

Bayou La Batre Mission Trip

Informational Packet

- Dates
 - July 7-12, 2024
- Cost
 - Deposit: \$100 due when you register
 - Total Cost: \$219 (if all fundraising goals of \$2,000 are meet)
- How to Register
 - Go to <https://www.mceachernumc.org/youth-mission-24/> to register
- Travel Plans
 - Sunday, July 7
 - Leave church at 9:30 AM EDT
 - Travel time is 7.5 hours with lunch break and bathroom beaks
 - Arrive at site by 4 PM CDT
 - Friday, July 12
 - Leave church at 9:00 AM CDT
 - Beach Day, leave at 2:00 PM CDT
 - Arrive back at church by 10 PM EDT
- Weekly Schedule
 - Sunday, travel day
 - Monday-Thursday, work days
 - Friday, day off and travel day
- Possible Projects
 - VBS and Local Kids Volunteer Groups
 - Volunteering at Local Mission Sites
 - Soup Kitchens, Thrift Shops, Donation Centers, Retirement Homes
 - Yard Work and Minor Work Projects

- Housing
 - Stay at local church, sleep on church floors
 - Showers off-site
- Fundraisers
 - Grace and Eggs
 - Nov 5, Feb 4, April 28
 - Average \$1,300 per event
- FAQ
 - If I have already signed up and realize I need to cancel the trip, will I get a refund?
 - No, all payments are non-refundable.
 - What if my child needs to arrive late or leave early?
 - Students cannot leave early nor arrive late for this trip.
 - How much money does my child need to take with him/her?
 - Some sending money for snacks or souvenirs.
 - How will I receive updates on the trip? Will my child be allowed to use his/her phone?
 - We will create a group chat for the trip to all parents to get updates. Students can bring their phones, but McEachern UMC is not responsible for your student's phone.
 - More Information about YouthWorks
 - <https://youthworks.com/about-us/purpose-vision-and-values/>
- Cost Breakdown

Price Breakdown	Per Person	Total (20)
Mission Supplies	\$449.00	\$8,980.00
Food	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
Transportation	\$20.00	\$400.00
Grand Total	\$519.00	\$10,380.00
Budget	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Base Price Today	\$319.00	\$6,380.00
Fundraising Still Needed	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Price With Fundraising Goal Meet	\$219.00	\$4,380.00



TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

Overview

This schedule is an example of what you might expect on a YouthWorks site. Because every community is different, the schedule may vary at some sites and on certain days.

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
8:30–9:30 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
6:30–8:30 pm	Evening Activity and Snack*
8:30–9:30 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



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4:30-6 PM GROUPS ARRIVE

Our staff are excited to welcome you to site! When you arrive, staff will help you move in and get settled. The Site Director will collect paperwork from Trip Leaders, and Trip Leaders will split their students into ministry crews for the week.

6-11 PM SUNDAY EVENING

Once all groups have arrived, dinner will be served. Adults will eat dinner with the Site Director and will go over Adult Leader expectations and introductions. After cleaning up the meal, both adults and students will have orientations where they will learn more about what to expect during the week. A large group time called The Gathering will start around 9 p.m. and Church Group Time will follow.

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

7-8:15 AM EAT BREAKFAST & PREPARE LUNCH

All crews will help with the preparation and cleanup of meals at different times throughout the week. A staff member will always be present to help students as they serve each other in this way. During breakfast, students will also put together bag lunches to take with them to their service sites.

4:45-5:15 PM ADULT LEADER MEETING

Each day, Adult Leaders will attend this meeting with the Site Director. This time allows the Site Director to hear how things are going and communicate what happens next. It's also a great time of processing and sharing. (At some sites, this meeting time may occur before or during breakfast instead of the afternoon).

8:15-9 AM MORNING DEVOTIONS

Every morning, students will have time to connect with God and process the week. To help in this process, each student will receive a YouthWorks Trip Journal, a resource that will connect students with Jesus and their experience during the week; it does this by using the YouthWorks summer theme. To help leaders further process devotion material and for leaders who want to lead small group devotions, we'll provide a Small Group Devotion Guide.

