



ALL SAINTS
LUTHERAN CHURCH



2019 Senior High Mission Trip
N. Cheyenne Indian Reservation,



July 13–21, 2019

INFORMATION PACKET

2019 Senior High Mission Trip Details –

Dates of Trip: Saturday, July 13 – Sunday, July 21, 2019

Who Can Go?

This mission trip is open to all youth who are currently in grades 9 – 12 and friends. Youth do not have to be a member of All Saints to attend the mission trip.

Where are we going?

N. Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana.

ABOUT THE NORTH CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION

History of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation The Cheyenne people historically lived in what is now present day Minnesota. Shortly after the first contact with Europeans, the tribe migrated west, settling on the Great Plains region of what is now present-day South Dakota and southern Montana. As the Cheyenne people moved further west they began to separate creating two major bands: The Northern Cheyenne and the Southern Cheyenne. The Southern Cheyenne were involved in the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864. Over 100 women and children and over 30 men were ambushed and killed by the US military in Eads Colorado. After the US government failed to fulfill the promise of providing for the surviving members of the Southern Cheyenne the government bribed the tribe into signing a treaty that would move them to the newly formed Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma. The Northern Cheyenne remained on the Great Plains. They were close allies to the Lakota Nation. The Northern Cheyenne fought in the Battle of Little Bighorn where the Northern Cheyenne, Lakota, and Arapaho defeated General George Custer and the 7th Cavalry in the summer of 1876. The Battle of Little Bighorn was a part of the larger Great Sioux War. In November of 1876 the Northern Cheyenne camp was defeated by Colonel Ranald Mackenzie and his men. The tribe was forced to surrender. The Northern Cheyenne were forcibly removed from the Great Plains and sent to live with their relatives, the Southern Cheyenne in Oklahoma. After making a life in what is now Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado, the Northern Cheyenne were unable to acclimate to the harsh weather of Oklahoma. On top of that food rations were limited and inadequate, diseases such as measles and malaria were spreading through the reservation, and the living conditions were horrendous. In the fall of 1877, Northern Cheyenne leaders Dull Knife and Little Wolf organized an escape and the Northern Cheyenne fled for the north. They were quickly captured by the US military and kept at Fort Robinson and later Fort Keogh. After much negotiation the 444,000 acres Tongue River Reservation, later called the Northern Cheyenne Reservation was established in southern Montana by President Chester Arthur. The few remaining members of the Northern Cheyenne moved into the area in 1879.

Serving Partner – We will partner with Youth Works. Youth Works is a non-profit short term mission organization based out of Minneapolis, MN. They have over 65 different sites set up across the United States.

SERVING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

- 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.
- Plan and facilitate sports-based programming for community youth.

Community Experience

We will participate in singing, helping with crafts and reading to the kids. We also partner with the community to do home-improvement projects, paint and do other yard work projects. In the evenings, we will visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield and hear from a longtime community friend. In addition to a great week of serving the team will have a lot of fun, meet and make new friends, grow closer to God and more.

General Trip Information:

Expectation of Participants:

- **Flexible:** This means you don’t have to be tied to a schedule or the clock. You go with the flow, do what is needed without complaining, do things you wouldn’t normally choose to do and adjust as necessary.
- **Available:** This means that you are **WILLING** to do whatever and available to whatever and/or whomever God places in your path. Although similar in results to being flexible, this has more to do with attitude than action.
- **Teachable:** This means that you are open-minded and openhearted. Admit that you don’t know everything. Learn as much as you can about the people you are serving so that you can serve them better. Let them teach you, and let God teach you.

Mixers & Team Building

We will meet together monthly starting in February to grow together as a team. Mixers will be on Sunday afternoons for 2 ½ hours. Mixers are meetings together where we will learn about ourselves and the others we will be serving with. We go as a team. Mixers are a time to build our team prior to going. Mixers work the best if everyone is there to build the team. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Other Important Information

Fun-Day! There will be a fun day on the last Friday and/or Sat. of the trip. Details on this will most likely be a surprise to the participants of the trip. Things we have done in the past are: go to a prof. baseball game, whitewater rafting, water parks and more.

The Trip is an Electronic Free Zone

- Youth are not allowed to bring any electronic devices such as iPods, dvd players, cell phones, kindles, I pads, etc.
- Other electronic devices like hair dryers, curling irons, and hair straighteners aren't allowed by adult or youth participants. This is so that we can truly separate ourselves and serve God fully. This also allows youth to get to know other youth in a better way without so many distractions.
- Parents and family members will be updated via the mission trip blog.

Dresscode – All participants will be expected to obey the expectations of the dresscode for the entire trip. These expectations are set so that the team can serve fully and comfortably as well as not offend any team members and/or the community we will be serving.

Some expectations of dresscode are as follows:

- Short length needs to be mid-thigh or longer. All youth should be able to stand up straight, place arms straight down on their legs, short length should be longer than their finger tips.
- Shorts and pants should not have rips or tares in them above the knees.
- Participants should be able to bend, twist and move around in shorts without them tearing and/or inappropriate body parts being shown.
- Girls must bring with a one-piece swimsuit.
- No speedo swimsuits for males.
- All shirts should be below the stomach and have sleeves on them. There are no tank tops or sleeveless shirts allowed.
- Non-see through leggings may be brought with and worn during travel days but not worn during the week.

Traveling:

- We will be taking 2 x 12 passenger vans with 1 enclosed trailer.
- Safety is the number one priority of the chaperones and leaders of the trip. All participants will be required to abide by safety laws and regulations like wearing seat belts, etc. Drivers will participate in van training ahead of time and will abide by all safety laws and regulations.
- It is approx. 900 miles to Busby, MT. We will leave on Saturday morning, spend the night somewhere in-between and make the rest of the trek on Sunday.

Fundraising: The youth and family team doesn't want anyone to not be able to attend the mission trip because of money. The Youth and Family team along in coordination with the Youth Director will provide an abundance of fundraiser's to help youth earn the funds for their mission trip. Fundraiser's are a special opportunity and privilege. When youth and/or adults are coming to work a fundraiser it should be treated like a job. We want to provide professional, respectful service to whomever we are serving. Youth should come without their electronic devices and ready to serve and help out wherever needed. We have several fundraiser's set up for youth to raise the entire amount of the trip. Fundraiser's cannot be done without the help of parents and other adults.

All Saints Policy on fundraisers:

- Parent(s) of youth can sign-up to work certain fundraisers and earn a portion of the money for their son/daughter.

Fundraiser's

- Parents Night Out (Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March, April)
- Winter Bachman's coming soon
- Butterbraids - March, 2019
- Spring Plant Sale
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Soup Suppers - Lent

Write a Support Letter: another great way to raise money for your trip and not have to sell anything is to write a support letter to your friends and family members. See Kristine for samples of a support letter and for more information on this if you are interested.

What is the cost of the trip?

- The trip is \$600.00 per youth participant
- This includes transportation, fun day expenses, and most of the meals (except for meals to and from Montana).

How do I register?

- Submit commitment form to the church office by at earliest convenience along with your \$50.00 deposit. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.