

Diocesan WorkCamp Stakeholder Role

What does the parish Stakeholder do? The parish Stakeholder is responsible for mobilizing, organizing, and preparing your parish for WorkCamp by inviting teens to attend, recruiting adult volunteers, and conducting all of the parish meetings necessary to prepare everyone for what they will encounter at WorkCamp. In order to have your parish group truly prepared for WorkCamp, it is critical that the Stakeholder attend *all* of the Diocesan Stakeholder meetings and conduct *all* of the parish meetings that are outlined in this prep manual. While it can be a challenge to do so, these meetings help to build community, prepare your group, and lead to a better WorkCamp experience for everyone. A committed and focused Stakeholder is the best single way to make sure that WorkCamp goes off smoothly for your parish.

The parish Stakeholder is the primary point of contact for their parish WorkCamp team. Stakeholders are expected to be present at WorkCamp for the entire week preferably in an Adult Crew Leader role but may also be a contractor or homebase volunteer.

Being a Stakeholder for WorkCamp can be challenging and requires significant time and a high level of commitment. However, we have worked hard to make the process as clear and simple as possible. Each step of the process is laid out in the Parish Preparation Manual and if followed, will result in a fruitful and fun experience for your teens and adult volunteers.

How involved should the Director of Youth Ministry be in planning

WorkCamp? WorkCamp has been designed to allow an involved youth ministry volunteer (Stakeholder) to take over many of the details of planning and implementation of WorkCamp for the Director of Youth Ministry (DYM). However, the pastor and DYM should always be in agreement with all decisions regarding parish involvement because WorkCamp is an important component of youth ministry in your parish. The Stakeholder and DYM should work together as a team, communicating and interacting frequently to prepare the youth and adults to attend WorkCamp and subsequently integrate what they have learned into the life of the parish after WorkCamp.

