

SOUL

2013

Serving
Others
Unleashing
Love

last
you
jesus

BEFORE

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me
everything

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Matthew 19:30*



Sports Camp
Vacation Bible School



June 21–28
July 12–July 19

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North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends seeks through the power of the Holy Spirit to equip and energize our meetings in their witness to the love, message and power of the living Christ, encouraging Friends to translate our faith into practice.

Welcome

Greetings from the Programs Ministries Department of North Carolina Yearly Meeting! We are delighted that you have decided to participate in this exciting service opportunity! We are looking forward to the upcoming summer with great expectation as we begin preparing for all that God is going to do in and through everyone involved with SOUL 2013!

SOUL will provide your Meeting with an opportunity to stretch outside the comfort zone of their community and serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. Your visit will provide your location with an opportunity for their youth and children to participate in fun and faith-based summer activities that open doors for spiritual growth and transformation. Through the participation of your group in prayer, encouragement, and service, we trust that they will grow in their own experience of ministry. At the same time, they will experience the joy and power of serving side by side with other Quaker groups and the local community in the Spirit of Jesus.

Purpose

The SOUL ministry program was created to provide opportunities for service and ministry in the name of Jesus. Enabling them to strengthen their relationships with God, neighbors in need, and their own team through serving together. We seek to partner with and empower local communities as we work together in the power of the Holy Spirit to build God's Kingdom.

Theme: "Before"

Last before first. You before me. Jesus before everything!

***"But many who are first will be last; and the last, first."
Matthew 19:30***



Leadership Responsibilities

- ✓ Send in youth and chaperone registration/health and guideline forms along with full payment for your team by June 14th (don't forget to subtract the deposit amount from your group total). If your group is not able send in the money by June 14th, contact the Yearly Meeting Office to make other arrangements.
- ✓ Make travel plans to arrive between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the MOWA Choctaw Friends Center on June 21 for Sports Camp, or July 12 for Vacation Bible School.
- ✓ Take your group through these orientation materials.

Adult leadership is crucial for a successful week. Although you will not be responsible for planning program once you arrive, you will play an important role in group supervision. Your primary responsibility will be to help with oversight, motivation, and encouragement of your own group. Your participation in other roles is invaluable to our overall ministry. A chaperone meeting will be held once you arrive to prepare you for other adult leadership needs for the week. We know that your willingness to serve will be a blessing to you, your youth, and everyone else at SOUL!





MOWA Choctaw Friends Center

The MOWA Choctaw Indians of South Alabama are a segment of the Choctaw Indians who refused to migrate from their homeland during the infamous removal known as the “Trail of Tears.”

Very little is known of the MOWA Choctaw Indians between the 1830's and 1890's; few records were kept. There were few non-Indians living in the Indian settlement until the late 19th century. After the enactment of the Trail of Tears, the President issued a degree declaring that the Indians, who in the past owned land, could homestead forty acres on the condition they no longer speak their own language, practice their religion, or call themselves a tribe. Afraid of being forced from their homes, the Indians settled in the most isolated places.

In the early 19th century, the average Indian family was very large. There was little work to be found. It was a struggle to remain alive. The Indians were uneducated, therefore, they had to work with their hands; they logged and cut ties for railroads, but the major occupation for Indians was cutting pulpwood. In the last decades of the 19th century, the isolation of the MOWA Choctaw Indians began to come to an end. There were four main factors that brought about change to the Indian communities.

First, education of native Indians was a gigantic step forward for the MOWA Choctaw Indians. Second, the right to vote played a dramatic role in the Indians' striving to become a people of their own. Third, after the Civil Rights Act, community leaders began to urge local leading industries to hire Indian employees. Fourth, tribal organization has helped the MOWA Choctaw Indians move forward. After a century and a half of literal isolation, the MOWA Choctaw Indians came forth seeking, and getting, official recognition by the state of Alabama. They adopted the name “MOWA Choctaw Indians” to identify the Indians in Mobile and Washington Counties who are descended from several Indian Tribes: Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee, Mescalero, and Apache.

