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| MISSION TRIP 2019 |

DATE: JULY 7-13

COST: \$375 per student

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP



General Information and Important Dates

Who: 6th-8th Grade Students

When: Sunday, July 7, 2019 – Saturday, July 13, 2019

Where: New York City, NY (a 6 hour drive from Cornerstone Ministries)

Deadline to register: Sunday, March 3

***Please Note:** Students who register and pay any portion of the cost of the trip but then cancel will not be given a refund. Your **\$100 deposit is due on March 3**, and all **Mission Trip Paperwork is due on March 17**. However space is limited and the trip is first-come first-serve. If the trip fills, additional students will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if a spot opens.*

Cost: \$375 per person.

- **Included in price:** Everything the student needs including: travel to and from Mission Site, lodging, all meals/drinks during our stay and a t-shirt.
- **Not included in price:** Meals and snacks while traveling to and from the Mission Site, and additional snacks or souvenirs while in New York.

Important Mission Team Dates: (*All Team Meetings are required for students to attend, and lunch will be provided.)

Sunday, January 13	12:30 pm	Student & Parent Meeting
Sunday, March 3	12:30 pm	Non-refundable \$100 Deposit Due at The WH *Note that space is limited. First-come first-serve.
Sunday, March 24	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, April 14	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #2 due: \$125
Sunday, May 19	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #3 due: \$150
Sunday, June 30	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
July 7— July 13	See FAQs	Mission Trip to New York City
Sunday, July 28	12:30 pm	Team Celebration Party

Note:

**A team fundraiser will take place to help students raise money toward their trip. The date and time are yet to be determined, but will be communicated as soon as possible.*

About the mission organization we are partnering with:



History of Mission New York City

Mission NYC sprang onto the scene on September 12, 2001, as an immediate response to help those affected by 9/11. At that time Mission NYC entered into a partnership with Harvest NYC, Samaritans Purse & the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to coordinate the response efforts, encourage Emergency Responders and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Emergency Responders working inside Ground Zero, setup multiple respite centers for volunteers, emergency crews and morgue crew members.

Initially they started off by coordinating church volunteers & ministries from all across the USA, Canada & Europe and oversaw a 24/7 ministry to Emergency Responders from Oct 1 2001 – June 2 2002. During that time they also facilitated a one million dollar donation from the Walton Foundation (Walmart) to the Salvation Army annual Toy Shoppe outreach which included the children of those killed at the World Trade Center. Along with that, they also sponsored Christmas in Harlem in December 2001, where over 1,000 children received multiple toys, clothing, coats and personal care items.

Since they were incorporated March 2002, they have:

- Sponsored and coordinated a “Thank You” Banquet to the men & women who served at Ground Zero from the DSNY.
- Organized, coordinated and delivered 50 NYC Christian outreaches into the inner city neighborhoods of Harlem, East Harlem, Sunset Park, and Coney Island in addition to 5 NYCHA housing projects.
- Organized, coordinated and delivered a Christian response to Super Storm Sandy in 2 states (New York & New Jersey) from Nov 2012 – Aug 2013.
- Planned and supported on average 30 mission trip churches per year.
- By 2018, the ministry had created a NYC partner network of over 200 churches, soup kitchens, food pantries, after-school programs, senior citizen community centers and local Christian ministries to help mission teams serve and meet the needs of those least able.
- Have assisted over 75,000 Christian servants who were called to New York City after September 11, 2001 to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bring aide, comfort and encouragement to people living all across the New York region.

Frequently Asked Questions

About New York City:

Could you tell me a little about New York City?

Since September 12, 2001, Mission NYC has sought to serve and spread the message, by working to address the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those living in New York City. On your **New York City** mission trip, you'll experience the hustle and bustle of the city, but also have time to slow down and better understand the real issues from ministry partners who are in it for the long haul. Although it is the financial capital of the world—an estimated 40,000 people sleep in city shelters every night, with thousands more sleeping on the streets. Our team will have the chance to hear their stories and take part in serving through various local ministries in order to make a difference through, Vacation Bible School, Soup Kitchens, and person-to-person prayer in local neighborhoods.

Electronics:

Can I bring my cell phone?

Yes. Students are permitted to bring their phones, but with the expectation that they will not allow their phone to be a distraction on the trip. Phones will be useful for communicating with parents while away, and for entertainment during our long travel times. However, we want students to keep in mind that the purpose of the trip is to serve those in need and develop community with one another. If we see phone usage getting in the way of that purpose, we will ask students to put their phones away for the rest of the week.

Students will be responsible for taking care of their own electronics, therefore we will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, broken, or damaged electronic personal equipment.