5:30-6:30 PM DINNER & CLEAN-UP

A crew of students will help prepare dinner each night, and a different crew will help clean up.

9 AM - 3 PM MINISTRY DAY

After a brief circle-up time, crews of youth and leaders will depart for ministry sites. (These crews, selected by Trip Leaders, will be together all week at service sites as well as for some meal and cleanup crews.) YouthWorks staff will give orientations for service sites, helping students and adults better understand how they will be serving the community each day.

6:30-8:30 PM *EVENING ACTIVITY & SNACK

Evening Activities will help students interact with the community through cultural, educational and fun activities that will engage the whole group.

8:30-9:30 PM THE GATHERING

The staff will host a large group time of processing the day, worship and reflection. Along with morning devotions, The Gathering will further develop the week's theme, with the purpose of connecting students' mission trip experience with God and with life back home. Our goal of The Gathering is to set you up well for Church Group Time.

3:00-5:30 PM SHOWERS / FREE TIME

These times may vary by site.

9:30-10:30 PM CHURCH GROUP TIME

After The Gathering, each church group will get together in their own space to process the day and discuss the day's theme. YouthWorks considers this the most important programmatic aspect of the day. We will provide each group with a Church Group Time Guide, which contains questions and ideas to help the Trip Leader facilitate this time.

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FRIDAY DEPARTURE

Although Friday departure varies by site, groups will typically pull away between 8 and 9 a.m. Before departure, groups will load their vehicles, help clean the housing site, eat breakfast and have a short send-off time to close out their week.



BASIC MEAL PLAN

and Allergy Information

Breakfast Examples

- Cereal
- Eggs, Sausages and Hash Browns or Waffles and Sausages
- Breakfast Burritos or Biscuits and Gravy
- Friday Morning (an assortment of choices – yogurt, granola bars, cereal, fruit, muffins, etc.)

Each breakfast menu item has additional accompaniments. Depending on the menu item, this can include hot oatmeal, yogurt, toast, hard boiled eggs, applesauce, small bagels, salsa, muffins, etc.

Lunch Examples

- Sub Sandwiches
- Wraps
- Bagels
- White/Wheat Bread Sandwiches

Each lunch provides a choice of sandwich meat (ham, turkey and salami) as well as fresh sandwich toppings such as tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, etc. Peanut butter and jelly are also offered along with a variety of side options, which may include cookies, chips, granola bars, crackers, fruit, etc.

Dinner Examples

- Sloppy Joes
- BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- Pasta with Red/White Sauce
- Taco and Nacho Bar
- Pizza
- Grill Out with Burgers, Hot Dogs and Veggie Burgers
- Cheesy Chicken Casserole
- Chicken Tenders

Like breakfast and lunch, each dinner menu item has specific accompaniments with its meal. Every dinner meal includes an abundant side salad.

**Meals vary by site because of regional shopping and individual kitchen resources.*

DIETARY CONCERNS AND FOOD ALLERGIES

Due to the nature of large group meal preparation, we cannot guarantee a participant will not be exposed to any certain food. Nor can we promise to have exactly the right food to meet every special dietary need.

For those participants who are gluten-free, YouthWorks will provide GF bread, GF pasta and GF cereal. We also provide a non-dairy milk option.

Navigating the ingredient lists and having access to the correct foods invites too much room for error for staff that don't know and understand the required diet. **We recommend that participants with severe allergies or special dietary needs bring supplemental food for the week.**



CLOTHES TO PACK

for your Mission Trip

Participants going to Puerto Rico have an alternate packing list. Check your paperwork page for a copy.

CLOTHING

During the week your clothes may endure paint, sweat, mud and lots of love from children! Bring clothes that you can work and play hard in. Make sure clothing covers all undergarments when you move around.

