

Mission Trip 2023

Hamilton, Ohio

June 18-24

Who is eligible to go? Any Youth currently in 6th grade and up to age 20. You do not have to be a member of St. John's church.

Who will chaperone? Jenny Nieman and other adults from the congregation. We are required by Group Cares, Inc. to bring 1 adult chaperone (need male & female adults) per five students. Adult chaperones are required by Group Cares to have a background check. Chaperones must be 25 years or older and drive a vehicle that can transport 6 people. Any parent or adult interested in being a chaperone/driver, must complete the adult application and background check form and submit to Pastor for approval.

How will we travel? By rental vehicle(s), size will depend upon the number of participants

What is required in preparation for the trip? Student participants along with a parent need to attend the monthly planning meetings which are on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm. Parents will need to help with organizing and planning of the fundraisers. Fundraisers are a group effort and require everyone's participation.

How much will the trip cost?

The estimated cost out of pocket is **\$250 per student** with the remaining amount to be fundraised by each participant. If you do not participate in the fundraisers, then you pay the entire amount out of pocket.

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required upon registration.

Families will need to make additional \$50 payments the first of December, February, April, and May.

What is included in the cost? Group Cares registration fee, vehicles, fuel for vehicles, most meals, chaperones, and free time activity on the Wednesday of the trip. Price does not include snacks and souvenirs.

What if my family cannot come up with the entire amount? If your family is experiencing a financial hardship, talk to Jenny.

Hamilton, Ohio

Just 20 miles from Cincinnati, Hamilton is a small, close-knit city known for its cultural and recreational activities.

Hamilton has been recognized as "The City of Sculpture" and is known for its support of the arts.

Unfortunately, the city has a high unemployment rate and an aging population. There are over 2,000 homes in the county that have unsafe or code violating issues.

Registration must include a \$50 deposit

**Registration for students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If students register after December 1st, it will be on a space available basis.

Mission Trip REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Deadline: ASAP later registrations accepted on a space available basis

Student Full Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Student's Address: _____

City: _____ Phone Number _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade in School: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Church: _____

Why do you want to be part of the Mission Trip team?

Why are we called as God's people to serve others?

What do you personally want to get from this trip?

How did you find out about this trip?

Statement of Intent: To reserve my spot on the mission trip team I am submitting this application along with a \$50 check made out to *St. John's Lutheran Church*. This is a non-refundable deposit that will be applied towards my total trip cost. I am aware that my family will be expected to pay an additional \$200 out-of-pocket towards this trip.

As part of the mission trip team I commit to participate in team building events which will include all monthly meetings and fundraising events. I understand that I am required to participate in each fundraiser. If I do not participate then I understand that my family will be responsible to write a check for the remaining balance by May 1, 2023. If my family is unable to make these payments they must talk with the Pastor or Jenny.

Participation Covenant: As a part of this mission trip team, I will:

- Respect the rights of all other participants during trip planning, fundraisers and while on the trip.
- Refrain from use of drugs, tobacco, and other chemicals
- Participate in all aspects of the trip to the best of my ability
- Behave in a Christ like manner in all interactions with people
- Support the decisions of leaders in their efforts to protect the experience of all participants
- Follow the modest dress code (shirts must have sleeves, shorts need to be at least mid-thigh length, no belly buttons or underwear showing)
- Have fun
- Praise God

Signature of Student Participant

PARENT:

I have read the trip information sheet, the statement of intent and the covenant. I understand its content and have been involved in the decision of the above applicant as his or her parent/guardian and fully endorse their desire to participate in the Mission Trip 2023. If my son or daughter does not adhere to the behavior expectations during the trip, I accept the responsibility for the expenses of their return home trip if necessary due to behavior problems. I will be supportive of the leaders and of this endeavor which includes my participation in planning meetings and fundraisers.

Signature of parent/guardian

***Registrations for students and chaperones will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
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