# Serv-X-Treme Youth Leadership Conference Advisors

Are you ready to make a difference? Want to help foster a commitment to Orthodox Christian service in high-schoolers?

Join IOCC as an advisor at our Serv-X-Treme Youth Leadership Conference this summer.

Conference advisors volunteer their time to create a sense of community and to guide youth delegates during a week of service and learning.

#### GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be an example of Christian behavior and a role model for the delegates and fellow staff
- Attend all required pre-camp and in-camp staff trainings
- Help the delegates learn and grow; challenge them to learn about their faith and to grow in their relationship with Christ in service to others
- Enforce all rules and regulations of the conference; lead by example
- Adhere to all policies and guidelines in the Serv-X-Treme staff manual
- Maintain morale and excitement of the delegates and guide them in successfully participating in all aspects of the conference and its activities
- Develop camaraderie and sense of community between delegates and advisors as well as between other delegates
- Teach and lead activities as assigned
- Cooperate and communicate with other staff members
- Point all activities toward glorifying Christ and participation in His ministry of serving others

## REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Must be at least 21 years old, agree to background check, and complete online Youth Protection Training prior to arriving at the conference.
- All advisors and conference staff members are expected to conduct themselves as exemplary Orthodox Christians and role models for the delegates of this conference.
- Advisors will be responsible for the safety, well-being, and service mentorship of each delegate during the week-long conference.
- Advisors are expected to understand and take responsibility for their role as "24-hour supervisors" to the delegates.
- Supervised by IOCC US Country Representative and managed on-site by IOCC US Administrative Project Assistant.
- An ideal candidate will have:
  - o Ability to work well with teenagers/young adults in a conference setting



- Ability to relate to one's peer group
- Ability to accept guidance and supervision
- o Good character, integrity, enthusiasm, maturity, patience, and self-control

# QUALITIES OF A CONFERENCE ADVISOR

- **Christ-centered** Advisors work together for the benefit of one another and the delegates by keeping Christ central and His Gospel as our common standard.
- Enthusiasm Energy and excitement will go a long way in keeping the delegates engaged and involved.
- **Patience** Although working with new people can pose challenges, advisors see the positive in others and work persistently for the desired outcome.
- **Humility** Let others shine, admit mistakes, show concern for others, and focus on Christ and His ministry.
- **Openness** Come ready to learn, meet new people, and expand your horizons.
- **Forgiveness** Forgive and seek forgiveness; holding grudges and feelings of resentment will only hinder our ability to work well together.
- Trust Give one another the benefit of the doubt; trust in each other's strengths, talents, and intentions.
- **Respect** Treat one another with dignity and respect; we are all created in the image and likeness of God and are here to serve the Church, the delegates, and the ministry of IOCC.

### TYPICAL CONFERENCE DAY

| 7:00 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast  |
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| 8:30 am           | Matins   |
| 9:00 am           | Seeing What Really Matters, Paul Karos keynote presenter |
| 10:00 am          | Muckout presentation                                     |
| 10:30 am          | Hands-on muck-out simulation                             |
| 1:30 pm           | Lunch @ worksite   |
| 2:30 pm           | Depart for Boys and Girls Club                           |
| 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Volunteer at Boys and Girls Club                         |
| 6:00 pm           | Dinner   |
| 7:00 pm           | Free time  |
| 8:00 pm           | Vespers  |
| 8:45 pm           | Small Group Reflection/Large Group Devotions             |
| 9:15 pm           | Free time  |
| 10:00 pm          | In rooms   |

If this sounds like you, please <u>APPLY HERE</u> and submit resume and letter of recommendation from your priest to Alexis Rouches at <u>usprograms@iocc.org</u>

Materials adapted from Antiochian Village Job Description and St. Mary's Minneapolis Camp Staff Manual.