

Week of Hope – Minneapolis FAQ

WHAT: We spend four days of service to different organizations in the city of Minneapolis (and the surrounding area). Organizations will include food packing, summer camp for students with disabilities, and working alongside teenagers and adults to help restore city parks and public spaces. This trip is lead by the organization Group Mission Trips.

WHEN: July 15-20, 2018 (option to leave on Saturday and have a fun day in the cities before the trip or stay later on Friday for an adventure)

WHO: 6-12 grade students

WHY: To get outside of your comfort zones of our community and serve others in a different community! This often encourages students to come back to their own community and serve there.

HOW: Turn in your registration and a non-refundable \$150 deposit by October 11. Total cost of the trip will be around \$550. There will be a multiple fundraising opportunities to help pay for the trip throughout the year. Added bonus if you come to youth group, you earn \$5 each time to go toward you trip fund. Come every week, you could raise around \$120!

What will a day look like? Here is the tentative Itinerary:

Sunday, July 15

10:30 a.m. – Leave from OSL

3:00 p.m. – Arrive at site, get settled

5:00 p.m. – First Program

5:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Evening Program

8:30 p.m. – Church group devotions

11:00 p.m. – Lights Out

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

6:30 a.m. Breakfast crew begins

6:45 a.m. Rise and shine!

7:00 a.m. Breakfast, gather supplies and sack lunches

8:00 a.m. Morning program and then depart for project sites!

12:00 p.m. On-site lunch and devotions

3:30 p.m. Return to lodging for clean-up and free time

5 p.m. Dinner crew begins

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Clean-up

7:30 p.m. Evening program

8:30 p.m. Youth group devotions

11:00 p.m. Lights-out

Tuesday, July 17

Same schedule as the other days until 12 p.m.

12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Youth groups have free time (dinner is on their own)

8 p.m. Lodging facility is back open

9 p.m. Games (optional)

10:00 p.m. Lights-out

Friday, July 20

Load up, check out by 9 a.m.

1 p.m. – Arrive back at OSL

How are we getting there? We will have a little caravan of vehicles that could include a 12 passenger van, minivan and/or suburban. How many vehicles and what kind will depend on the number of students going. Adult leaders will drive the vehicles throughout the week with their crew groups.

Will I be able to be in a work group with all my friends from my church? In short, no. Students are broken up into groups of six that include students and adults from other churches on the trip. It may be uncomfortable at first, but relationships are built and the situation gives the trip a whole new dimension. You might be in a group with someone else from our church but there are no promises.

What is "Program"? Program is our worship time. There are games, music, skits, videos, a message on the theme for the day and conversation with those around you. There is very rarely a dull moment during program yet they are heartfelt and connect faith with our service from the day.

Where are we staying and is it air conditioned? We will be staying in a church just outside of Minneapolis (they have not released the exact location) but it is air conditioned! We will eat all of our meals there.

What about showers? There are no showers on location but you will be given the opportunity to shower every day at the local YMCA.

How much money does my student need to bring? This will be dependent on whether we choose to do something fun before or after the trip. If we don't, students will only need to bring money to buy snacks or souvenirs as all meals are already included in the cost of the trip. There is a possible travel meal on Friday (depending on if the students want to stop on the way home otherwise we will get home right after lunch time). We will look into making sack lunches for the way up (if we leave on Sunday)!

What will we be doing on Tuesday during our free church time and will we need money for it? That will be up to the group going! We have often tried to find something that we can't experience in Sioux Falls and of course go out to eat (somewhere local). We will come up with a list of possibilities when we get closer to the trip. The church will cover the meal. We usually try to find a free activity but will let you know if they choose to do something that may cost extra money.