

# Urban CROSS 2018

June 10-16

**Join us for our 9<sup>th</sup> year as we  
“Serve Jesus by Serving Others”**

**Welcome** to Urban CROSS (Christians Reaching Out in Service in St. Paul). Urban CROSS is a grass-roots locally grown mission project. In order to better meet the needs of its neighborhood, Mounds Park United Methodist Church has challenged itself to host a week-long service oriented “camp”. At Urban CROSS, the members of MPUMC are serving the neighborhood along with our neighbors from the community, and we are inviting you to join us in this blessing.

It’s a week of demonstrating the love of God  
through serving the people of the residential East Side of St. Paul.

## *The Basics of Urban CROSS*

### **For Whom:**

This is an *intergenerational* event for current 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth **AND** adults of all ages. Together, we will be the staff of Urban CROSS. We will have at least one adult that is at least 24 years of age with every 4 youth we bring, and of the same gender as the youth we have, for appropriate supervision in the sleeping areas. If necessary, we will do our best to “share” adult chaperons, if we cannot *completely* fulfill our gender commitment. It IS, however, imperative that we fulfill the minimum youth:adult ratio... this will make it certain that we have enough adults and vehicles to transport our teams around.

### **Where:**

Urban CROSS is hosted by and based at Mounds Park United Methodist Church in St. Paul’s residential east side, the Mounds Park and Dayton’s Bluff neighborhoods. Each day we will serve those who live in our neighborhood.

### **Schedule:**

*Sunday* afternoon, June 01 at 3pm we will begin sign-ins.

*Monday through Friday* we will work in the mornings and afternoons, have some free time back at church (and showers), dinner and then worship in the evenings.

*Wednesday evening* we will host a dinner for the community and “Safety Fair” featuring construction and city vehicles for the community to explore.

*Saturday* morning at 10am, June 16, will be our difficult time of departures.

**All participants make a commitment to be a part of Urban CROSS for the ENTIRE week (Sunday at 3pm-Saturday at 10am)... unless special arrangements have been made with the Camp Director.**

### **The Work:**

Our work will entail light hands-on labor (painting of houses, simple repairs or construction projects, yard work, etc.) in the Mounds Park/Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood. You will be split up into work teams of 5 youth and adults... some of whom you probably don’t know now... but certainly will by the end of the week.

### **Accommodations:**

You will be sleeping at a local church with our group (on the floor with Urban CROSS provided air mattresses), showering at the YMCA, and eating in the Mounds Park UMC Fellowship Hall... except for lunches on our work sites.

**Transportation during the week:**

We'll be using private vehicles, including the ones you bring to Urban CROSS, to travel to and from your worksites and host churches. It is important that we have a driver-licensed adult (minimum 24 years old) for every 4 youth "campers" you bring to Urban CROSS.

**Safety:**

We do our best to keep everyone (and our gear) safe during your week with us. We practice safe tool handling, stay in our groups, lock up our belongings at the YMCA, drive safely... We also require that **ALL** adults who will be spending the week with us have a background check performed, and the positive (green light) results indicated by your/our provider. Please contact the church office to fill out a copy of the Background Check Request Form.

**Ratios:**

You will need to have *at least* one adult (at least age 24) and one vehicle (capacity of 5 plus room for tools/gear) per 5 registered participants in your group. We will also need a leader of the appropriate gender for all participants you are bringing. We do our best to "share" chaperones for driving and for overnight sleeping arrangements. Please let us know if you have any needs.

**Cost:**

\$186 by March 1, \$211 by April 1, or \$236 by May 15. This pays for your "STAFF" t-shirt (which will be laundered each day by church members), food, accommodations, showers, project supplies and worship leaders for the ENTIRE week.

Shopping is not one of the things on our activity list, but sometimes work teams stop for treats on their way back from work sites... please don't spoil your appetite for the great dinners.

**Health Forms:**

Please have your health forms (available on our web site, if you'd like) completed and sent in to Urban CROSS by May 15. This will give our medical and kitchen staff time to plan for any special needs.

**Registration:**

The form is available on the web site in the "FROM OUTSIDE MOUNDS PARK UMC & NEIGHBORHOOD" section or through the Annual Conference Camp Website (campminnesota.org – we are camp #391!)

**Things to bring:**

Our web site has the appropriate list of things to bring, plus our tentative schedule and links to any other needed forms.

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