

## **2016 Senior High Mission Trip Details - Dates of Trip: July 14 – 23, 2017**

### **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?**

Blackfeet Nation Indiana Reservation, Montana. Blackfeet Nation is approximately 1,100 miles from All Saints, just 30 miles from the Canadian border just outside of Glacier National Park.

### **ABOUT BLACKFEET NATION**

Blackfeet Nation is surrounded by the beauty and adventure of Glacier country in northwest Montana. It is home to just under 60% of the enrolled 16,000 Blackfeet tribal members and is the third largest reservation in Montana. The Blackfeet Reservation lies along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains on the Canadian border and is the eastern gateway to Glacier National Park. YouthWorks is housed in the community of Heart Butte, a small town with a population of 698.

### **SERVING IN BLACKFEET NATION**

- Serve through painting, cleaning, yard work or other simple work projects.
- Plan and lead kids programming for children in the community, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading.
- Plan and facilitate sports-based programming for community youth.
- During the week, students may serve at one or more of the above service options.
- Please bring an additional \$30 per vehicle to pay for parking at one of the evening activities you'll participate in during the week.

### **Community Experience**

Our group will bring encouragement and enthusiasm to the community by serving through various work projects and by helping YouthWorks facilitate a Kids Club program that will run all summer long for children in the area. You might also have the chance to help with Outrageous Sports Camp, a program requested by the local school to give preteens in the community something to do during the day. Throughout the week you will get to know and build relationships with community members. One of our community partners, the Vance family, will share about the Blackfeet Nation, its culture, heritage and story. Other evening activities include a visit to Glacier National Park and a community cookout.

In addition to serving in Montana the goal of mission trips is to get youth and adults to step out of their comfort zones, make new friends, learn more about themselves, other people and ultimately grow closer in faith with Christ. Van rides, devotional times, team building ahead of time, worship and more are some of the ways that we aim to accomplish this.

## **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**

**Friday Fun-Day!** There will be a fun day on Friday, 21. 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.

### **Traveling:**

- We will be taking 3 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. 1,100 miles to our site in Montana. We will travel this in two days stopping to spend the night half way on the way out.

**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 Dates:**

- \* Cub Foods Brat Stand, Minnetonka     October 21, 22, 23
- \* Parent's Night Out - Nov.12   Dec.10   Feb.11   March 11   April 22
- Winter Bachman's Dates of selling Oct. 9 – Nov. 2   **Date of Delivery:** Friday, Nov. 18
- Butterbraids – March 5 – 19, Delivery date of April 5, 2017
- Spring Plant Sale – March 5 – April 2, 2017.   **Date of Delivery:** May 6, 2017
- Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, March 4 from 5 – 7 pm
- Soup Suppers – Lent (youth and family team will do Ash Wednesday)

\*denotes that parent(s) can work also and earn money for their child.

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 \$675.00 per youth participant
- This includes transportation, fun day expenses, and most of the meals (except for meals to and from Montana).

**Payment deadlines/Pre trip Covenant**

- When committing to the trip a space is reserved for the team member who is committing. Deposits are made throughout the year so it is important that accounts are regularly contributed to. Deposits will be due as follows:
- \$100.00 deposit with commitment form
- Account to \$300.00 by March 1, 2017
- Account to \$675.00 by June 1, 2017

**How do I register?**

- Submit blue commitment form to the church office by Sunday, Nov. 6 along with your \$100.00 deposit. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.