### YFC/USA Launch Chapters -

As some of you know, YFC/USA has developed a really cool partnership with Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree® Program. Specifically related to camping in Youth for Christ, Prison Fellowship is able to provide a full camping scholarship (up to \$600) in 2021 for any eligible kid in your ministry attending a camp through your chapter.

To be eligible for scholarship reimbursement, the camper must be 18 years old or younger **and** meet **ONE** of the criteria below:

- Have been registered for Angel Tree Christmas in 2020 or prior years and appears in the Angel Tree database.
- Currently have or in the past had an incarcerated parent or step-parent. The parent could be/could have
  been incarcerated in a county, state, federal, or military facility. (You must be able to provide the name of the
  prisoner parent and the facility where he or she is/was incarcerated.)
- Currently live in a household with an Angel Tree child or child of an incarcerated parent who is also going to attend camp.
- Have been recently incarcerated themselves (JJM Students)

### **EXPECATIONS OF AN ANGEL TREE CAMPING PARTNER**

Camp must include the following:

- A multi-day experience, typically five days. "Retreats" and other three-day, two-night events will be considered by the program manager on a case-by-case basis.
  - o If you have any questions on if your camp meets this expectation, please reach out to the Launch Chapter Office at <a href="mailto:affiliateteam@yfc.net">affiliateteam@yfc.net</a>
- Structured and supervised activities throughout the day focusing on recreation and spiritual growth, both in small groups and the larger camp group as a whole.
- Teaching the Word of God through a combination of worship, large group teaching, small group time, and individual devotions, with a clear presentation of salvation found through Jesus Christ at some point in the week.
- Providing three meals a day. (Day camps must provide lunch at a minimum.)
- Having no higher than a 10:1 camper to counselor ratio.

# HOW TO APPLY:

## **BEFORE CAMP**

- 1. If you have kids you are planning to bring to a camping experience who fit any of these criteria, your first step is to have an "Angel Tree Camp Registration Form" (<u>click this link to download</u> or <u>click this link to fill it out electronically</u>) filled out for each student (one per family).
- 2. Next, fill out the "Camping Reporting Form Part 1" (click link to download) with those students' information and email both the Camping Reporting Form (if downloaded and completed) & the Angel Tree Camp Registration Forms to the Launch Chapter Office at affiliateteam@yfc.net.

#### **AFTER CAMP**

- 3. After camp update your reporting form to reflect the students who actually were able to attend camp and then submit that to the Launch Chapter Office who will submit all launch chapter forms to Angel Tree for scholarship payment.
- 4. Scholarship payments will be reimbursed by Angel Tree after all paperwork is submitted and vetted.

This is an incredible privilege to be a part of and we are grateful for our developing partnership with Angel Tree! May God use this partnership to see more kids find HOPE in Jesus through camping experiences!

If you have any specific questions about this opportunity (ex: how much you should request for the scholarship request or if your camp qualifies), please contact the YFC/USA Launch Chapter Office who will work with Angel Tree to answer your questions.