

URBAN 2021 REGISTRATION AGREEMENTS



Description

Carolina Cross Connection has been providing home repairs in western North Carolina since 1988. In 2011, CCC followed a model set by the youth director at Fletcher UMC and partnered with Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville, NC to explore relational ministry. Formerly known as HOME, this urban ministry experience works alongside populations of people often identified as homeless to meet much deeper needs than handouts or loose change could provide. Throughout our time serving in Asheville, we at CCC have found a mystery and beauty to relational ministry. By meeting those that the world may deem less worthy or might be considered outcasts, we have learned to view each person as a child of God like can be seen at Haywood Street Congregation. In doing so, we have been embraced by a community full of love and grace. It is our heart that this urban ministry experience will enable youth and adults alike to experience unconditional love from a community the world may say has nothing to offer all while carrying a joyful hope that comes from the love of Christ.

Urban Ministry - Asheville is an unforgettable week serving with people experiencing homelessness in the heart of downtown Asheville. It is an opportunity to meet and truly befriend those who are without homes or marginalized and to attempt to understand life in a different context. It is an opportunity to break down stereotypes and barriers between material wealth and poverty, and in their place, to find genuinely deep, Christ-centered relationships.

CCC has partnered with local groups and organizations of Asheville, chief among them, the Haywood Street Congregation, a unique church that focuses on relationships above all else.

Our weeks, whether in Charlotte or Asheville, are focused on reaching communities seeking reconciliation with the Church. They are immersive and relational, giving campers the opportunity to serve and to be served, to take part in God's work of reconciling the world to Himself. Campers experience hands-on service as well as transformative relationships.

We invite you to join us in seeking God's kingdom here on Earth. We believe it is through these vulnerable interactions and genuine interest that we can begin to see Christ in one another as Jesus describes in Matthew 25:34-40.

Policies & Requirements

YOUTH. CCC Urban Ministry participants must have completed the 6th grade before coming to camp and must be willing to stay the entire week. No late arrivals or early departures, please. We encourage you to bring a variety of people, as bringing a good balance of ages, genders, and experience helps us achieve the balances we seek in our camp community. Only 24 can participate in Urban Ministry on a given week. Please call if looking to bring 20 people or more to Urban Ministry. By registering, your group covenants with CCC that you will make any final changes to the group's numbers by March 1, 2021. You will receive information on how to input and update your roster to note any such changes. Your church will be "locked-in" to the number of persons for

whom you have registered as of March 1, and you are responsible to pay the appropriate fees for each space reserved from then on.

SAFE SPACE. Carolina Cross Connection strives to uphold a safe space for all students and adults. If you or your student need special accommodations for any reason, please email taylor@carolinacrossconnection.org for Home Repair, laura@carolinacrossconnection.org for Urban and Overseas.

ADULT REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CAMPS. CCC takes the safety and spiritual development of our youth and adults in camp very seriously. As a group leader, we are counting on you and your church to also take these seriously and ask that you carefully recruit and prepare the adults coming to all CCC programs. There is no limit to the number of adults you can bring but note that you must bring 1 Adult for every 8 participants. Please have at least one adult of each gender if your group is co-ed. **All adults should be:**

***Willing and able to participate in all activities**

***Stay the entire week**

***Be suitable to work with youth & be a role model**

***Have a National Criminal and Sex Offender Background Check done by May 15, 2021**

ADULT DRIVERS & VEHICLES. While most of your time in Asheville is spent walking, we do take some field trips during the week requiring vehicles. Your group is required to bring adults to CCC who will serve as drivers for these outings. All drivers must be 25 years of age. No exceptions. **Please bring 1 vehicle for every 12 people you are bringing.** CCC cannot provide vehicles for groups. Your group is responsible for all vehicle expenses at CCC, including gas. Passengers are not allowed to ride in the bed of a pickup truck, nor any vehicle without a safety restraint system for all passengers.

REGISTRATION. Registration should be reviewed and completed by the entire group to encourage total group understanding for the commitments being made. We strongly encourage you to make accurate estimates and obtain non-refundable deposits from your participants as you make payments to CCC. CCC will keep all of the non-refundable deposits, no matter the circumstances. If there is a pandemic or natural disaster, deposits will be non-refundable but the second and third payments will be returned. Once registration is received, we will send you a confirmation letter, notifying you of your camp week assignment (please list your group's top three week preferences on the registration form). You will receive other correspondence through the year, including payment reminders and preparation materials. If you are registering after March 1, 2021, please contact the CCC office first, as space may be limited.

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE. Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis, therefore we urge you to register as soon as possible. It is to your advantage to complete and submit registrations/deposits early to help ensure your group gets to participate and to increase the chance of receiving your first preference of weeks. If your registration is not accepted for any reason, your deposit will be returned to you. If your registration is accepted, then your deposit is considered NON-REFUNDABLE and non-transferable. Deposits of \$100 per person must be received within seven days of your online registration to secure spots and date preferences.

CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS. Group sizes up to 24 are welcome, but please call if looking to bring 20 people or more. By registering, your group covenants with CCC that you will make any final changes to the group's numbers by March 1, 2021. You are responsible to pay the appropriate fees for each space reserved from then on.

CCC prefers that your group does not decrease in number after the initial deposit. If members do drop out before March 1, 2021 their deposit will be forfeited but, you will not be responsible for paying the balance due for those members who drop. Adding members to your group after initial registration may be impossible and should never be assumed. Please call first, and bear in mind that we cannot exceed our camp capacities. Any group canceling after March 1 forfeits all payments made and is still responsible for paying the balance due for the number of persons who were registered to come with their group as of March 1, 2021. Group cancellations must be submitted in writing.

Numbers are automatically locked in for any participants registering after March 1, 2021, and groups must pay the total balance for the number of people who registered, no matter what the final, actual numbers may be. **All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable, even in the event of a natural disaster or pandemic.** If your group's second payment is not received by March 1, 2021, CCC reserves the right to decrease your group's capacity so that your deposit covers both the first and second payments for your group. For example, if your payment is not received and you paid and deposit for 20 participants, your group would be reduced to 9 participants until we receive your second payment. This protects CCC from holding camp spaces that will not be paid for and used. If at any point you realize your payment will be delayed, please contact the CCC office immediately so we do not decrease group size.