



2021 Mission Trip Info & FAQs

Nidaros and Good Shepherd churches are excited to offer through **YouthWorks** our second mission trip experience this coming summer 2021! This time we're going to the **Northern Cheyenne Reservation** in southeastern Montana!

ABOUT THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Each summer, YouthWorks hosts a Kids Club program for the children in the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Our group will participate in singing, helping with crafts, and reading with the kids. We also partner with community members in home-improvement projects including painting, minor repairs, yardwork, or other simple projects. Throughout the week, our group will learn more about Cheyenne history and culture at the Little Bighorn Battlefield, from several longtime friends and while hosting a cookout for surrounding community. Through these experiences, we'll learn about the strengths, struggles, heritage and history of the Cheyenne people. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2001.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A MISSION TRIP?

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus washed His disciples' feet to demonstrate that He came not to be served but to serve. Then He said, "Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you" (John 13:14-15).

A mission trip is a chance for you to follow our Lord's example, getting outside of your comfort zone and serving your neighbor. You will have fun, yes, but you will also work hard to bring God's love to those in need.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY ON THE TRIP LOOK LIKE?

See next page.



Because every community is different, the timing of events will vary from site to site. The following, however, provides you with an idea of what the week's schedule looks like at many YouthWorks sites.

Sunday

- 4:30–6:00 pm: Your Group Arrives at Housing Site
- 6:15 pm: Dinner
- 7:15–8:30 pm: Orientations for Adult Leaders and Students
- 8:45–9:30 pm: The Gathering
- 9:30–10:30 pm: Church Group Time (a time to process the day as a group)
- 11:15 pm: Lights Out

Monday through Thursday

- 6:45 am: Breakfast Crew in Kitchen
- 7:00 am: Wake Up
- 7:15–7:45 am: Breakfast (Everyone also packs their own lunch during this time.)
- 7:45–8:15 am: Breakfast/Building Cleanup
- 8:25–8:50 am: Personal Devotion Time
- 9:00 am: Gather and Depart for Service Sites (Lunch is around noon at service sites.)
- 3:30 pm: Depart from Service Sites
- 3:30 – 5:30 pm: Showers, Afternoon Snack, Adult Leader Meeting, Dinner Crew Prepares Meal
- 5:30–6:30 pm: Dinner and Cleanup
- 6:30–8:45 pm: Evening Activity and Snack*
- 8:45–9:30 pm: The Gathering
- 9:30–10:30 pm: Church Group Time and Prepare for Bed
- 11:15 pm: Lights Out

** Some sites include one option night during the week, where scheduled events end around 7 p.m. and church groups can choose between additional free time or options in the community provided by YouthWorks staff.*

Friday

- 6:30–7:00 am: Wake Up and Load Vehicles
- 7:00–9:00 am: Breakfast, Building Cleanup and Send-Off

WHEN DO WE LEAVE? WHEN WILL WE GET BACK?

We depart early on Saturday morning, July 10, and we'll arrive in Mandan, ND, around lunchtime. We will then spend the afternoon at the Raging Rivers Waterpark, then stay in town overnight.

On Sunday, July 11, we will attend a local congregation's worship service, then we'll be heading on to our mission site in Lame Deer, MT. We need to arrive at the YouthWorks site by 4:30pm – the earlier the better so we can claim good sleeping arrangements! Sleeping arrangements will basically be on the floor of a church, or similar venue, so you'll want to bring an air mattress.

Departing on Friday, July 16, by 9am, we'll return to Henning by 8pm.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

We're asking for a **\$50.00 initial non-refundable deposit** from each student to hold your spot (*scholarships are available*). The rest of the cost we hope to be covered by fundraisers throughout the year. The total cost per student (after the deposit) ranges from **\$328.53 to \$351.05, depending on how many go.**

See 2021 Mission Trip Budget for details

WHAT KIND OF FUNDRAISERS WILL WE DO?

Once we know how many are going, we'll get together as a group (students, parents, and adult leaders) to brainstorm and plan fundraisers. One that we will definitely do again is the Christmas Cookies, which has been our most popular fundraiser to date.

HOW WILL RAISED FUNDS BE ALLOCATED?

We expect everyone to participate in each fundraiser, and we will track every student's involvement. **All the funds raised in a particular fundraiser will be split equally among those who participated.**

Keep in mind: even if a particular fundraiser happens on a day when you can't make it (e.g., a job, family needs, etc.), there are still ways you can contribute so you can receive your share of the funds.

WHAT IF WE DON'T MAKE THE FUNDRAISING GOAL?

In the unfortunate event that the general goal is not met, or a student's fundraiser participation is too low to meet their individual goal, we ask that the student's family cover the remaining balance toward the goal. However, since we were already halfway to our goal before the pandemic cancelled the previous trip, we expect that the goal will be very achievable.

WHEN DO WE HAVE TO COMMIT?

Families have until Sunday, October 25, to inform their pastor if the student commits to going.

Those who planned on going to last summer's trip have first dibs.

Otherwise, spaces will fill up based on who contacts us first. If all spaces are taken, we will keep a waiting list in case someone needs to drop out later.

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WHAT IF SOMETHING UNEXPECTED COMES UP AND I JUST CAN'T GO?

If this happens, **inform your pastor immediately so the waiting list can be consulted.** If no one on the waiting list wants to take your place, you are responsible for finding someone who will – **provided that person is approved by the pastors.** Obviously, a member of our churches would automatically be allowed to go, but if you have found someone outside the membership who wants to take your place, they have to be approved.

If no one takes your place, you are still responsible for your share of the trip, so you would benefit from continuing to participate in the fundraising efforts to meet the goal.

CAN MY FRIEND COME?

Since space is limited, church members of Nidaros and Good Shepherd are preferred. That being said, a friend could *request* to come, but we would only take it under consideration, allowed **only under certain conditions** (including an interview with the parents).