

INSTITUTE YOUTH COORDINATING TEAM APPLICATION

What is the YCT? The Youth Coordinating Team is made up of 7-10 youth who are mature and committed to a challenging and life-changing experience. The YCT serves an important role in the life of Institute. They do the final planning and organizing and carry out many responsibilities for and during the week of Institute.

Who are YCT members? YCT members are current sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school who have attended at least one session of Institute and are active in their churches. The teams will have a balance of male and female youth from different districts in the Kansas East Conference (at least 3 districts represented per team.) At least half of the team members must have served as Care Group leaders.

What are the responsibilities? YCT members are to be Christian examples of service and commitment to the Institute community. The YCT needs to work as TEAM members, both within their own group and as a member of the entire Institute staff (including youth and adult Care Group leaders, Reflection Group leaders, and the Adult Coordinating Team (ACT)). YCT members must be able to attend monthly meetings, some of which may be overnights, from December 3, 2011, through the Institute session. ***There will be an important meeting for all A/YCT and Vision Team members held on December 3, 2011.*** YCT members need to carry out their individual work assignments in cooperation with other team members from buying nametags to making signs, arranging for a dance, organizing a talent show, and the list goes on!

What qualities, skills, and abilities are needed? YCT members need to be “team” people, not “I-me” people. They need to make YCT a top priority, understanding the responsibilities they have committed to both before and during the week of Institute. They need to be youth who can handle gracefully the authority and influence they have as members of YCT. They are not entertainers, but servants. They need to be up-front AND behind-the-scenes leaders. They need to be followers of Jesus Christ who are committed to making Institute the best possible experience it can be.

Who should apply? YOU should!! However, you must prayerfully and carefully consider your willingness to make YCT a commitment before you apply. While it is an exciting role, serving on YCT changes your experience dramatically and will demand some sacrifices from you in terms of time and energy.

How do you apply?

- Fill out the application form below, answering the questions thoughtfully, prayerfully, and honestly. We want to know who you are and what you believe.
- Share this information with your parent(s)/guardian(s). Your application requires a parent's/guardian's signature.
- TWO reference forms must be filled out by TWO adults (not related to you) who know your activities and abilities as a leader, with one reference preferably being someone from the church you attend. (Hint: Make it easy for your reference to give you a good recommendation by downloading the form for them and supplying them with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope in which to mail it! OR if they would rather fill it out and send it electronically, send them a link to the form online!)
- Attach a recent picture of yourself to help the Vision Team members identify you more easily.

Your application and reference forms must be received by Wednesday, November 9, 2011!

We will be praying for you and asking God to guide you in your decision.

The 2011–2012 Vision Team

2012 Institute Youth Coordinating Team Application

Institute is a time of Christian community for senior high youth and is sponsored by the Kansas East Conference Council on Youth Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Name _____ Grade _____ Years/Sessions at Institute _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Church _____ District _____

High School _____ Email address _____

June Session: June 17-23, 2012

July Session: July 15-21, 2012

Use BLACK INK and PRINT or TYPE your answers to the following questions USING THE SPACE PROVIDED. Applications must be **received by November 9, 2011!** Include a recent photo of yourself for ID purposes.

1. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. What do you think the purpose of Institute is as a "Christian Community"?
3. How has Institute affected your faith journey and your relationship with Christ?
4. In what ways have you been involved in Institute? (Check all that apply.)
Care Group Leader _____ Hug/Reflection Group Leader _____ Vision Team _____
Other (Please specify.) _____
5. Describe various leadership positions you have held (church, school, community, etc.) and tell what you have learned about leadership from those experiences.
6. Why do you want to be a member of YCT?
7. What do you see as the most important part of the role of YCT at Institute?
8. At Institute, how are you willing to share your faith journey/story with others?

9. What qualities make you a good Christian leader?
10. What new ideas or suggested changes will you bring to Institute?
11. Are you comfortable speaking and/or leading in front of people?
12. Have you applied or been on YCT before? _____ If so, when? _____
13. Is there anything else you would like to add?

My reference forms have been submitted to:

Name _____ Phone # (_____) _____

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FOR THE APPLICANT:

I submit this application to be a member of the Youth Coordinating Team (YCT) for Institute 2012. I have carefully and prayerfully considered my decision to apply and have discussed it with my parents/guardians. I understand the commitment I am making in applying for this position and will honor that commitment if I am selected.

Signature _____

FOR THE APPLICANT’S PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S):

I affirm my child’s desire to be on the Youth Coordinating Team (YCT). I have read the guidelines and understand the responsibilities and time commitment required of YCT members. I will support her/him in fulfilling this commitment.

Signature _____

This form must be **received by November 9, 2011.**

Send completed application to:

Rev. Nancy J Kollhoff
 2117 Spain Drive
 Manhattan KS 66502
revnan@gmail.com

Institute 2012 Youth Coordinating Team (YCT) Application Reference

This reference is for _____.
(Name of youth applying for YCT position)

To the adult reference: The youth named above is applying for a leadership position on the Youth Coordinating Team (YCT) of United Methodist Institute. Institute is a week-long summer camp that functions as a time of Christian community for senior high youth, sponsored by the Kansas East Conference Council on Youth Ministries of The United Methodist Church. The YCT plans and implements activities and carries out responsibilities that give other youth the opportunity to experience Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, and God's presence in their lives. The YCT serves a very important role at Institute. Please answer the following questions carefully, thoughtfully, and honestly. This form is confidential and will not be viewed by the applicant.

How do you perceive the applicant's:

- A. leadership qualities (up-front and behind-the-scenes)?

- B. relationship with Christ, and its expression in her/his life?

- C. relationship to and involvement in the church?

- D. ability to express his/her personal feelings and ideas? Skills in listening to others?

- E. relationships with others? Adults? Peers?

- F. sense of responsibility? Does she/he follow through with commitments?

- G. ability to work well with others?

What is your relationship to the applicant?

Any other comments you may have about his/her level of maturity, interpersonal skills and/or leadership abilities?

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Church Name _____

Position in the church, if church leader _____

Have you attended Institute? If so, did you hold a staff position (please specify)?

Thank you for your time helping us with the selection of Institute 2012 staff!

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