

30 Hour Famine FAQs For Leaders

1. What is the schedule for the weekend?

Saturday

Registration begins at 8:00 am, followed by an opening Keynote at 9:00 am. Most of the day on Saturday consists of workshops planned and led by an incredible group of folks who are passionate about Youth Ministry and passionate about the issues of hunger, homelessness and social justice. Woven in between the workshop times will be large group activities of service and recreation. We will end the day with the set up of our Cardboard Campout (See below “Sleeping Arrangements) and the showing of two movies: Jamaa (<http://jamaa.worldvision.org/about/the-film.html>) and Up (PG).

Sunday

On Sunday, we will worship together as a Famine Community. Worship will be lead by participating Charlotte Presbytery Pastors and Youth workers, as well as the High School students in the Worship Planning Workshop.

2. Where is the Famine? What are the sleeping arrangements?

The Famine is hosted by the Presbytery of Charlotte on the Myers Park Presbyterian Church campus. (2501 Oxford Place). The activities will take place on the campus of the church as well as at neighboring Queens University.

Our sleeping arrangements will be a “Cardboard Campout” outside on the campus of Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Each church will have a specifically assigned area of the cardboard campout in which to build, out of cardboard boxes, their “home” for the night. The purpose of this activity is a simulation of the conditions in which many of Charlotte’s homeless population experiences night after night. Please be sure that each student packs warm pajamas and sleeping bag. We are also asking that whatever each student packs, they plan to carry with him or her throughout the day. MPPC has hired professional security for the campus for the evening as we sleep outside. In the case of inclement weather, the Cardboard Campout will be moved inside.

3. How many chaperones do I need?

We ask that you bring one adult for every 6 kids. If you have both male and female youth attending, please bring male and female chaperones. We are expecting 300 youth representing 25 churches, so it is important that you have chaperones to be with your youth at all times. We’re excited by the great turnout, but need help to make it a meaningful experience for each participant. Please be sure to carry with you (or a designated chaperone) the medical forms and information required by your church.

4. Will my youth stay together or be divided into groups?

Youth will be divided up into small groups for workshops, but will stay with church groups for the all other events. This year we are asking all adult chaperones to also participate in workshops, as indicated on the participant registration form.

5. How does the whole fasting thing work?

It is up to the youth to determine how they will fast. Bread and juice will be available to everyone during breaks. No one will ever be told that they have had too much. There are

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water fountains available for those who choose to do a water fast. Each Famine participant will be provided a water bottle to carry and refill throughout the weekend. (If you have a young person with special dietary or medical needs, please be sure they indicate those needs on their Participant Registration Form).

6. What do we need to bring?

Please note: Whatever each participant brings, they will be expected to carry throughout the weekend. Instruct your students and adults to pack carefully!

Please Bring

- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that can be played in, get dirty, and are weather appropriate.
 - Pajamas, appropriate for viewing by the opposite gender
 - Toiletries
 - Sleeping Bag, blanket,
 - Cardboard box and duct tape for Cardboard Campout*
- *boxes may be stored on your church bus, or, if labeled, dropped off at MPPC the week before the event.

You May Bring

- Notebook and pen
 - Bible
 - Pillow
 - Twin size or smaller camp mat or sleeping pad.
- Remember you will be carrying these items with you all weekend!

A Note about Electronics: This is an unplugged event. Youth may not have cell phones, personal computers, gaming devices, DVD players, etc. Should youth need to use a phone, they should see their adult leader. Youth may bring MP3 players (to be used solely by them and not shared) to be used only at bedtime. They should not be out at any other time during the event and are at a risk of loss.

Do Not Bring

- Gaming devices, PSPs, DVD Players
- Cell Phones
- Valuables
- Youth should not wear clothing that is too revealing or tight, advertises alcohol, tobacco products or other substances abusive to the body, contains language or images that ridicule a person's gender, sexuality, or geographic/ethnic origin

As we closer the event, more information will sent to the Registration Contact as indicated on the group registration form.