Today, there are nearly 6,000 members of the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, over 2,500 of whom live in the vicinity of McIntosh, Alabama. All the members are descendants of the original Choctaw Nation who are bound together by a complex network of multigenerational kinship. The MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians was duly incorporated in 1979 with its tribal office located in McIntosh and purchased 160 acres of land in south Washington County in 1983. There are five officers and fourteen members of the tribe's commission who voluntarily assist the operations of tribal affairs. Even though the MOWA Choctaw Indians had such a long battle to regain their identity, the hard work of the leaders has made the fight a worthwhile effort. The Indians now have a good self-concept and can be proud of their heritage as Native Americans.

Site Contact Info

MOWA Choctaw Friends Center
66 Academy Lane
McIntosh, AL 36553
(251)829-6507
MowaChoctawFriendsCenter.blogspot.com
www.ncym-fum.org/MOWA



What to bring?

1. Sleeping: sleeping bag or linens, blanket or sheet, pillow, and an air mattress. We will be sleeping on the floor or in bunk beds with no sheets.
2. Clothing: old work clothes and shoes, casual dress clothes for Sunday worship, shower flip-flops, bathing suit (girls-one piece suits), clothes for your offsite evening activity, casual clothes for evening program, rain poncho (keep in mind that it will be VERY hot), girls (and guys for that matter) should plan on wearing only t-shirts or similar tops and not tank tops or strapless tops; shorts need to be finger-tip length, this means NO cheer shorts.
3. Personal Items: toiletries, washcloths, towels, sunscreen, insect repellent, Bible, pen.
4. Miscellaneous Items: fan, prescription medicines (these should be in their original bottles), water bottle, sunglasses, bandana, work gloves for service projects.
5. Please do NOT bring video game systems or laptop computers. Cell phones are allowed but they are only to be used during free time. During all scheduled sessions and activities they must be turned OFF. (Please help enforce this with your youth.)



Safety Issues



Groups will be assigned to help with setup and cleanup of meals, cleanup around the grounds, and other chores. All participants are expected to do their part in meeting these daily needs. Participants will be responsible for the tidiness of their own sleeping areas.

The weather will be very hot and humid. Plan to bring a water bottle with you so that you can stay hydrated throughout the day. Other concerns include wasps and bees. If you are

allergic to any of these, please be sure to note this on your form and come prepared in the event of a sting or bite. Be aware of where you leave your valuables. *We will keep doors to living areas locked when we are not using those facilities, but it is best not to leave valuables sitting out in the open. We are not responsible for lost or stolen property.*

