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COLORADO MISSION TRIP

Denver, Colorado | June 23 - 30, 2012



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Middle School Ministry Parents and Students!

For one week this summer, June 23-30, a team of students and a group of adult leaders will be heading to Colorado for a Middle School Ministry (MSM) mission week that has proven to be an amazing, faith-impacting experience. Don't just take our word for it, read some of the many testimonials that both leaders and students have said about past MSM mission trips:

Parent Thoughts

"I would encourage any parent to let their child experience this life-affecting event. Your child will be touched by the Holy Spirit in a way that they can't experience by staying home and helping elsewhere. To those parents considering to go as a leader, 'Just Do It'! I was very cautious about leaving for 7 days to be with middle school kids. I had the time of my life and it recharged my faith life. You will get more than you give. I promise!" - Tom Walker

"On the MSM Mission Trip we all grew personally - often being challenged outside our comfort zones. We grew as a team, learning to work together in serving others, and we grew in our faith, growing closer to the Lord each day of the trip. The experience was priceless!" - Becky Cumming

Student Thoughts

"You get close to people you didn't know before the trip and get to see the true face of God and his work." - Zach

"It was really fun getting to work with the elderly and also working at the thrift store. I really saw God moving through me during my experience. This trip was a really great faith-growing experience that is easy to share with friends and peers. It's a great experience that I'll never forget!" - Holly

"The MSM Mission Trip is an amazing, God-revealing experience. God showed up in truly wonderful ways! It was the BEST week of my life!! - Kayla

At the beginning of the trip I wasn't very close to God and I wasn't really okay with making new friends. By the end of the trip I felt so much closer to God as my Lord more than I have ever been in my life. I also made friends that I will have forever! - Maraya L.

Going on the trip was great because we got to see how privileged we really are and how we should be so much more grateful for what we have. Helping out there, in a less fortunate place, really let us see the other side of things. The Holy Spirit was obviously present this week in ways we can't explain. I guess you just had to be there! The experience was definitely life changing! - Kayla B.



Only 33 spots available!

As you can see, you don't want to miss this life-impacting opportunity. **Please join us for an information meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 130 in the Worship Center.** Most of what you need to know about the MSM mission trip is in this packet.

Registration begins September 23 at www.popmsm.org!

Hope to serve with you in Colorado!

Jeff Lexvold

Middle School Ministry Director

Colorado Mission Trip 2012: June 23-30

A Life-Changing, Christ-Centering Experience



1) Trip Overview

Saturday, June 23

- 6:00 a.m. Load up outside the Family Room at Prince of Peace, lower east parking lot.
- 6:45 a.m. Group prayer, drive to North Platte, NE, arrive at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 24

- Breakfast, morning devos, travel five hours to rafting location just west of Denver.
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Whitewater rafting at a medium rapidity.
- 6:00 p.m. Check in at the YouthWorks site in Denver, CO.

Monday, June 25 - Thursday, June 28 See #3 "A Typical YouthWorks Day" below.

Friday, June 29

Spend the morning at Denver's huge amusement and water park. Drive to a church in NE for the week debrief and rest.

Saturday, June 30

Morning devos, head north for a long drive with much snoozing in the vans. Estimated time of arrival at Prince of Peace.

2) Expectations

- a) Pray that God would move you to rise above your comfort level: in fundraising, worshiping, serving and loving others.
- b) Participate in the four mission trip unity building meetings in the Prince of Peace Worship Center.
 - Sunday, February 12** Mission Mtg #1, Community Room; 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, March 11** Mission Mtg #2, Community Room; 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.; **2nd payment due: \$130/students**
 - Sunday, April 15** Mission Mtg #3, Community Room; 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, May 20** Mission Mtg #4, BBQ with parents/Worship at Crystal Lake Beach; 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; **Final payment due: \$200/students, \$150/leaders. All forms must be turned in.**
- c) Respectful behavior with a desire to submit to God and serve others.

