in advance, as well as providing leadership during the week of camp. Any camper who has attended at least once is welcome to participate.
- **Snack** We ask the churches to help us by volunteering to contribute to one of our snack times throughout the week.

### **Donations**

We ask each church to make a financial donation, which can be accomplished in a variety of ways. We do not assign an amount; we ask you to give toward this ministry as God enables you. Your generosity helps us to ensure that every student who wants to come to camp is able to attend.

HUH! June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>

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