
FAQ

Where does my child stay?

- We will be staying at First Christian Church of Chicago located at 3600 W 79th St, Chicago, IL 60652.
- We will have separate rooms for males & females. This church has experience in hosting mission groups, and therefore, has 35 mattresses for us to use. If we go over that number, some students may be required to bring an air mattress. Students will also be responsible for packing a sleeping bag and bedding to use for the week.
- The church has separate showers for males and females. Students will be required to pack shower shoes & products for showering as well.
- The church also has a full service kitchen for our use, a gym to play basketball, volleyball, and other games, and a space for us to worship.

What does transportation look like?

- We will be traveling to Chicago in 15 passenger vehicles that will be driven by adult volunteers. All adult volunteers will be required to be 25 and up and must also pass a safety course provided by our insurance before being approved to drive for the trip.
- In the afternoon of June 23rd we will depart from the Rush Creek Campus and drive to Chicago. Friday, June 28th we will depart back to Liberty.
- We will make stops every couple of hours (or as needed) where students will be able to use the bathroom & purchase any snacks.

Can we bring our own snacks on the bus?

- Yes, you can bring your own snacks. We ask that you do not bring anything that contains peanuts due to severe allergies.

What fun activities are available for my child?

- We have planned intentional activities for the students to connect with each other & grow in community! Most every afternoon or evening we will have a fun outing planned for the students in which we will be able to explore the Chicago area. These activities are included in the cost. In the evening we have worship, devotionals, and group games planned as well. We will also have access to a gym & other games.

Can my child have a cell phone on the trip?

- Yes, but please use your discretion. Taking a break from technology is always encouraged! If your child has a phone, we ask for limited use during free time. **As a reminder LUMY or LUMC is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.*

Will we be working with other groups or counselors?

- No. This is a mission trip/ camp experience that will be led solely by Liberty United Methodist staff and volunteers. These volunteers have all successfully completed & been certified through Safe Sanctuary (LUMC's child protection program) & have had background checks completed.

Do I need to bring extra money for meals on the way to and from camp?

- No. All meals have already been paid for in the total cost of camp.

Will students be responsible for carrying their money for meals on the way to and from camp?

- No. Since meal money has already been included in camp cost, we will purchase the meals with church credit cards.

Do students need to bring extra money?

- The mission trip cost covers all meals, transportation, lodging, and activities, so students are NOT REQUIRED to bring extra money. They will have the opportunity to buy snacks & souvenirs that will have an additional cost.