Financial Responsibilities:

Is there financial aid available for the Mission Trip?

No. Unlike other student ministry camps, retreats, and events where scholarship funds are typically available, students are responsible to raise support to cover the entire \$375 cost of their trip. In an effort to help students raise support, we will provide fundraising opportunities and a support letter that students can personalize and send out to family and friends.

Will the students need extra spending money?

Yes, students will need money for any food, snacks, drinks, etc. during travel times to and from New York. Students are also encouraged to bring money for souvenirs, or additional snacks while in New York. We suggest no more than \$200 cash. We suggest \$50 minimum. We cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen cash/valuables.

What is the payment schedule?

Total mission trip cost is \$375. The payment schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 3	Down Payment #1: \$100 Deposit and Paperwork Due
Sunday, April 14	Payment #2: \$125
Sunday, May 19	Payment #3: \$150 *All payments are non-refundable

Frequently Asked Questions

Meetings:

Will there be any meetings prior to the mission trip or after we return?

Yes! We will have 4 team meetings leading up to the trip to prepare the team for our time in New York. These meetings are **REQUIRED** for participants to attend, since these meeting will prepare our students to be most effective for the ministry they will be doing in New York. Please review the "Team Dates" section for dates. There, will also be a team celebration party two weeks after we return from the mission trip, which is not required, but students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Sunday, March 24	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, April 14	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #2 due: \$125
Sunday, May 19	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #3 due: \$150
Sunday, June 30	12:30 pm	Team Meeting

Housing:

Where do the students sleep?

We will be staying at a church in Brooklyn, NY. The church we will be staying at has 2 separate sections for lodging. 1 for boys, and another for girls.

Do I need to bring a sleeping bag and/or pillow?

Yes. While there are cots available at the church, students can still bring an air mattress of their own if they would rather. Students will also need to bring a pillow, as well as, a sleeping bag and/or bed linens.

What is the student to leader ratio?

We anticipate the ratio will be approximately 5:1.

How will the students be supervised?

All staff and volunteer adults leading the mission trip have been trained by our Student Ministry Staff, and have been through background screening.

Medication/Dietary Restrictions:

What if my student has food allergies or dietary restriction?

The Warehouse leaders going on the trip will be buying and preparing the food for everyone throughout the trip. If your student has any food allergies or dietary restrictions, please inform Pastor Joel prior to the trip so that we can plan our meals in accordance with your child's dietary needs.

What if I have medications I need to bring?

Please bring all medications in their original container.

All medications will need to be turned in to The Warehouse ministry team at drop off and will be given to your student on schedule or as needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Travel Info:

How will we be traveling to our destination?

We will be traveling to the Mission Site via Cornerstone's 26 passenger bus, and 15 passenger van.

How many pieces of luggage can I bring on the mission trip?

Because space is VERY limited in the vans, everything but your sleeping bag must fit in one duffel bag or suitcase.

What all will the Cornerstone Mission Team be doing on this Mission Trip?

Throughout our week in New York City, students will have the opportunity to serve the community by partnering with local soup kitchens, spending some time landscaping at a historic church, delivering meals to the elderly, praying with locals in the park, and hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) at a church in Brooklyn.

On this trip, our middle school students will participate in a wide variety of service opportunities.

Through this process, students will discover their natural skills and spiritual gifts, as well as what areas of service they are most passionate about. This will help them to return home with a better vision of how they can use those skills to better serve here in their local community.

Also, between our morning and afternoon service projects, and in the evenings, our students will be given a guided tour of all the best parts of the city by Pastor Joel, who has lead 3 other Mission Trips to NYC, as well as other leisure trips. On this trip, students will be able to see everything from Central Park, Time Square, the Rockefeller Center, China Town, Wall Street, The Ground Zero Memorial and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Tentative Mission Trip Schedule

Travel Day: Sunday, July 7 Depart from The Warehouse at 1pm

Day 1: Monday, July 8

5:30a Wake up and get ready
7:00a Group 1: Lead Chapel Service and Serve food at a Manhattan Soup Kitchen
7:00a Group 2: Serve at a food pantry in Brooklyn

10:00a Group 1: Serve Lunch at a Manhattan Soup Kitchen
12:00p Lunch

3:00p Group 1: Help and Beautification at a Brooklyn Church
3:00p Group 2: Vacation Bible School (VBS) at a Brooklyn Church
6:00p Work Projects End

6:30p Dinner

7-8:45p Free Time / Visiting The Brooklyn Bridge
8:45p Evening Worship Service & "God Moments"
10:00p Relax & Get Ready for Bed
10:45p Lights out

