

# **About Baytreat**

Urban Mission Camp participants stay at Baytreat, which is GSPC's retreat and recreational facility located on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, about 30 minutes from downtown Mobile. Groups build community by preparing and eating meals together, doing household chores, participating in daily Bible study and reflection, and relaxing by the Bay.

Renovated in 2007, Baytreat features:

- · Eight bedrooms that sleep four each.
- Eight bathrooms with showers, including one that is handicap accessible.
- · One handicap accessible half-bath.
- Spacious living room.
- Large dining area surrounded by windows: seating capacity: 60
- · A kitchen equipped with an eight-burner gas stove, two ovens, a refrigerator and freezer, a microwave oven, two dishwashers, three large stainless steel sinks, and a work table.
- · A large porch overlooking Mobile Bay.
- · Wharf with covered seating area.
- · Picnic ground.
- Outdoor worship space.
- Outdoor recreation includes a nature trail. swimming, fishing, water sports, basketball and volleyball.

Take a virtual tour at http://youtu.be/\_giuTmej\_sU.





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## About Urban Mission Camp

For over 25 years, Government Street Presbyterian Church (GSPC) has been hosting Christian youth and young adults from all over the United States for a week of urban mission, fellowship, and theological reflection. Below is an overview of the typical week at Urban Mission Camp (UMC).

- Saturday: Arrive at Baytreat.
- Sunday: Participate in worship and orientation at GSPC, followed by dinner at Baytreat with GSPC members.
- Monday—Thursday: Travel in groups to mission sites in downtown Mobile and the surrounding Gulf Coast. Work on a variety of projects, learning from those you serve about urban issues and what God is doing among people who are poor in South Alabama. UMC campers also participate in an urban pilgrimage, gaining a glimpse into the life of Mobile residents who are experiencing homelessness or poverty.
- Thursday afternoon: Take a break, relaxing on the beaches of Gulf Shores.
- Friday: Clean up for the next group and depart.



Questions? Talk to Kathy Saxbury at (251) 434-9328 or katherine@gspcmobile.org.





"I have learned to show compassion towards all God's childrenwhile it may be uncomfortable and difficult to work with people different from ourselves, we learn about Jesus' mission of love through them."

- Urban Mission Camp participant

#### **Mission Sites**

UMC work sites connect participants with a variety of people and places in need. The work itself can range from preparing and serving food, to gardening or cleaning, to simply spending time with people. Specific sites may include:

- GSPC's Coffee Club serves breakfast every weekday to poor and homeless Mobile residents.
- Mobile Waterfront Rescue Mission provides services to those experiencing homelessness.
- Dumas-Wesley Community Center provides day programming for children who live in transitional housing, and for senior citizens.
- L'Arche is a community of adults with mental and physical handicaps that live together with non-handicapped adults.
- Mobile Baykeeper works to educate people about, and maintain the environmental health of, the Mobile Bay Watershed.

## Registration

The cost per Urban Mission Camp participant (youth and adults) is \$330, or an Early Bird Special of \$280 if paid in full by March 1st. This covers lodging, sixteen meals, and a tee shirt. We host a maximum of 32 participants each week, with one adult advisor required per seven youth. Advisors must be 25 years or older. We can accommodate a single church group or smaller groups from several churches. Early registration increases your options to select the week you want.

The mission is designed for campers who are rising ninth graders through graduated seniors or college students. However, we have also hosted some middle school groups, and will evaluate middle school requests on a case by case basis.

#### **Fees & Deadlines**

Deposits For Reservations \$150 per participant \$200 facilities security deposit per group Deposits are required to make a reservation. Your week will not be reserved until deposits are received.

Early Bird Special \$130 balance per participant

OR

Regular Rate \$180 balance per participant

due May 2

due March 1

To register, download the Inquiry Packet online. Completed forms may be emailed to katherine@gspcmobile.org or mailed to GSPC (to the attention of Kathy Saxbury).

### **Urban Mission Camp Dates**

June 2-8
June 9-15
June 16-22
June 23-29*
July 7-13
July 14-20
July 21-27
July 28-August 3

\*Some Week Four participants will help lead Richard Mighell Day Camp, our VBS program for children from the Boys and Girls Club in Mobile, alongside other regular site visits.