

2018 Senior High Mission Trip Details - Dates of Trip: July 20 – 29, 2018

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?

Warrensburg, New York inside of the Adirondack Mountains.

ABOUT WARRENSBURG AND WHAT WE'LL BE DOING

In Warrensburg, your group will enjoy a rural wilderness experience while helping with local children's ministries, community gardens and home repair projects. YouthWorks partners with local churches that collect food donations for Kids Club and hold a community-wide event for students and families where they distribute school supplies and connect families with health services. In the evenings, you'll have the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Adirondack Mountains or cool off in Lake George at Million Dollar Beach. As the week comes to an end, you'll share a meal with neighbors and friends at a community cookout.

SERVING IN WARRENSBURG

- 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.

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. Throughout the week you will get to know and build relationships with community members.

In addition to serving in New York 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

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.

Traveling:

- We will be taking 3 x 12 passenger vans or 2 x 15 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. 1,300 miles to Warrensburg. 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:

- * Parent's Night Out - Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, April 14
- Winter Bachman's coming soon
- Butterbraids – March, 2018
- Spring Plant Sale – March 4 – April 4, Delivery May 5
- Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, Feb. 3 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 \$750.00 per youth participant
- This includes transportation, fun day expenses, and most of the meals (except for meals to and from New York).

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 15, 2018
- Account to \$750.00 by June 20, 2018

How do I register?

- Submit green commitment form to the church office by at earliest convenience along with your \$100.00 deposit. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.