

Summer Missions Trip 2024

Date: Sunday, July 7th – Friday, July 12th

Lodging Information: McKendree United Methodist Church

*2421 Lawrence Street, Washington DC 20018

*The church has nothing to do with our ministry work

*Shower Specifics: Private

*Field for recreation: Yes, and a near by park

*Air Conditioning: YES – Central Air

*Guys and girls will have separate sections for sleeping

*The church has some bunk beds. They will be available to us. No need for air mattresses

*Additional Information: If an **emergency** arises and your child needs to be contacted, contact Mike (201-625-2592).

Serving Information:

*Where: The DC area

*When: Monday – Thursday

*What: Food Pantry, Food prep in kitchen, Serve food at Soup Kitchens, Urban Farm, Work at home of elderly people, etc

*CSM sets our group up with a representative from that community. This person works for CSM, serves in this community, and knows it very well.

Cost: \$665

*The cost of this trip includes: all travel expenses, all meals, curriculum materials, and CSM staff fees. We will have our own CSM representative with us the entire week.

*A deposit in the amount of \$200 is due by our next meeting (4/26/24). **This deposit confirms your spot on the trip. It is nonrefundable**

*Your final payment is due by our last meeting (6/14/24)

*You can make your checks payable to Fardale Trinity Church and write Youth Missions Trip on the memo line

Theme: *Impact*

Through our devotions we will be looking at how we can impact those around us

Trip Details:

We will be serving with the same organization (City Service Mission) as we did several years ago. For more information about CSM visit their website: csm.org. A feature about this organization is that they take us to a different restaurant for dinner every night (Thai, Indian, Chili, Peruvian, etc). A staff member from CSM coordinates our service projects, which will take place Monday-Thursday from around 9-5 each day. They also coordinate our meals. There will be other group participating in this trip with us. While we will lodge together, we will not serve together or eat dinner together.

I am very excited about what God is going to do in and through the lives of each of us who attend the trip!

Forms:

Included in this packet you will find valuable information for you and your child going forward. There are forms from me (Medical Release and Code of Conduct) and there are forms from CSM that need to be filled out, signed and returned to **me** by next meeting (4/26). If you aren't able to attend the 4/26 meeting, please make sure you get the forms to me on or before that date.

In this packet there are other pages, such as: Our Schedule, Packing List, and Important Dates & Reminders that you will find helpful.

Support Letters:

Toward the end of this packet you will find a sample support letter. Writing a support letter is a great way to let people know about you and the work God is doing in your life. It could be an opportunity to start witnessing to someone. It's also a great way to trust God with every aspect of the trip, including finances. If you decide to write a letter, send it to everyone you know. They should be written and sent by 4/1, so you have 3 full months to receive your support.

Moving Forward...

Things I Need To Do:

1. Write and send your support letter
2. Fill out, sign, and return forms to Mike by 4/26
3. Bring your initial deposit of \$200 to the next meeting (4/26)
4. Begin looking at the Packing List to see what to bring
5. Attend the meetings before the trip (4/26 & 6/14), the Sunday service the day of the trip (7/7), and the Sunday service when we return (7/14)
6. Pray for God's provision for the trip. Pray for His financial provision, since we are raising support. Also pray for Him to use you and teach you something through this trip. Lastly, begin praying for the people we will be serving, that the work we do would be a blessing.

Make Sure Your Support Letter Includes:

1. A good description of what we'll be doing (Paragraph 2)
2. Why you want to attend the trip (Paragraph 1)
3. We are trusting God for the trip and we need prayer (Paragraph 3)
4. They can also help financially (Paragraph 4)
5. How much the trip costs and what the cost includes (Paragraph 4)
6. How the check should be written and where to send it (Paragraph 4)
7. Tear off tab with info

Important Dates & Info

Important Dates:

1. 3/22 – First Missions trip Meeting
2. 4/26 – Second Missions Trip Meeting (forms & deposit)
3. 6/14 – Last Meeting Before the Trip (final payment due)
4. 7/7 – Dedication Service 9:45 (prayer for the team during Sunday Service)
5. 7/7 – Trip begins after church. We eat lunch on the road
6. 7/12 – Trip ends – Pick up from FTC at around 4/5:00pm
7. 7/14 – Sunday Service to display and recap the trip 9:45

Important Info:

1. The dedication service on July 7th starts at 9:45. We call everyone coming on the trip to the front of the sanctuary where Pastor Lee will pray for us.
2. When you come to the service on Sunday, July 7th, you'll bring your luggage and a bagged lunch. Immediately after the service, we will pack the vans, pray, and leave. We will eat our lunch on the road
3. Pick up will be at around 4/5:00 on Friday, July 12th.
4. The Sunday service to display the trip on 7/14 also starts at 9:45. Each person will play a role in the service.
5. Your initial deposit of \$200 is due by our next meeting, 4/26
6. Your final payment is due by our final meeting, 6/14. If any support (general or individual) comes in after that date, that money will go toward future trips.
7. They need to bring money for lunch on the way home (fast food - \$20)
8. Bring snacks for the lodging facility
9. It's optional to bring extra money for dunkin donuts runs each day

Rough Schedule

Sunday - 7/7/24

- Dedication/Prayer service at FTC 9:45
- Pack vans, pray, and leave 11:15
- Arrive at lodging facility & Orientation 5:00
- Dinner 6:30
- Free Time 8:30-10:15
- Get Ready for Bed 10:15
- Lights Out 10:30

Monday-Thursday - 7/8/24 - 7/11/24

- Wake up at 7:00
- Breakfast & Devotions 7:30-8:30
- Prep to leave for worksite 8:30-9:00
- Serve 9:00-5:00
- Lunch 12:00-1:00
- Return to lodging 5:00ish
- Shower 5:00-6:00 (subject to change, based on CSM set schedule)
- Dinner at a Restaurant 6:00-7:00
- Debrief/ Devotion/ Free Time 7:30-10:00
- Get ready for bed 10:15
- Lights Out 10:30

Friday - 7/12/24

- Wake up at 7:00
- Breakfast 7:30
- Pack bags and clean 7:30-8:30
- Leave 9:00ish
- Pick up at FTC 4/5:00

Packing List

Individual List:

1. Sleeping bag and/or sheets
2. Blanket and Pillow
3. Towels and washcloths
4. Swimsuit & Shower shoes
5. Toothpaste and toothbrush
6. Soap and shampoo
7. Any prescription medications
8. Plastic bags for dirty clothes
9. Bible
10. Sunglasses (for when we work outside)
11. Sunscreen
12. Hat/visor
13. Insect repellent
14. Fan
15. Flashlight
16. Spending Money (for Dunkin Donut stops)
17. Long pants (not leggings) – Some food service places require this
18. Long shirts – Some food service places require this
19. Close toed shoes – required while we serve
20. No tank-tops

*Camera

*Musical Instruments

*Cell Phones – will only be used at our lodging facility. If they are being used at the project site, we will take them away. If there is an emergency and they must be reached during a time we'll be serving, you can call Mike's cell phone (201-625-2592).

What Not To Bring:

1. Alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs
2. Expensive clothes or jewelry
3. Computer, ipad, or electronic games
4. Fireworks, weapons, or toy guns
5. Revealing clothing (refer to the Code of Conduct)
6. Any clothing representing politics or a political stance

As a Group:

1. First Aid Kits
2. 1-5 Gallon Jug
3. 2 Coolers
4. GPS
5. Cups

Code of Conduct

- I will respect the spiritual growth and work goals of the missions trip and participate in all scheduled activities
- I will not act or behave in a way that creates significant distractions to other participants or staff
- I will respect the privacy of others by not entering into areas of the lodging facility that are assigned to females if I am a male or males if I am a female
- I will dress modestly at all times: I will not wear short shorts, tank tops, low cut shirts, shirts that expose the mid-section, clothing that have letters written on the chest or bottom, and clothing that has references to drugs, alcohol, or sexual innuendos. I will wear my pants around my waste and shoes on my feet
- I will respect the local community and lodging facility by not causing any damage
- I will not use foul language, abusive language, or engage in reckless behavior that might cause harm to others
- So I can focus on God and building relationships with others, I will not bring my computer, ipad, or electronic video games
- I will not use my phone at a worksite. Although I may use my phone at the lodging facility, I will limit that use. And I will not use it during the program and devotions
- I will not leave the project site or lodging facility without permission from an FTC adult
- I will respect the schedule, including lights out times
- I will not have in my possession illegal drugs, firearms, tobacco, or alcohol. I will obey the laws of the community
- For my safety, I will practice the buddy system at all times.
- I will obey the FTC adults and other missions trip supervisors, even if they are from other groups
- I will respect the rules and policies of the lodging facility
- I will not give out my personal information to anyone (cell phone, address, etc)
- I will let an FTC adult know whenever/if ever an issue arises, so they can handle the issue, NOT ME.
- I will at least try the food at the restaurants. If I don't like the food, I will not complain. I will treat the staff and other diners with respect
- I will not wear any clothing that represents politics or a political stance
- Pants and closed-toe shoes are required when serving at all shelters or serving food

*It is out of respect for God, Fardale Trinity Church, myself, and others that I abide by these rules.
*I understand that if I violate these rules I may not be allowed to attend a future trip, or I may be sent home immediately.

