

**This is a Level 3 trip, see back for explanation.
Open to all Jr. & Sr. High Students Age 12+ or Entering 7th Grade
in the fall of 2019**

What is a Week of Hope?

Week of Hope is where 100 similarly aged students descend upon Minneapolis from across the Midwest for the opportunity to serve the “least of those” described in Matthew 25. They are the homeless and hungry living on the streets, and the senior citizens in need of help taking care of their home. They are the children who need help learning to read, and they are members of a small inner-city church who want to make a difference in their community, but don’t have the resources to do it on their own.

How will we serve?

Provide assistance - at a summer camp for youth and adults with disabilities in areas such as arts and crafts, sports and activities, music, drama, and hikes in the woods.

Assist senior residents - by helping in and around their homes with things they are no longer able to do such as yard work, painting, organizing and cleaning.

Offer Help – with yard work and home maintenance at residential homes for people with disabilities and seniors.

Assist at the food bank – packing and sorting food and perhaps some outdoor projects on a micro-farm.

Brighten up a senior’s day - assisting with activities such as Bingo, bowling, trivia games, music, art projects and exercises. You may also help serve lunch or do some gardening.

Help out - at a local youth program by removing brush, painting, wood splitting, weed removal, maintenance projects, and other grounds work.

Who are we partnering with and where will we be staying?

We will be partnering with Group Mission Trips. (groupmissiontrips.com) Their local coordinator in Minneapolis maintains connections year-round with the organizations they serve, so that both our service and their relationships are sustainable.

All participants are housed together at a local Minneapolis church that is transformed into a home away from home environment. There will be a separate boys and girls hall, a space for meals, adequate bathrooms and showers, and space for the programs. An inflatable air mattress is required.

What do we do for food and fun?

All meals are provided during this trip. Breakfasts and dinners are hot. Lunch is picnic style and brought to the project or work site. Meals are prepared by participants on a rotating basis supervised by staff. There will be one afternoon and evening for free time. There’s something for everyone at Mall of America!

How much will it cost and what does it include?

- \$295 - \$325 (see below)
- Floor sleeping in a secure church. (an air mattress will be required)
- Three meals a day in Minneapolis
- Any construction or relational materials required onsite
- Transportation to and from Minneapolis

What is not included?

Anything not mentioned above such as spending money, personal insurance and snacks.

Who will be leading this trip?

Sam Wright, Dan Bender and Jen Schuman

Important timelines for sign-ups, payments and meetings?

\$50 reserves your spot and is non-refundable.

10/14/2018 – Early bird deadline for \$295 price. After 10/14/2018 the price is \$325.

Signup deadline is 5/1/2019 or 20 participants, whichever comes first.

Please make your check payable to FCC with “Minneapolis 2019” in the memo. Place in a green labeled envelope available in the main lobby and include with the morning offering or turn into business office during normal business hours during the week.

You may also pay via credit or debit card online through the church website. Just select “Serve Teams” from the dropdown list and note that the funds are for “Minneapolis 2019”.

9/23/2018 – Informational meeting for parents

11/11/2018 – First participant group meeting

1/27/2019 – Second participant group meeting

3/24/2019 – Third participant group meeting

5/1/2019 – Balance of your trip cost is due

5/19/2019 – Final meeting

6/14/2019 – Packing party 6pm

6/16/2019 – Meet at FCC by 8am Depart 8:30am

6/21/2019 – Return to FCC 5pm

What happens if I need to cancel?

Cancel prior to 5/1/2019 - 100% refund of any deposit, less \$50

There are no refunds after 5/1/2019.

Questions?

Contact Sam Wright at wright@kenoshafcc.com or 262.857.4743 x116

I’m more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have!

Sam Wright

FCC Serve teams are broken down into five levels, each with an increasing level of responsibility and maturity.

It is recommended that Serve participants complete a lower number trip before serving on the next, higher level trip.

Level 1 – Neighbors: Serve teams that help, impact, or partner with our neighbors within the local community or within an hour of the church. Typically these are day trips. Serving within the church as a volunteer also qualifies as a Level 1 opportunity.

Level 2 – Community: Teams that serve outside the local area, but are still within a 2-5 hours driving time each way. Trips have a minimum duration of two days, but can include camps or family serving events.

Level 3 – National: Teams that serve outside the local area with moderate to extensive travel involved. Trips are usually out of state, with a travel time of at least 3 hours each way, and have a duration of 3 nights or longer. Serving on a Level 1 or 2 level trip is recommended. Additional requirements may be required, and are trip specific.

Level 4 – International: Long distance serve teams that serve outside the continental United States including US Territories with a duration of 6 or more nights. Serving on a Level 3 level trip is recommended. Additional requirements may be required, and are trip specific.

Level 5 – International (+) : Complex, long distance trips with specific requirements OR international trips with a duration of longer than one week.

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