3) A Typical YouthWorks Day (Monday - Thursday)

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast	3:30 p.m.	Leave work sites/clean up
8:00 a.m.	Devotions	5:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:45 a.m.	Day prep/prayer	6:30 p.m.	Evening activity
9:00 a.m.	Depart to sites	9:00 p.m.	CLUB! (Fun worship!)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	10:00 p.m.	Church group time
		11:15 p.m.	Lights out! Hit the pillow!

4) Registration & Cost

Cost for students: \$455 with a \$125 deposit made by January 12, or \$475 with a \$145 deposit after midnight on January 12.

Cost to adult leaders: \$275 with a deposit of \$125 due by December 8.

Registration: Students and leaders must register at www.popmsm.org. The deposit must be paid at time of registration.

The cost covers all transportation, registration fees, housing, food during the work week, programming, rafting and dinners on the road. All participants are responsible for two breakfasts (\$10) and four lunches (\$30) during travel. There are 33 spots for students and 6 spots for adult leaders (over 21 years of age). **The deposit is non-refundable after January 12. Students registered after January 12 are not guaranteed a spot and will be put on a wait list.**

5) Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact Kristine Krueger at 952-898-9337 or kkrueger@princeofpeaceonline.org with questions regarding this amazing MSM mission trip. Fundraising options are available and planned for this trip to be affordable.

Information for Parents about YouthWorks Denver, CO

Who is YouthWorks?

YouthWorks is a youth mission organization created to serve youth, communities and the church. It is a multi-denominational ministry that provides youth with a life-changing experience by allowing them to be the hands and feet of Christ and to see God move in a new way. The mission trip opens their eyes to both situations and relationships in different communities and allows them to serve side by side with their peers, learn from leaders and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

For the last seventeen years, YouthWorks has partnered with thousands of churches to provide week-long mission trips to communities across the U.S., Mexico, Puerto Rico and Canada. In this last summer alone, over 37,000 youth and adult leaders from over 2,000 churches went on YouthWorks mission trips!

Tell me about Denver, CO.

Denver, Colorado sits at almost the exact center of the country. It's known as the "Mile-High City" because of its elevation of exactly one mile (5,280 feet) above sea level. Prior to 1858, there were no permanent residents in the Denver metro area. Thirty years later, following the Gold Rush, Colorado was a state with a population of almost 200,000. Today, Denver's population is 588,349. Thirty-two percent of residents are of Hispanic and Latino descent and 11 percent are African American. Denver's diversity is celebrated at numerous festivals, including the nation's largest Cinco de Mayo celebration. There are plenty of recreational opportunities in the area, with more than 200 parks in the city and 20,000 acres of parks in the nearby mountains. "Colorado" is a Spanish word that means 'colored red,' and was commonly used to describe the mountains of this region. The sight of the reddish-hued mountains has been an inspiration to many, including Katherine Lee Bates' America the Beautiful in 1893. Like many urban areas, there are pockets of Denver that struggle with affordable housing and poverty. Fifteen percent of residents live below the poverty level, including 12 percent of those age 65 or older. There also are 4,600 homeless individuals in the city of Denver, 43 percent of whom are women and children. Children represent a growing percentage of homeless people in the area—many living in motels, shelters or other temporary housing.

What happens during a typical YouthWorks day?

Youth will assist in meal preparations, participate in personal devotion time, work at the various ministry sites, experience fun and cultural evening activities and engage in a "Club time" that includes worship, games, skits and a talk. The ministry work incorporates a variety of opportunities to minister to the diverse population of Denver through volunteering at local social service organizations.

Safety is our top priority.

YouthWorks sets up safe sites in which youth can do real ministry and encounter God. Each site is run by four well-trained, organized staff. Each person is certified in CPR and First Aid. The staff lives in the community all summer long creating relationships and becoming very familiar with the area. Our "rule of three" is set up to ensure that your teenager will never be anywhere alone or without a supervising adult. We also require that each adult leader attending the mission trip (from all groups that attend) has had a background check completed on them within the last three years. Additional rules and boundaries will be explained on site by our staff to ensure that each person knows specific ways to accomplish a safe and meaningful mission trip.

**There is also a page on the YouthWorks website that has been created just for you!
Go to www.youthworks.com and click on the "parents" tab to learn even more about YouthWorks.**

