



HIGH SCHOOL 2024 MISSION TRIP JULY 6-12TH BENTON HARBOR, MI

2024 Summer Mission Trip - July 6th-12th

Destination - Benton Harbor, MI

Total Cost - Full Cost is approximately \$900

(Fundraising opportunities will be available for individuals to possibly raise up to 50%)

Eligible - Students in grades 8-12 (during the 2023-2024 school year)

Sample Service Projects and Activities - Partner with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community. Students may serve all or part of the week at a food shelf, clothing distribution center, or by assisting with painting, cleaning or simple repair projects. During a week in Benton Harbor, our group will partner with local organizations to serve the city across age and racial divides. In the evenings, we will tour the community and learn about the fine arts revitalization in Benton Harbor from a community friend. We'll also have the opportunity to experience local BBQ, visit a Lake Michigan beach, and explore Benton Harbor's sister city, St. Joseph. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2000.

Housing Arrangements: Groups are housed in a local church, school or community building. Participants need to bring their own sleeping bags, pillows and sleeping pads or air mattresses that are twin-size or smaller. All females and males sleep in separate rooms, including married Adult Leaders. Showers are available either on site or at a nearby location. Off-site showers may be at local community center, YMCA or public high school which may include open shower rooms or private stalls. Specific details will be available in the spring as they are confirmed in each community.

Transportation: Chaperones will be responsible for driving students in rented vans from Cross Winds to Benton Harbor, MI and back home.

Priority Registration Due By - October 15, 2023 (\$50 due at registration)

Final registration due by December 1, 2023

Participants will be asked to assist with fundraising efforts and attend three team meetings. Information about fundraising commitments will be available in mid-October.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULES

SATURDAY

Gather at Cross Winds and begin travel

Fun activities to be planned as the group journeys to MI

SUNDAY

4:30–6:00 pm Group Arrives at Housing Site

6:15 pm Dinner

7:15–8:30 pm Orientations for Adult Leaders and Students

8:30–9:30 pm The Gathering

9:30–10:30 pm Church Group Time (a time to process the day as a group)

11:15 pm Lights Out

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

6:45 am Breakfast Crew in Kitchen

7:00 am Wake Up

7:15–7:45 am Breakfast (Everyone also packs their own lunch during this time.)

7:45–8:15 am Breakfast/Building Cleanup

8:25–8:50 am Personal Devotion Time

9:00 am Gather and Depart for Service Sites (Lunch is around noon at service sites.)

3:30 pm Depart from Service Sites

3:30–5:30 pm Showers, Afternoon Snack, Leader Meeting, Dinner Crew Prepares Meal

5:30–6:30 pm Dinner and Cleanup

6:30–8:30 pm Evening Activity and Snack*

8:30–9:30 pm The Gathering

9:30–10:30 pm Church Group Time and Prepare for Bed

11:15 pm Lights Out

FRIDAY

6:30–7:00 am Wake Up and Load Vehicles

7:00–9:00 am Breakfast, Building Cleanup and Send-Off

Evening - arrive back in Maple Grove

PAYMENT INFORMATION

\$50 registration (counts towards trip expense)

First trip payment (\$100) due December 15, 2023

Second trip payment (\$150) due March 15, 2024

Third trip payment (\$150) due May 1, 2024

Final trip payment due July 1st for any remaining costs not covered by fundraising.

To Learn More or Register Online

Visit www.crosswindslife.org

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