Day 2: Tuesday, July 9

8:00a Wake up and get ready
10:30a Landscaping and Clean-up at a Historic Church in the Bronx

1:00p Lunch

3:00p Group 1: VBS at a Brooklyn Church
3:00p Group 2: Help and Beautification at a Brooklyn Church

6:00p Work Projects End

6:30p Dinner

7-9:00p Free Time / Sight Seeing in Time Square
9:00p Evening Worship & "God Moments"
10:00p Relax & Get Ready for Bed
10:45p Lights out

Day 3: Wednesday, July 10

5:30a Wake up and get ready
7:00a Group 1: Lead Chapel Service and Serve food at a Manhattan Soup Kitchen
7:00a Group 2: Serve at a food pantry in Brooklyn

10:00a Group 1: Serve Lunch at a Manhattan Soup Kitchen
12:00p Lunch

Tentative Mission Trip Schedule

3:00p Group 1: Community Outreach around Brooklyn Church
3:00p Group 2: VBS at a Brooklyn Church
6:00p Work Projects End

6:30-8:45p Free Time / Visiting Wall Street, The Ground Zero Memorial, and China Town

7:45p Dinner in China Town
9:00p Evening Worship Service & "God Moments"
10:00p Relax & Get Ready for Bed
10:45p Lights out

Day 4: Thursday, July 11

8:30a Wake up and get ready
10:00a Deliver Meals to the Elderly

1:00p Lunch

3:00p Group 1: Vacation Bible School at a Brooklyn Church
3:00p Group 2: Community Outreach around Brooklyn Church

6:00p Work Projects End

6:30p Dinner

7-9:00p Free Time / Sight Seeing in Time Square
9:00p Evening Worship & "God Moments"
10:00p Relax & Get Ready for Bed
10:45p Lights out

Day 5: Friday, July 12

5:30a Wake up and get ready
7:00a Group 1: Lead Chapel Service and Serve food at a Manhattan Soup Kitchen
7:00a Group 2: Prep for Evening Picnic in The Park

10:00a Amazing Prayer Journey/ Guided Scavenger Hunt in Central Park

12:00p Lunch

3:00p Put on a Church Picnic/ VBS Celebration in the Park near our VBS Location
6:00p Work Project End

6:30-8:45p Free Time / Sight Seeing Coney Island Boardwalk

7:45p Dinner on The Coney Island Boardwalk
9:00p Evening Worship Service & "God Moments"
10:00p Relax & Get Ready for Bed
11:30p Lights out

Travel Day: Saturday, July 13 Arrive Back at The Warehouse at 4pm

The Packing List

Medications:

- ___ All medications needed for the week.
 - o Please bring all medications in their original container, along with a schedule for the medications to be taken.

Pants/Shorts:

- ___ Jeans (2 pairs)
- ___ Shorts
- ___ Sleeping shorts
- ___ Athletic shorts (2-3)

Shirts:

- ___ T-shirts – (1) per day max.
- ___ Work t-shirt – (1) per day max.
- ___ Sleeping shirt

Shoes:

- ___ Work Shoes/ Boots
- ___ Athletic shoes
- ___ Shower shoes

Undergarments:

- ___ Underwear
- ___ Socks

Other Clothing:

- ___ Hat
- ___ Work gloves
- ___ Rain poncho

Bedding:

- ___ Sleeping Bag or Twin Size Bedding
- ___ Pillow
- ___ Optional Air Mattress

Shower stuff:

- ___ Shower towel /wash cloth
- ___ Soap, ___ Shampoo, ___ Deodorant, ___ Toothbrush, ___ Toothpaste, ___ Contact Solution,
- ___ Other Toiletries

Other:

- ___ Bible/pen/notebook
- ___ Cell Phone
- ___ Headphones for travel times
- ___ Reusable Water bottle
- ___ Lip balm & sun glasses
- ___ Flash light or headlamp
- ___ Snacks (please don't bring anything with nuts)
- ___ Gatorade packets
- ___ Crackers, pretzels, granola bars

The Packing List

- ☐ Trash bag for wet items
- ☐ Personal first-aid kit (include band-aids, etc.)
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Spending money (\$200 max)
- ☐ Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- ☐ Sun Screen
- ☐ Personal Battery operated fan + extra batteries

Please don't bring:

- ☐ Tank tops/cut-offs
- ☐ Electronics
- ☐ Other valuables
- ☐ Too much cash. (\$200 max. Cornerstone cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.)
- ☐ Drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc.

Note:

Due to limited space, please ensure all belongings except your bedding fit into 1 duffle bag or suitcase.

If you have any additional questions about the mission trip please contact us!

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