



When: Nov. 4th

Where: Miracle League Field in Wheeling, WV

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Participant Packet

Thanks for supporting the 2022 Wheeling SleepOut! The Wheeling SleepOut is the signature fundraising event for the Youth Services System Transitional Living Program, which provides housing, life skills, employment assistance and more for young adults ages 17-21 who have aged out of the Foster Care system. On November 4th, participants build shelters & sleep out at the Miracle League Field in Wheeling, WV while enjoying food, games & entertainment.

This packet contains everything you need to get started with fundraising & participating in this year's SleepOut. Happy fundraising, and thank you!



This Year's Theme

"Once Upon a Time..." — unfortunately, not every kid has a fairy tale life. The YSS Transitional Living Program helps youth who have fallen through the cracks by providing shelter, employment, life skills & more. By raising funds and sleeping out on Nov. 4th, you will be helping youth in our community take the next step towards living "happily ever after".

We encourage participants to dress up & incorporate their favorite fairy tale characters into their Boxed-In Design Contest creations!

Start Your Fundraiser

Each participant must first REGISTER here:

[REGISTER NOW >](#)

Once registered, you're free to start or join a fundraising team here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

*if you're looking at a printed out copy of this packet, you can find these links at: www.youthservicessystem.org

Fundraising Tips



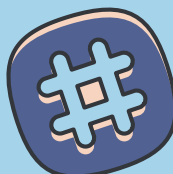
Once you're registered and you've created or joined a fundraising team, it's time to get the word out there! Sharing on social media is a great way to raise awareness. We recommend making it personal — share **WHY** you are raising funds, & why it is important to help the unsheltered youth in our community. Email your donation link to friends & family, make a flyer and post it at your place of work or school (get permission first!), & share it across **ALL** of your social media accounts!

Be sure to tag YSS on your social media posts! Click the icons below to follow us.



Sample Social Media Posts

I'm sleeping out on November 4th so kids don't have to! Please join me in participating in the YSS Wheeling SleepOut, which raises funds to help unsheltered youth in our community. Sign up to join my team here: [insert Give Lively link to your team]



#WSO2022

#WheelingSleepOut2022

#WeSleepOutSoKidsDontHaveTo



Boxed-In Design Contest

Each year at the Wheeling SleepOut, teams build makeshift shelters out of cardboard & other approved materials in an attempt to take home some great prizes. This year, the categories are Best in Show, Most Creative, & Top Educational.

Entries must be completed by 8 p.m. - judging will begin at 8 p.m. with winners being announced at 10 p.m. — structures must be under 15 feet tall.

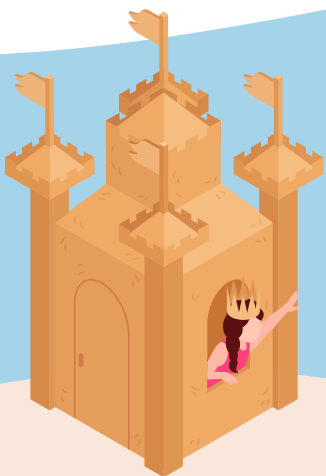
Materials Allowed

Cardboard, Paper, Tape, String/Rope, Crayons, Chalk, Water-based markers, Battery-powered lighting

Materials NOT Allowed

Paint, Wood, Permanent Markers, Large Staples, Glue, Styrofoam

Boxes using prohibited materials will not be allowed on the field.



Day-Of Information

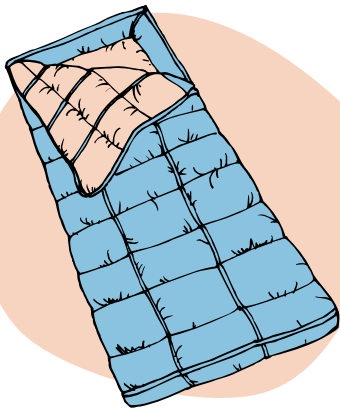


Check-In 4-7 p.m.

- Be sure to register in advance online. Cash payments on the day of the event will be accepted as well
- Bring any cash/check donations you received
- Volunteers will be available to help you unload your items

Meals, etc.

- Food, snacks and drinks are provided (no food/drink permitted on the field)
- We recommend grabbing a snack on your way to SleepOut
- Late dinner served 8:30-9:30 p.m.
- Hot cocoa, coffee & water served all night
- Light breakfast served 7-8:30 a.m.



What To Bring

- Any donations you received other than online (see above)
- Sleeping bag, blankets, pillow
- Weather-appropriate clothing (it will likely be cold!) - dressing in layers is encouraged
- Tent (if not sleeping inside your Boxed-In Design Contest creation!)

What NOT To Bring

- Tent stakes
- Any prohibited Boxed-In Design Contest items (see previous page)
- Valuable items (YSS is not responsible for any lost/stolen items)
- This is an alcohol, drug & tobacco-free event (smoking only permitted in parking lot away from event)