

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE - REGISTRATION FORM AND \$50 NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE TO KATE MAKOSKY BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24!**

**SUMMER 2020 - SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP**

**Dates: Sunday, June 28 (7:30am departure) - Friday, July 3 2020 (7:30pm return)**

**Location: Pine Ridge, South Dakota**

**Participate in mutual giving and partner with Crazy Horse School in providing a safe place for kids.**

**About Pine Ridge**

A strong relationship with Crazy Horse School is a defining characteristic of mission trips to Pine Ridge. Beyond being our housing site, the school invites YouthWorks to come alongside them with our Kids Club ministry and other service projects. Our group will serve through painting and simple work projects. In addition to serving, we will see the rugged beauty of the Badlands, experience The Gathering beneath a 40-foot cross in South Dakota's rolling prairie-lands, grapple with issues of poverty, take part in a community cookout and hear the history of the area. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 1999.

**Serving in Pine Ridge**

- Serve through painting, cleaning, helping with yard work or doing other simple work projects.
- Plan and lead children's programming, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading activities.
- To best meet the needs of the community and build stronger relationships, some students will serve at Kids Club each day while others will rotate between Kids Club and Work Projects.

**Logistics**

- Current 8th - 12th graders can attend
- Parents are allowed to apply to come as leaders
- Typical Daily Schedule + Meal and Allergy Plans (see attached page)
- Lodging + other youth groups  
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. There will be other youth groups present and serving alongside our group throughout the week.
- Preparation: We will have planning meetings regularly before our trip to prepare to serve, prepare culturally for ministry on a reservation (starting with your handout on serving in Native American Communities), to fundraise, and to discuss packing and other logistics

**Safety**

Safety is of the utmost importance to YouthWorks! Please know, if we felt that participants were to be in danger in a community, we would cancel the trip or move to a different site. We want participants to feel safe throughout the entire week, and we want parents and church leadership to know that we take every precaution in order to ensure their safety. With that said, we do rely

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on Adult Leaders and youth to help the YouthWorks staff in maintaining the safety policies and procedures for their mission week.

When groups arrive at the mission site, the staff leads orientation meetings explaining the following:

- The community that the participants will be serving
- The boundaries of the housing site (including appropriate behavior at the housing site)
- The Three-Together Rule : All participants are required to travel in groups of at least three including at least one Adult Leader
- Fire drills and other drills applicable to the area they are in
- Any other site-specific safety boundaries

Additionally, we are very aware of the neighborhoods in which we work. We have secure housing for our participants and our schedule does not bring us out late at night. Our program is conducted within solid boundaries and in communities where we are known and loved. The summer site staff will have talked with the nearest hospital and/or local clinic to make them aware of our presence and will supply your group with phone numbers and directions.

The participant release form filled out by each youth and Adult Leader is sufficient for entry into any U.S. Emergency Room. Every staff member at YouthWorks is CPR and First Aid certified. Furthermore, each staff member has gone through an intensive application process and has had a thorough background check completed.

### **Background Checks**

To promote a safe environment for YouthWorks participants and for the communities that we serve, **we require that a background check and sex offender registry check be completed on all participants 18 and over, including Adult Leaders and youth attending the mission trip.** Knowing that all adults are getting background checks will give peace of mind to community groups and other groups that will be part of the trip. It will also fulfill requirements from ministry partners that want background checks completed on adults who will be volunteering at their organizations.

### **Cost Per Student Participant: \$550**

- Lodging
- 14 meals
- Youthworks Staff
- First Covenant Leader Costs
- Service Project Materials
- Evening Activities
- Van rental
- Gas