- Shorts with at least a three-inch inseam
- Long pants for cool nights. Some service sites require these.
- Short-sleeved shirts
- Long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts and/or light jacket for cool nights
- Nice, clean clothes for a possible worship service
- Underwear and socks
- Tennis shoes or work boots that cover your whole foot and that can get dirty or wet. You'll wear these to service sites and in the kitchen. You can bring a pair of other shoes or sandals for the housing site.
- Comfortable swimsuit for high levels of activity. You may also want one for additional privacy when showering.
- Towel and washcloth
- Shower shoes - flip-flops are great for this
- Work gloves - optional, helpful if you're working outside

OTHER STUFF

- Small shower bag or backpack
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, other toiletries, extra contact lenses, backup pair of glasses, etc.
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Air mattress or camping pad for sleeping on floors; **mattresses must be twin size or smaller**
- Bible and pen
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen, lip balm, hat, sunglasses
- Spending money for snacks and T-shirt purchases
talk to your Trip Leader for further details
- Insect repellent - not every person needs to bring their own; coordinate with others in your group
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered alarm clock not every person needs to bring their own; coordinate with others in your group

NOTES ON PACKING

Because space is limited in the sleeping rooms, everything but your sleeping bag and camping pad or air mattress should fit in one duffel bag or suitcase.

Please check the weather forecast for the community you are visiting to help you know how to pack.

PLEASE AVOID BRINGING

- Blow dryers, curling irons or straightening irons because shower time is short and because many of our housing sites do not have the power to run all these small electronics at one time.
- Electronic devices, too much cash or other valuables that you would consider to be irreplaceable. Also, consider leaving your phone at home. These items can distract you from others during the week and may be susceptible to theft. YouthWorks is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Clothing with obscene, vulgar, threatening, abusive or discriminatory language or images. Do not bring any apparel that represents hate groups or is gang-related, or any apparel that promotes alcohol, chemicals, tobacco or any other product illegal for use by minors.

COVID-SPECIFIC PACKING ITEMS

- At least five masks/cloth face coverings. The CDC recommends washing these daily, so make sure you have enough.
- Small bottle of hand sanitizer
- If you have been vaccinated against COVID-19, please bring a photo or copy of your vaccination card as proof might be requested at certain service locations. Vaccines are not required for participants.

Our Purpose

We exist to connect middle and high school students to God, each other and communities through meaningful Christ-centered mission trips.



OUR VISION

Providing Christ-centered mission trips is our way of serving God's multidenominational Church. We want to help empower every teenager to know God and be like Jesus in the ways they love and serve others, and our desire is the same for churches families, staff and communities. We aim to create experiences that broaden perspectives, ignite passions, expose possibilities and inspire pursuits.

OUR VALUES

As we live out our purpose and vision, we strive for these six priorities to shape the way we work and those we work alongside. These core values hinge on our aspiration to love teenagers, work alongside communities and serve God's Church:



YOUTH

Middle and high school students are a vibrant part of the Church. We laugh, play, serve and engage with them as they learn to love and be loved by Christ. We believe these years are both formative for their future and vital for God's work now.



RESPECTFUL SERVICE

God is already at work in individuals, churches and communities, and we use Jesus' example of servant-leadership to join the work. Throughout our partnership with a community, we listen closely, speak carefully and serve humbly. Respectful service may feel less efficient, but we believe it is more effective and life-giving.



DIVERSITY

We value different styles of worship, stories of faith, stages of life, sets of resources, tones of skin and expressions of culture, and invite others to do the same. By leaving comfort zones to listen and learn from each other, we can more deeply include, interact with and express the diverse beauty of God's Kingdom.



COMMUNITIES

Communities are partners, friends and the places we serve. We continually pursue ways to better listen to, respond to and love them. Entering, working with and learning from these communities should be viewed as an honor and privilege.



RELATIONSHIPS

We pursue intentional interactions, restored relationships and ongoing friendships. Using the ministry of Jesus as our example, we prioritize loving and serving people over programs, projects and plans. The experiences we create encourage authentic connections with others and with God.



DEVELOPMENT

We are committed to pushing out of our comfort zones and exploring new opportunities. We humbly continue to seek growth as we listen and learn from those around us, deepen our understanding and determine direction.