YM Office Contact

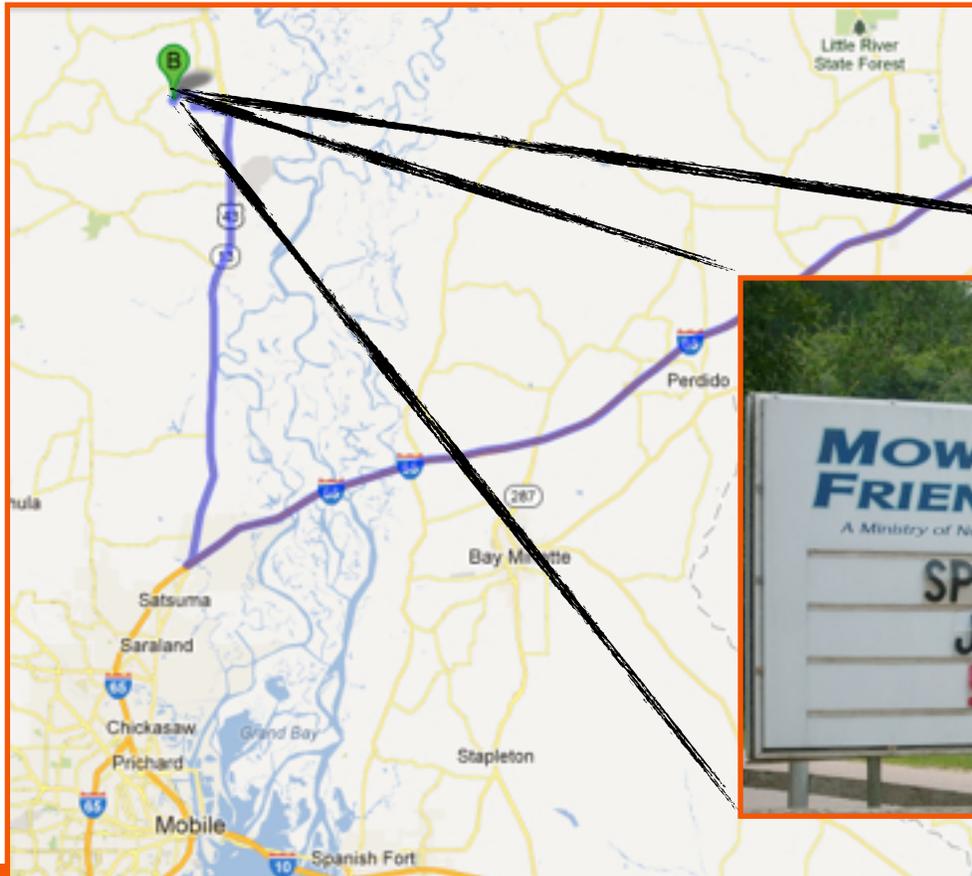
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MOWA Choctaw Directions From Greensboro

- Take **I-85 South** towards Atlanta and continue to Montgomery, Alabama (about 480 miles from Greensboro)
- Take **I-65 South** Towards Mobile (about 150 miles)
- Take **Exit #19** and turn left onto **Highway 43 North**
- Travel North on **Hwy 43** (about 19.5 miles)
- Turn **left** (beside Calvert United Method Church) onto **Fairford Road (County Road #4)** and follow the road around the church (about .3 miles).
- Once you cross the bridge, stay on the paved road (this is the same road, so there is no road sign at this turn); travel 4.7 miles
- Turn right onto **Sanktown Road (County Road #21)** ; if you pass the volunteer fire station, you've gone too far; After 1.9 miles, you will see the sign for MOWA Choctaw Friends Center on your right; look for the white fence.
- Park along the white fence beside of Quaker Lodge



Friday

6:00 - Groups Arrive
7:30 - Ice Breaker/Get to
Know You Games
8:30 - Orientation
9:30 - Worship
11:00 - Lights Out

Saturday

9:00 - Breakfast
10:00 - Devotions & Orientation
11:00 - Planning & Prep
1:00 - Lunch
2:00 - Service Projects
5:00 - Free Time
6:00 - Dinner
7:30 - Group Orientation
Planning and
Preparation
9:00 - Worship
11:00 - Lights Out

Monday & Wed

7:30 - Breakfast
8:30 - Prep for Day & Devotions
Begin Day's Activities
12:30 - Lunch
Service Projects
Prep for Next Day
Free Time

6:00 - Dinner
7:30 - Worship
9:00 - Special Activity
11:00 - Lights Out

Tuesday

7:30 - Breakfast
8:30 - Prep for Day & Devotions
Begin Day's Activities
12:30 - Lunch
Leave for Off-site Free
Evening
9:00 - Return and Evening Activity
11:00 - Lights Out

Sunday

9:00 - Breakfast
10:00 - Devotion
10:30 - Leave for Local Churches
1:00 - Lunch
Group Building Activities
Planning and Prep
6:00 - Dinner
8:00 - Worship
9:30 - Free Time
11:00 - Light Out

