



CROSS WINDS UMC SENIOR HIGH

MISSION TRIP BENTON HARBOR, MI

JULY 6TH-JULY 12TH, 2024

STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL DEC 1ST



2024 Summer Mission Trip - July 6th-12th

Destination - Benton Harbor, MI

Total Cost - Full Cost is approximately \$900

(Fundraising opportunities available to reduce total costs)

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

Group Size - 16 student spots and 4 adult chaperone spots

CALENDAR INFORMATION

Wednesday, November 15th (6:30-7:30pm) - Team Meeting (trip information and fundraising)

December 1, 2023 - ALL registrations due

Wednesday, January 10th (6:30-7:30pm) - team meeting (prepare for winter fundraiser)

Sunday, February 4th (10am worship) - team commissioned in worship

Wednesday, February 7th (5:30-8pm) - community night fundraiser

Wednesday, March 6th (6:30-7:30pm) - team meeting

June TBD - final team meeting

July 6th-12th - Mission Trip

Participants will be asked to assist with fundraising efforts and attend team meetings.

Fundraising Expectations and Opportunities

All team members will be asked to help with the February community night fundraiser.

Team members will also have additional fundraising opportunities to help with the costs of their own trip expenses which will be explained at the November team meeting.

Mission Trip Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to going on the trip, here are additional ways to support the team!

- Assistance with fundraising activities
- Prayer partners
- Sponsor snacks or provide a team bagged lunch

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP

Partner Organization - Youth Works: A Christian organization that coordinates youth mission trips and will coordinate our activities, housing, and primary meals once we get to Michigan. To learn more about them, visit: <https://youthworks.com/>

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.

Social Activity - Trip to the Wisconsin Dells (First day, Saturday night, overnight experience including waterpark access).

Registration Materials: Save your spot by December 1st with the Cross Winds online registration form. This will ensure you get team updates and are included on the team. Additional registration forms will be shared in the spring of 2024 that has information specific to our trip, through our partner organization, Youth Works.

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.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULES

SATURDAY

Gather at Cross Winds and begin travel
Wisconsin Dells Time

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* (Activities will be shared in the spring by YW)
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

To Learn More or Register Online

Visit www.crosswindslife.org
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