*I have read and understand these rules:

Parents Name: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Students Name: _____

Students Signature: _____



FARDALE TRINITY CHURCH

A PERSONAL & PURPOSEFUL MINISTRY

73 CHAPEL ROAD

MAHWAH, NJ 07430

201-825-1823 - FARDALETRINITYCHURCH.ORG

Senior Pastor – Lee Kliewer

Associate Pastor – Mike Byrne

Dear,

I am writing you this letter because I wanted to inform you about something exciting that my church's youth ministry and I are going to be doing this summer. God has given me an opportunity to serve Him in ways that are out of my comfort zone, and to serve people in a community that is in need. I really felt like God was putting it on my heart to serve Him in this way, so I want to tell you more about it.

From July 7th through July 12th a team of people from my church and I will be going to Washington, DC. We are going to be serving with a well-known Christian organization called City Service Mission (CSM). Feel free to check them out online at csm.org to find out more information about who they are and what they do. During my time in DC my team and I will be serving various organizations and ministries in the community. Everyday we will serve 2 organizations, which will include: Children's after school program, Homeless Shelter, Soup Kitchen, Men's Shelter, and Women's Shelter.

I don't know exactly how God is going to use me on this trip, and I don't know what He's going to do in the lives of the people we are serving. However, I do trust that He will work through me to accomplish His will. I also know that if this trip is going to be a success, God will need to be working through every aspect of it. That's why I'm looking for a team of people who would be willing to pray with us. My team and I have already begun praying about this trip and I'd love for you to join us. If you would be willing to commit to praying for our team while we are away, please check off the prayer section of the tear off tab and send it to: Fardale Trinity Church 73 Chapel Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

Another way that you could partner with us in this ministry is through sponsoring our team financially. The total cost per person to attend the trip is \$665. This cost includes all travel fees, lodging, meals, and camp staff. If you are willing to help out in anyway financially, please make a check payable to Fardale Trinity Church and write "Youth Missions Trip" on the memo line. Please send the check and the tear off tab to the above address.

Thank you in advance for your partnership in this ministry!

In Christ,

I am willing to support the Youth Missions Trip in the following way(s):

I commit to pray for the team while they are away

I would like to financially support the team with the enclosed check

The individual I am supporting is: _____

*If I raise more than the cost of my trip, the excess will go toward the cost of my entire team

*If support is received after June 14th, that money will either go toward future trips, or it will go toward our youth ministry.

Please mail checks to: Fardale Trinity Church, 73 Chapel Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430



Code of Conduct

Trip ID Number: _____	Dates of Trip: _____
Participant Name _____	Age: _____
What city are you serving in? _____	Church Name/Group Leader _____

As ambassadors of Jesus and in an effort to sustain trips that are safe, organized and fun, we ask that all participants agree to and abide by the following:

General

- The key to urban ministry is flexibility. We have a schedule prepared for you, but God may have something different in mind. If plans change, just accept it as God's guidance for your trip and go with it.
- You are an ambassador for Jesus Christ. You will want to behave well towards each other and strangers.
- Always be aware of what's going on around you.
- The people of the city work hard at preserving their cultures. Please respect that these may be different from your own.

Dress Code

- Bring attire that you are comfortable in and that you don't mind getting dirty.
- Pants and closed-toe shoes will be required when serving at all shelters or serving food.
- Shorts should be fingertip length.
- Tights/ leggings do not count as long pants.
- Long-sleeved shirt is recommended for yard work.
- No tight clothing, midriff shirts, short shorts, tank tops, etc outside of the housing site. If in doubt, don't wear it.
- If you will be attending a Sunday worship service, girls may wear skirts/dresses below the knee, jeans without holes, or dress pants and guys may wear dress pants/nice jeans and a shirt.
- All sandals must have a back strap (no flip flops).