Thursday

7:30 - Breakfast
8:30 - Prep for Day & Devotions
Begin Day's Activities
12:30 - Lunch
Community Activities
Free Time

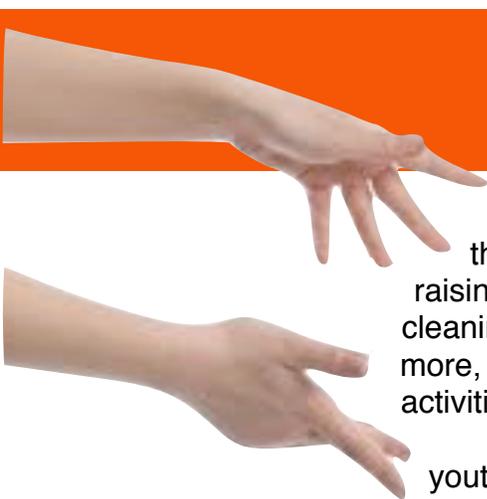
6:00 - Dinner
7:30 - Worship
9:00 - Special Activity
11:00 - Lights Out

7:00 - Breakfast
8:00 - Groups Leave for Home

We all want every one of our students to go on a mission trip! These opportunities allow students to grow in their leadership, their experience with God and even call them to a life on the mission field. To help ensure that all students are able to participate in this opportunity, we are recommending a resource of fundraising ideas. Group Mission Trips has published a "Fundraising EBook" with lots of suggestions for raising financial support. We hope that you find it helpful!

To view or download the full article with lists of ideas visit:

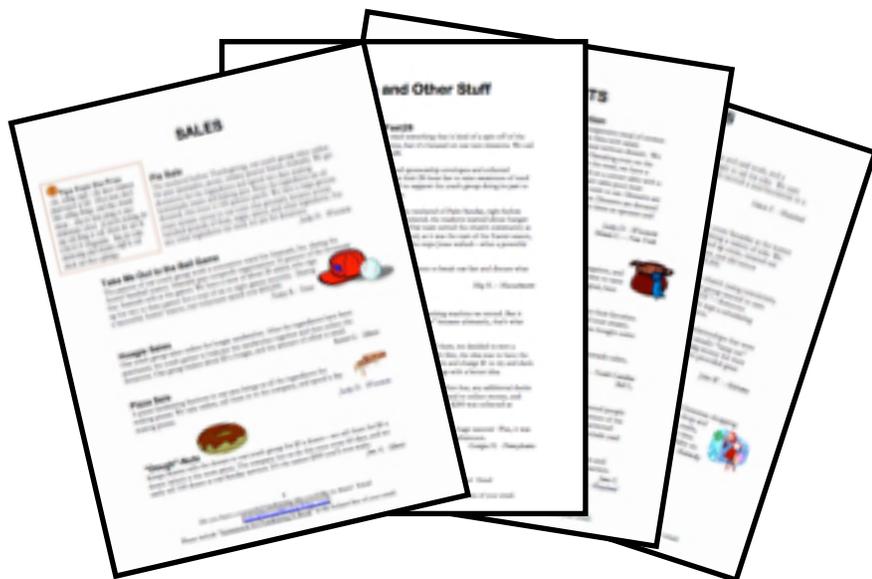
http://groupmissiontrips.com/media/23782/gmt_fundraising_ebook.pdf



... Over the years, we've met thousands of youth leaders who recognize that mission opportunities are a critical part of vibrant youth ministry. And fundraising is a critical part of mission trips. But fund-raising ranks right up there with cleaning up after the lock-in on the list of things youth workers don't like. What's more, many youth workers feel poorly equipped to provide good fund-raising activities—even though they appreciate how important they are.

To help you get the most out of your fund-raising efforts, we talked to our youth worker friends and asked them to submit their most successful fund-raising ideas. We've taken what they sent us and compiled them into this handy-dandy fund-raising e-book!

