

# Youth To Camp Support Form

Our AOTS Club agrees to support the National Project called "Youth To Camp".

We will endeavor to encourage to support the sending of young people to a United Church camp or a camp with Christian values for at least one week.

We will appoint a "Youth To Camp" Project Director in our Club who will head up this project with the support of the club.

The Project Director is to report directly to the Conference "Youth To Camp" Facilitator or the Nation Chairman of the "Youth To Camp" Project.

## PROJECT INFORMATION NEEDED

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Youth Sent Last Summer: \_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_

No. of Youth Sent This Summer: \_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_

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# Youth To Camp

The AOTS have been supporting youth in United Church camping for over

# 80 Years

Web Page :

[www.aots.ca/youth](http://www.aots.ca/youth)

Email Address:

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Contact National Chairman:

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# The AOTS Youth To Camp



## National Project



To give youth a chance...

# Youth To Camp

The object of the project is not to finance the children; we are hoping the Club will spend more time in finding the children that would benefit the most from this experience. Try to find a child outside of the church community and you will soon see the ways that introducing children to Christianity will help benefit the community, the Church and the AOTS Club. If you find the children the money will come.

1. Send out a request form in the church bulletin so that people can sponsor a child to go to camp. Ask the sponsor to include a donation in the envelope with the name of the child.
2. Get a member of your AOTS club to stand up in front of the congregation to ask for support by way of names of children and donations and tell them that a member of your AOTS club will be set up in the lobby to accept donations for the next two Sundays.
3. Send a letter, call or present to service clubs in the community or other church groups to ask for names of children as well as funding for the project. In your presentation or introduction letter please include a thank you letter from one of the children you sent to. You may find that many of them are looking for a youth related project.
4. Be sure to invite a representative back to the pot-luck dinner to be thanked formally in front of the children and their families. With your invitation to the dinner send a letter of thanks along with a copy of a children's letter that was sent that summer.
5. Call the parents of the child and tell them that their child has been chosen to be sponsored in full to spend one week at your local United Church camp. Also make sure that you ask if they are willing to make a donation to the project to allow more children to go. Suggest that the child might feel like raising some of the money themselves by a garage sale or saving part of their allowance. You might find that there is no money and some families could raise a good portion of the money. The important thing is to introduce the project and help where it is needed, not to fund all of the money.

# Project History

In September of 1996, the late Mr. Don Williams, then Honorary President of the National AOTS, was asked by his colleagues at the National Convention to propose a 'tangible' national project to commemorate the organization's 75 years of serving the church community. Having experienced Christian camp as a young man, and having been the Director of a United Church boy's camp for many summers, Mr. Williams strongly believes that the Christian camp experience fosters spiritual growth and moral development. Indeed he recommended that youth camping be the focus of the project.

In May of 1997, at the AOTS Ontario Round-up in Geneva Park, Orillia, Ontario, the National project leaders presented the pilot project outline to Round-up participants and received overwhelming support. In fact, two clubs from outside the Bay of Quinte area decided to join the project, resulting in eight additional young people being sent to camp.

The overall outcome of the pilot was extremely positive. Fourteen of 16 clubs in the Bay of Quinte area fully supported the project sending anywhere from two to 26 children to camp. A total of 85 Bay of Quinte area youth attended one week of Christian camp in the summer of 1997.

In the Fall of 1997, the National Association of the AOTS Clubs formally adopted the National Youth to Camp Project at the National Convention in Gander, Newfoundland.

There is a growing number of clubs involved in the project across Canada and we are sending more and more "Youth To Camp" each year.

***Thank you Don Williams for your dream...***

# Youth To Camp Contest



## Award Dedication

All plaques, engraving, awarded money and the D.R. Williams Trophy has been donated by the Don Williams estate in loving memory of a great man with dream to affect young lives through camping.

*"One Week at United Church camp will change the life of a child forever"*  
Don Williams 1942-1999

## D.R Williams Memorial Trophy Plaque and \$500

This trophy is given for one year to all Clubs that sponsored the most youth to a United Church camp. The trophy then moves on to the next winning club and a plaque stays with the Club.

## Highest Percentage Plaque and \$250

Sponsored the greatest percentage of youth to a United Church camp

## Most Improved Club Plaque and \$150

Showed the greatest improvement over the previous year of youth to a United Church camp.