In the City/Community Partners

- Nothing is to be left in the vans. Bring only what you want to carry with you. Not all community partners have a place to securely keep personal items.
- Never wander off on your own. Stick in pairs or in groups with a leader at all times and stay aware of your surroundings.
- Do not give out your home address or phone number.
- Always ask your City Host before taking a picture of anyone who is not in your group.
- No public displays of affection between males and females.
- Commit to listening and learning more about the cultures you are experiencing instead of making comments or jokes about them.
- Do not wave, motion or shout out the van windows. Your actions could result in a misunderstanding, could be offensive to



- If you think you have uncovered a legitimate need, report it to your CSM host and they will help you address the concern.

someone else, and could put your group in danger.

Housing

- We are guests here. We ask that you respect the building and property.
- It is a shared space so we ask that you leave it the way you found it.
- In the event that any part of the facility is lost or broken by someone in your group, your church will be expected to compensate our housing partner for the cost.
- Girls and guys will not be permitted to visit one another's rooms.
- All exterior doors must remain locked, and no one is allowed outside without an adult.
- Drugs, alcohol and tobacco products are not permitted on CSM premises.
- Everyone should be in their rooms and quiet by 10:30 p.m. and lights out by 11:00 p.m. –This enables everyone to get important rest so we can be focused during the day.
- Breakfast and lunch supplies are in the kitchen. These foods are only for breakfast and lunch.

Restaurant Etiquette

- Try everything once. These are foods and customs from other cultures. Different isn't good or bad, it's just different.
- Be aware of noise levels. We want to be respectful to our restaurant partners and staff.
- Don't complain. The restaurant staff work hard to preserve their cultures.
- Please advise CSM staff about any allergies within your group BEFORE arriving in the city. Remind your staff upon arrival.
- We recommend that participants with specific dietary restrictions should bring supplemental food items with them to the city. Please make arrangements with your City Directors before arriving in the city.

Cell Phones

- No cell phones allowed out at community partners or any CSM activity.
- Leaders should always keep their phones on them.
- Student cell phone usage outside of the community partners or any CSM activity is up to the discretion of the group leader.

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and agree to follow these expectations.

Trip Participant	Trip Participant's Parent/Guardian Name
Participant Name	Parent/Guardian Name (if participant is under 18)
Participant Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18)
Date / /	Date / /



Release and Waiver of Liability

Trip ID Number: _____	Dates of Trip: _____
Participant Name _____	Age: _____
What city are you serving in? _____	Church Name/Group Leader _____

I, _____, desire to serve as a trip participant for The Center for Student Missions d/b/a City. Service. Mission (CSM)

Release and Waiver: I expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm and release and discharge CSM, its directors, officers, employees, and agents and their successors from and waive any and all liability for any injury, illness, death or property damage resulting from my participation. In consideration of being permitted to serve as a trip participant, I, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless CSM, its Board of Directors, officers, employees, agents and their successors from any and all liability and claims, demands and rights of action arising from activities in participation with CSM.

Medical Treatment: I understand that I take full responsibility for my welfare and safety. I hereby give permission for emergency medical treatment to be administered as deemed appropriate. I discharge CSM from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with my activities as a trip participant.

Photographic Release: I also permit the release of any photographs, video or audio recordings taken of me for the promotional use of CSM and waive all claims for compensation for such use or for damages. In the event of a crisis, I will not speak to the press, but will refer parties to a CSM staff member.

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read and agree to the above terms.

Trip Participant	Trip Participant's Parent/Guardian Name
Participant Name _____	Parent/Guardian Name (if participant is under 18) _____
Participant Signature _____	Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18) _____
Date ____/____/____	Date ____/____/____

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Iron Pillars Youth Ministry

Medical Release Form

In the event of an emergency, I (Parent/Guardian) give my consent to the sponsors to authorize emergency medical treatment for **my child**, _____. This permission is given for, and in consideration of Fardale Trinity Church, sponsoring any trip and permitting my child to participate during the calendar year 20__.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____ 20__

Information

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Child's SS#: _____

Male Female

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Phone: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

If not available in an emergency notify:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Child's Physician's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Insurance Provider: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Policy #: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Group #: _____

Allergies: _____ Insect Sting

_____ Food (list if yes) _____

_____ Medications (list if yes) _____

_____ Other, (list if yes) _____