



Fighting the Good Fight

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The 2004 Put-In Bay Summer Project

Twenty-Five students and nine staff from across our region have converged on a three square mile Island in Lake Erie and a little village called Put-In Bay this summer. Our theme is "Entering into a lifetime journey of joy and reaching the world through radical dependence on Christ. I want to share with you a little bit about what the Island is like as well as what our students and we as staff do here.

What the students do on a summer project

Our students don't have much free time. Monday night is reserved for men's and women's times, as well as a prayer meeting. Tuesday night we have for our "family night", where we have praise and worship, skits, as well as one of the project directors teaching on our theme. Thursday we have Bible studies and a training time, where we teach them some practical

ministry skills they can use here as well as back on their campuses. Every Friday night is some sort of outreach. Students also meet with a staff person every week for discipleship and they carry a 30-40 hour a week job. They view their jobs as their ministry sites. They are encouraged to build relationships with co-workers, and trying to be a witness to them. Since most of the students involved in our ministry don't go into full time ministry, we try to work with them to sharpen their skills so that they can be a fruitful witness at their workplace the rest of their lives. Half way through the project all of us staff will leave and we will turn over everything we have been doing to the students. We will appoint 2 students as directors of the project and from there everyone will have a role, whether it be running the family night meeting, leading a Bible study, or working on the finances.



Life on the Island

Put in Bay is a booming tourist trap and a small town all in one. There are only 400 full time Island residents, but many more here to work in the summer. The economy is based on alcohol. Close to half of the downtown buildings are bars. You'll often hear the phrase "what happens on the island, stays on the island". I've heard many compare weekend nights to marty grow or spring break. With all that said though it is a beautiful place with a very rich history. For the most part the community has welcomed us, and are eager to hire our students. It is safe to say in this just the 5th year this project has existed that we have become part of the Island's culture.

