

2026

Heart of America Summer Workshop

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Listed below are a series of questions and answers regarding the 2026 Heart of America Summer Workshop. This information is being sent to everyone that supplied us with an email address. If you are an adviser, please make sure everyone from your school has received this information. We look forward to working with you during this exciting workshop. If you need further information, please call John Kelley at 816-805-1622 or your local representative.

What should I bring?

Participants should bring casual clothing, as well as personal toiletries. **Linens will not be provided; therefore, you will need to bring your own pillows, sheets, blankets, and towels.**

Where can I be reached while at the workshop in case of an emergency?

- UCM public safety phone number – 660-543-4123
- Workshop Coordinator – John Kelley – 816-805-1622

When must I arrive at the workshop?

You will need to arrive for check-in sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Registration will be located at South Yeater Residence Hall (please see map). You should park in the lot 44 behind South Yeater. The registration process is short if you designate one person (preferably the contact person for your group) to register your entire group. **If you haven't already submitted your signed medical release forms you will need to provide those at this time.** The first session will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. We will be finished on Friday around noon

Will I be charged for parking at the workshop?

No, parking is included in your registration fee, but you will be issued a temporary parking pass for the workshop.

Must there be a chaperone?

Unless you have made prior arrangements with the workshop director or your Walsworth sales representative, you are required to have one adult attending with every group participating in the workshop. The chaperone will be responsible for his or her group during this time. Dormitory and workshop rules will be discussed during the first session. A reasonable curfew should be set by the chaperone to ensure rest for other workshop guests. It will be the responsibility of the chaperone to conduct bed checks each night.

Must I attend each class?

Students are expected to attend all classes and lectures as stated on the schedule to be eligible for workshop awards. Certificates of achievement will be given to all participants who successfully complete the workshop.

What about meals?

All meals will be provided during the workshop. If you have any specific dietary needs, please let us know at registration.

Will I need any additional spending money?

Yes, you will probably want to bring money for snacks during the breaks (vending machines are available) and any other souvenirs you may want to buy. All other costs are included in your registration fee.

Tentative Schedule**Wednesday, July 8**

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Check in begins at South Yeater Residence Hall lobby
11:30 - noon.	Welcome/Opening Session
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch at Todd Dining Hall
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Theme planning Classes
3:45 – 4:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Theme planning Classes
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner at Todd Dining Hall
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Design labs
9:15 – 11:00 p.m.	Evening Activity

Thursday, July 9

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast in Todd Dining Hall
8:20 – 8:35 a.m.	Morning Announcements
8:40 – 12:10 p.m.	Yearbook Classes
12:20– 12:50 p.m.	Lunch in Todd Dining Hall
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Theme planning
2:20 – 5:30 p.m.	Yearbook Classes
5:45 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner in Todd Dining Hall
6:45 – 9:00 p.m.	Theme Planning/Breakout Sessions
9:00 p.m.	Theme Projects Due
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social and Evening Activity

Friday, July 10

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast in Todd Dining Hall
8:10 – 8:30 a.m.	Morning Announcements
8:40 – 10:00 a.m.	Theme Project Presentations
10:10 – 11:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
11:10 – Noon	Awards Ceremony and Closing
Noon – 12:30	Check out at South Yeater Residence Hall

Remember to bring. . .

- Remember to record and bring serial numbers of school equipment. Be sure to check if the equipment is covered by insurance.
- Have a list of work, home and/or vacation telephone numbers where parents can be reached in case of emergency.
- **Do not forget to bring your own linens: pillow, sheets, blankets, and towels.**