

THE WAREHOUSE PRESENTS

NEW YORK city



| MISSION TRIP 2020 |

6 - 8 GRADE

Middle School Mission Trip



General Information and Important Dates

Who: 6th-8th Grade Students

When: Sunday, July 19, 2019 – Saturday, July 25, 2019

Where: Brooklyn, NY (a 6 hour drive from Cornerstone Ministries)

Deadline to register: Sunday, January 12

***Please Note:** Students who register and pay any portion of the cost of the trip but then cancel will not be given a refund. You must register and pay the \$100 by Sunday, January 12. However space is limited and the trip is first-come first-serve to the first 32 students who register. 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, Nov. 17	12:30 pm	Student & Parent Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 12	12:30 pm	Non-Refundable \$100 Deposit Due *Note that space is limited. First-come first-serve.
Sunday, Jan 19	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & Parents Meeting
Sunday, Mar. 1	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #2 due: \$125
Sunday, Apr. 5	12:30pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, May 3	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, Jun. 7	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #3 due: \$150
Sunday, June 14-19	See FAQ's	Vertical Camp (Mission Trip Drama Team Rehearsals) *Vertical Camp is only a requirement for Drama Team Members
Sunday, July 12	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & Parent Meeting
July 19- July 25	See FAQ's	Mission Trip to New York City
Sunday, Aug. 2	TBD	Team Celebration Party

Note:

**Additional rehearsal meetings will likely be scheduled for those students on the drama team.*

New York Mission Trip Tentative Schedule

July 19-25, 2020

Travel Day: Sunday, July 19 Meet @ The Warehouse @ 9am

Day 1: Monday, July 20
Morning Outreach Project Around Maria Hernandez Park
Afternoon Vacation Bible School at Living Waters
Fellowship Evening Site-Seeing at Brooklyn Bridge Park

Day 2 Tuesday, July 21
Morning Community Service Project/Soup Kitchen
Afternoon Vacation Bible School at Living Waters Fellowship
Evening Site-Seeing at Ground Zero and Wall Street

Day 3 Wednesday, July 22
Morning Community Service Project/Soup Kitchen
Afternoon Vacation Bible School at Living Waters
Fellowship Evening Site-Seeing at Rockefeller Center

Day 4 Thursday, July 23
Visit Good Morning America
Sight-Seeing in Time Square
Afternoon Vacation Bible School at Living Waters Fellowship
Evening Site-Seeing at Central Park & Time Square

Day 5 Friday, July 24
Morning Community Service Project/Soup Kitchen
Afternoon Prayer Journey & Site-Seeing in Central Park
Evening Community Picnic at Living Waters Fellowship

Travel Day Saturday, July 25 Arrive The Warehouse @ 4pm

Frequently Asked Questions

About New York City:

Could you tell me a little about 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 ministry 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, taking pictures while site-seeing 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 personal electronic 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, the Cornerstone Trustees are considering a special offering to be received for the student ministry mission trips, but this has not been confirmed. Students will also be given a sample support letter that they can personalize and send out to family and friends. We also encourage students to post a link on social media to their Managed Missions Accounts, where friends and family can then donate online to their trip cost. Ultimately, the cost of the trip is the sole responsibility of the student and their family.

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 they may want 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:

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| Sunday, January 12 | Down Payment #1: \$100 Deposit and Paperwork Due
<i>*Remember: The spots on the trip are on a first come first serve basis, and waiting until the deadline may cause you to miss out on this year's trip.</i>
<i>*All payments are non-refundable</i> |
| Sunday, March 1 | Payment #2: \$125 |
| Sunday, June 7 | Payment #3: \$150 |

Frequently Asked Questions

Meetings:

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

Yes! We will have 6 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 meetings 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. If you work or have a team practice for a sport, please notify your employer/coach of these dates. For work: Please request that you not be scheduled to work during the time of our team meetings. For sports: Please notify your coach that you will not be able to attend practices on these dates. There, will also be a team celebration party one week after we return from the mission trip, which is not required, but students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Sunday, January 19	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & Parent Meeting
Sunday, March 1	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #2 due: \$125
Sunday, April 5	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, May 3	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & payment #3 due: \$150
Sunday, June 7	12:30 pm	Team Meeting
Sunday, July 12	12:30 pm	Team Meeting & Parent Meeting

Other than attending Team Meetings, are there any other requirements of students?

Yes, students must attend 60% (at least 15 of 25) weekend services between Jan 19th and July 13th at The Warehouse or at their home church. If attending at a church other than The Warehouse, students will need to provide proof of attendance signed by a pastor.

Housing:

Where do the students sleep?

We will be staying at Living Waters Fellowship Church in Brooklyn, NY. The church we will be staying at has 2 separate floors for lodging. 1 for boys, and another for girls. Living Waters Fellowship is located at 265 Stanhope St, Brooklyn, NY 11237, and is the same church that we will be holding our Vacation Bible School.

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

Yes. While there are bunk beds with mattresses available at the church, students still need to bring their own pillow, as well as, a sleeping bag and/or bed linens made for a twin sized bed.

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 and our Safe Place for Kids Training.

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

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 additional passenger vans.

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

Because space is VERY limited in the vans, everything but your sleeping bag and pillow 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, delivering meals to the elderly, praying with locals in the park, and hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Living Waters Fellowship 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 led 4 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.

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

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
- Power Bar
- 8' Extension Cord
- Wet Wipes
- Reusable Water bottle
- Lip balm & sun glasses
- Flash light or headlamp

The Packing List

- Crackers, pretzels, granola bars
- Snacks (please don't bring anything with nuts)
- Gatorade packets
- 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
- Shorts that are less than finger tip length
- 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 duffel bag or suitcase.

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

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