



MIDDLE SCHOOL
MISSION TRIP

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 23-29, 2024
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Trip Details

When

Trip Dates: June 23 – June 29, 2024

Departing NorthRidge Plymouth around 7:00am on Sunday 6/23

Returning to NorthRidge Plymouth around 6:00pm on Saturday 6/29

Times subject to change

Where

We will be staying at Knoxville Christian School

11549 Snyder Road Knoxville, TN 37932

Who

This mission trip is open to any student who will be in 7th or 8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. We will also take an appropriate number of adult volunteers and NorthRidge staff.

What & Why

We will be serving with various ministries in and around Knoxville.

- Helping the homeless at Knox Area Rescue Mission
- Yard cleanup and home repair through Operation Backyard
- Assisting a local thrift store with Family Promise
- Urban farming and work projects at Restoration House transitional housing

How Much?

The fundraising amount for this trip will likely be between \$650-\$700. The exact cost will be determined once the team has been established and expected costs are more accurate. This money covers transportation, meals, lodging, a trip shirt, our fun day, and supplies at our sites.

They will need extra money for 2-3 meals plus snacks.

There are no scholarships available for mission trips. We encourage you to raise support for this trip through your family, friends, etc.

How Do I Sign Up?

This trip has limited spots, so the team will be chosen based on applications and interviews. You can apply online at:

<https://northridgechurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/196773>

Applications are due January 31st.

We will have interviews completed by the end of February.

Packing List

- Clothes for 7 days (Appropriate clothes for leisure, work, and sleep)
- Work clothes and gloves
- Hammer
- Safety glasses
- Closed-toed work shoes
- Flip-flops
- Swimsuit and towel
- Overnight toiletries and shower stuff
- Refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping bag/pillow and camping mat/air mattress
- Bible, notebook/journal
- Medications, inhaler, etc. if needed
- Small games or activities for free time

Don't Bring List

Please don't bring anything that can be broken, stolen, or lost. We cannot be responsible for their safety. Bring phones and electronics at your own risk.

Is it safe?

Yes! Safety is always our #1 concern with any of our trips and events. We are partnering with a very experienced Mission Trip organization, Next Step Ministries. They have done numerous trips at these exact locations. We are tailoring this trip to be age-appropriate for middle school students.

Meetings

We will have team meetings on select Sunday afternoons leading up to the trip. These meetings will go over fundraising, trip details, team building, and spiritual preparation for the trip.

Tentative Trip Schedule

SUNDAY (ARRIVAL DAY)

4:00-5:00 pm – Arrive to Mission Location
6:00 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Worship & Weekly Orientation
8:30 pm – Church Time, Small groups, Free Time
11:00 pm – Lights Out

MONDAY – THURSDAY (WORK DAYS)

7:00 am – Wake Up
7:15 am – Eat Breakfast & Lunch Preparation
8:00 am – Morning Devotional
8:15 am – Depart for Worksite & Begin Working
12:00 pm – Lunch & Devotion
1:00 pm – Resume Working
3:30 pm – Depart Worksites
4:00 pm – Showers and Free time
5:30pm – Dinner
6:45 pm – Worship
7:45 – Church Time
10:00 – Free Time
11:00 pm – Lights Out

FRIDAY

8:00 am – Wake Up
8:15 am – Eat Breakfast & Lunch Preparation
9:00 am – Morning Devotion
9:15 am – Leave for Free Day Activity
4:00 pm – Return and Shower
5:30pm – Dinner
6:45 pm – Worship
7:45 – Church Time
10:00 – Free Time
11:00 pm – Lights Out

Questions?

Contact Ryan - rmotley@northridgechurch.com

Sample Support Letter

Dear _____,

Hello! I hope all is going well for you! This summer I have an opportunity to participate in a short-term outreach trip to Knoxville, Tennessee! I will be with other students from NorthRidge Church, as we attempt to show God's love to the local community by partnering with various ministries in the Knoxville area. We will be sharing the gospel of Christ and God's love through our work as well as spending time with the people there. The dates of the trip are June 23-29, 2024.

The trip is being organized through the NorthRidge Church, where I have been attending for _____.

I would like you to be involved in this great experience and would really appreciate your support. You can help support me in two ways. The most important way you can support me is through prayer. Please pray for the team and I as we prepare for this trip, for the safety and health of us all, success with the work projects and that the people that we'll be working for would see Christ in everything that we do.

The second way you can support us is financially. The cost of this outreach trip is \$_____, of which I intend to pay a portion myself. A contribution of \$25, \$50, or \$100 will help make a major difference. Any amount that you choose to contribute is tax deductible.

If you would like to support me, please make your check payable to NorthRidge Church and include "Tennessee Mission Trip" on the memo line. Do not include my name on your check, or it will not be tax deductible. Please send your support to me directly at the following address: Your Address Goes Here.

Thank you in advance for your support and prayers and I look forward to sharing this experience with you when I return home.

Sincerely,

Your Name Goes Here

