



Mission Trip Application

Leech Lake, MN June 25-July 1, 2017

This year we will again be working with YouthWorks. We have had a great experience with them the past several years last year; they do a great job encouraging both service and spiritual growth. As you think and pray about your child's participation this summer, you can go to www.youthworks.com to get a feel for the organization.

Where are we going?

We are heading to Minnesota, about 8 hours from Joliet. The Leech Lake Reservation (Cass Lake) of north central Minnesota is surrounded by the Chippewa National Forest. The actual lake of Cass Lake surrounds Star Island, which encircles its own spring-fed lake, Lake Windigo, within it. There are only a few other lakes-within-lakes in the northern hemisphere! Cass Lake is the tribal headquarters for the Leech Lake Reservation, which is a part of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is a federally recognized government that provides resources and support to the six reservations under its umbrella.

What will they be doing?

It's a similar format to other YouthWork trips we've done in the past (e.g. Atlanta and Toronto), but different from the labor intensive worksites of Mingo County, West Virginia where we served last year. We may:

- Serve through painting, cleaning, yard work, simple work projects or upkeep of community gardens.
- Plan and lead kids programming for children, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading.
- Assist with the local school's initiative to teach Ojibwe language and culture to community children.
- Plan and facilitate sports-based programming for community youth.

To best meet the needs of the community and build stronger relationships, students will generally serve at just one site throughout the week. Groups will meet a host of different community friends with unique backgrounds and rich stories about the Leech Lake area. In the evenings you will have the opportunity to visit Norway Beach in the Chippewa National Forest, learn about Native American culture and spirituality from an Ojibwa perspective, participate in a scavenger hunt around Cass Lake and experience a community cookout which sometimes includes drummers and dancers.

Who's eligible?

Students who are Freshmen – Seniors

What is the financial commitment?

Families are asked to **contribute \$275 per student**. This is a reduced cost from the actual per student cost of the trip.

When is the deadline for applying?

YouthWorks has given us a lot of grace in the transition, but we still need applications in by **Sunday, February 15th** with a **deposit of \$50**. Late applications will be accepted, but a spot is not guaranteed and the applicant will be liable for any extra costs incurred through YouthWorks.

If you have any questions, contact Will Ward, one of the youth advisers, or the church office.



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Personal Info

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ School Grade: _____ High School: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name(s): _____

Questions

Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ as the only sacrifice for your sins? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, write a brief explanation of your decision _____

Why do you want to go on this trip? _____

What abilities or talents could you use on this mission trip? _____

What is God currently teaching you? _____



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Team Promise

- ☐ **I will** regularly participate in worship at a local church and be a regular and active participant in the student ministry.
- ☐ In one page, double spaced, write a letter to a non-existent friend explaining why missions is important.
- ☐ **I will** attend all scheduled meetings for the mission trip and cheerfully participate in the preparation activities, unless I have a legitimate personal emergency.
- ☐ **I will** work hard, pray, work as a team with others and not complain when things don't go my way.

Completion of this application does not automatically place you on the mission team. By signing this, the student agrees to all the terms above. By signing this, the parent agrees to support and hold the student accountable to fulfilling their commitment.

Student Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature

