



STUDENT
MINISTRIES

Wind River (WY) Impact Trip 2020



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For Students Entering 10th Grade-Graduated Seniors

Trip dates: July 17-26, 2020

Cost: \$650

Trip Leader: Jeff Wright, Northfield Student Ministries Pastor
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Application opens online Sunday, January 26 at 5 p.m.

\$200 deposit due at time of application.

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Safety:

Students will be sleeping at the United Baptist Church in Riverton. It is used to house mission teams over the course of the summer and is well equipped. Separate sleeping spaces, bathrooms and showers will be designated for male/female participants. Van's will be driven by adult leaders only.

Team Expectations

Must be a Christian who loves and serves well. We are looking for those who demonstrate humility; meekness; a pure heart; and a willingness to engage in prayer ministry and evangelical outreaches empowered by the Holy Spirit. With peace as our anchor and joy as our strength, we expect our teams to endure long days of ministry. Must be willing to share testimonies with those we interact with. (No experience is required, we will train). There is also expectations to be present at all training meetings and hitting key fundraising dates in order to equip, inform and train for the trip!

Example Itinerary

Day 1 - Check in at Hosanna Northfield at 7pm. Stay the night.

Day 2 - Travel + Arrive in Wind River, get settled into living space & meet local missionaries.

Day 3 - Senior Home visit, Devo at Ft Washakie, Church service at FFN

Day 4 - Devo, Kids Club, Evening VBS

Day 5 - Devo, Kids Club, Evening VBS

Day 6 - Devo, Wind River Children's Home, FFN Youth Group

Day 7 - Devo, Outreach/Distribution, Cultural Visit, Outreach/Distribution

Day 8 - Team Day (Fun, Fun, Fun!)

Day 9 - Leave Wind River for Rapid City, SD (Overnight)

Day 10 - Leave Rapid City to head Home

RESERVATION OVERVIEW



Population: Wind River Reservation 27,088 (2017)

Race demographics: Of the Native American population on the reservation, 8,177 are the Northern Arapaho Indians and 3,737 are the Eastern Shoshone Indians. The remaining 15-16k are made up of caucasian, asian or latino descent.

Language: The Eastern Shoshone speak the Shoshone language, a Central Numic language in the Uto-Aztecan language family. The Arapaho language (Hinóno'eitít) is one of the Plains Algonquian languages, closely related to Gros Ventre and other Arapahoan languages.

Average Salary: \$53,909 (Household Income)

Government: USA

Religion: Among the population of Wyoming, Christian based faith affiliations are at 71%, while non-Christian faith affiliations are at 3%, leaving 26% without any particular religious affiliations.

Health: 84.2% of the population of Wind River Reservation has health coverage, with 51% on employee plans, 11.6% on Medicaid, 9.56% on Medicare, 11.1% on non-group plans, and 0.985% on military or VA plans.

Other: Wind River Indian Reservation is the 7th largest Indian reservation in the United States and fifth by population. It is located in the desolate, but beautiful state of Wyoming. It is home to two Indian tribes. Encompassing more than 2.2 million acres, the Wind River Indian Reservation is home to the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes.

Challenges that this reservation faces.

- 75% of Native homes are affected by alcoholism.
- Suicide is 2.5 times higher than the national rate.
- 95% of women and girls and 70% of boys have experienced sexual abuse.
- 85% of the natives are unemployed.
- 50% of youth drop out of school

Payments and Important Dates

Important Deadlines

Finances

- Deposit due (\$200) at time of application
NOTE: Deposit is NOT tax-deductible and non-refundable once you've been accepted to the team.

April 19

- Payment #1 due (\$225)

June 14

- Payment #2 due (\$225)



Fundraising

- Individual Fundraising Goal (\$400)

Raising support is a HUGE part of the mission trip experience. Even if you have the means to pay for a trip in full, it is our belief that raising support is a key part of a mission experience. It allows students to see the goodness of God additionally through the provision of the trip cost.

Raising support is a partnership – us and God! The phrase “God will provide” can often lead us into a mindset of laziness or lead us to an apathetic approach to raising support. *“All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.” Proverbs 14:23.* Not only is this mindset unbiblical, it will also jeopardize the team’s effectiveness if ALL funds are not raised.

We encourage the team members to take an individual approach to raising support.



Support letters are a great place to start, and a sample support letter will be provided at our first team meeting.

The total cost of the trip is **\$650**. This will include:

- Transportation
- Accommodations
- All meals
- Ministry Materials
- Team Shirt
- Volunteer Leader Support

Payment Remittance

Your primary venue to collect donations will be through your own personal fundraising page on the Managed Missions website. (More details to follow) It is the responsibility of the participant to collect and track all contributions to cover the trip cost. Participants should give all cash/check donations to the team leaders at team meetings.

Note: it is imperative that the students’ contributors make checks written out to Hosanna and not the individual person.

Contributions are tax deductible **with the exception of the \$200 deposit** and cash (unless the donor is noted). Hosanna has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. All contributions are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Team Meetings and Training Schedule

There will be 7 team meetings. It is imperative that **ALL** team members attend **EVERY** team meeting. Team meetings are used for training and practice. Failure to attend team meetings will greatly impact the participant's experience and may result in the participant not being able to go on the impact trip. Note the **TENTATIVE** schedule below. Dates are subject to change.

****Dates/Meeting locations subject to change**

2 All TRIP Meetings (REQUIRED)

Sunday February 9, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC

Sunday March 1, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC

Wind River Team Meeting 1

Sunday, March 15, 12-2:30 pm | Hosanna Northfield

Wind River Team Meeting 2

Sunday, April 19, 12-2:30 pm | Hosanna Northfield

* First payment due (\$225)

** All Trip Forms due.

Wind River Team Meeting 3

Sunday, May 17, 12-2:30 pm | Hosanna Northfield

Wind River Team Meeting 4

Sunday, June 14, 12-2:30 pm | Hosanna Northfield

*Second/Final Payment Due (\$225)

Wind River Team & Parent Meeting 5

Sunday, July 12, 12-1pm | Hosanna Northfield



Application Details

- **Application opens online Sunday, January 26 at 5 p.m.**
- **Registration Deadline:** February 2nd.
- Students entering 10th grade through graduated seniors are invited to apply.
- **\$200 deposit due at time of application. Credit card payment required and will be charged upon acceptance to the trip.**
- Spots are filled based on the order applications are received, priority given to students regularly attending and registered for HSM.
- **You will be notified once accepted** or if you're placed on waiting list. **Please do not inquire about the status of applications for at least 2 weeks after sign-up date.**
- There is **one application** for all 6 Student Ministries Trips this summer (Guatemala, Haiti, Wind River, Florida, India, Cuba). You will be given the opportunity to indicate your interest in other trips and prioritize your trip preferences on the application.

The following essay questions will be on the online application.

Prepare your answers ahead of time in order to submit your application in a timely manner!

1. Overseas Experience

Please describe where/when you've traveled outside of the U.S.

2. References

List three people who know you well and can act as a personal reference. If you have been on a previous Impact Trip, please include the trip leader. (Please include name, relationship and contact number).

3. Application Essay: Please write out a 250 - 500 word essay that addresses the following questions:

- How would you describe your faith?
- How has your background (family, environment, experiences) impacted who you are and your faith?
- What are your expectations for this trip?
- Why is it important that you go on this trip?
- How do you believe this impact trip will impact you personally?
- How are you going to impact the team you will be a part of?
- How do you hope to impact the people you will be interacting with on this trip?