Take a few moments and browse through these ideas. We think you'll find this resource helpful. Who knows...you might even come to enjoy fund-raising! (OK, maybe not, but at least it won't feel like such a burden.)



Alabama SOUL 2013 Participant/Chaperone Form

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Check here if registering as a chaperone: _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age ____ HS Grade/College year '12-'13 _____

T-shirt Size (circle): Youth-L S M L XL XXL other _____

Medical Information

Medical Insurance Company _____ Phone # _____

Policy Holder _____ Policy # _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone # _____

Medications participant is using under doctor's orders _____

Allergies or other health problems _____

Emergency Contact #'s _____

Date of last Tetanus booster ____/____/____

Along with this form, please include a copy of your insurance card to ensure prompt medical treatment.

In the event it becomes necessary to seek medical attention for _____ during the period she/he is a participant in this event, I hereby authorize the leaders to execute the proper medical treatment for the above participant.

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Signed _____ Date _____
Participant/Chaperone

Behavioral Guidelines

Everyone is expected to follow all guidelines, and failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

If you need to be gone at any time during the event, to work or other obligations, you need to arrange your schedule in advance with the directors at registration.

I realize that photographs, video, articles, statements, names, music or art by my child will be used in promoting other North Carolina Yearly Meeting activities.

Respect all other participants and their property, as well as, the property of the facilities.

At lights out everyone is expected to be in their own room/cabin.

Attendance is expected at ALL scheduled activities.

Everyone is expected to clean up their own room/cabin and leave furniture arranged as it was found.

If you are taking prescription drugs of any kind you must report this to the directors in charge of the event.

It is not acceptable during events to perform bodily alterations such as piercing, tattooing, hair coloring/cutting, or any other major variation.

Cell phone usage for calls, texts, or internet is not permitted during any scheduled activities.

Recognizing the way that I portray this event affects myself and others, all information (status updates, tweets, pictures, videos, etc.) related to this event that I post on the internet (Facebook, Myspace, etc.) will be positive, of good taste and reflect Christian character.

ABSOLUTES

(Disciplinary action will be sending you home at your expense!)

No possession or use of tobacco products (cigs, dip, chew, etc.), alcohol, or non-prescription drugs, knives, firearms, or fireworks.

Sleeping areas are off limits to members of the opposite sex.

Sleeping areas of SOUL staff are off limits to participants.

I have read the above guidelines and agree to follow them at the event.

Printed name of Participant/Chaperone

Signed name of Participant/Chaperone

Date

Printed name of Parent / Guardian
(if under 18)

Signed name of Parent / Guardian
(if under 18)

Date

Ability and Skills Assessment

Name: _____ Age: _____

Week you are attending SOUL 2013: _____

Please fill out the “Building/Manual Labor” box and either the “Sports” box or “Vacation Bible School” box depending on the week that your group will attend. (Ex. If you are coming for a sports camp, fill out the “Building/Manual Labor” box and the “Sports” box.)

SPORTS <i>(check all sports you have played, enjoy playing, or wouldn't mind help playing)</i>	Level of Skill: (1: just started playing – 5: could coach if I wanted)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Football	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Frisbee	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

Vacation Bible School: <i>(check the boxes of those you would like to help with)</i>	How could you serve in this area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Music	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Crafts	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Games	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesson	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Snacks	_____

BUILDING/MANUAL LABOR <i>(check the boxes that describe you)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I love working outside.	<input type="checkbox"/> Hammering nails is something that comes easy to me
<input type="checkbox"/> Being dirty sounds like fun to me.	<input type="checkbox"/> I really enjoy organizing stuff.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweat doesn't bother me.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can lift heavy objects.
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm a great cleaner.	List any other skills, abilities, or previous experience that would be beneficial during this week:
<input type="checkbox"/> Doing construction work is right up my alley!	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Manual labor isn't a problem for me.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> I have mowed lawns before.	_____