

FPC Student Ministries

Summer Backpacking Trip 2018

“Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me.” – John 12:26a



What: Connecting with God and each other on a wilderness adventure

Where: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Munising, MI

When: Sunday, July 15 – Friday, July 20

Cost: \$500

Who: Current 8-12 grade students are eligible to apply

What

This backpacking adventure is a great fit for students who are looking to seek depth of relationship with Christ and each other through spending time with God in an adventure that will test them physically, emotionally, and spiritually in the beautiful and unpredictable outdoors.

Ministry Partner

Christian Adventures (CA), located in Rodney, MI. Since 1978, CA has been outfitting and guiding groups throughout North America. Their goal is to offer challenging outdoor adventures that explore God's creation, build meaningful relationships, and encourage spiritual growth.

Hiking

We will be hiking each day of the trip, usually between 6-10 miles per day with a backpack weighing approximately 25-45lbs. The first and last day will be shorter hikes as they will not be full days on the trail.

Weather

The average temperatures in the area range from a high of about 76 to a low of about 55. That said, weather is the most unpredictable element of the outdoors. The key will be to be prepared for any possibility with the right equipment and attitude. Usually, in the summer time, storms don't last long – a day or less.

Training (to start between 4-6 weeks prior to the trip)

Running: Start slow, about ½ mile per day, and increase to 2 miles at least five times per week before trip time.

Walking: If unable to run, walking 2 miles per day, and increasing to 5 as soon as you are able. These should not be leisurely walks, but at a brisk pace. Wearing a pack between 20-30lbs will help your conditioning.

Where

We will be traveling to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising, MI where our group will be backcountry hiking and camping. We will know more details about the specific hiking/camping route when the permit is given in January.

When

Sunday, July 15

Attend 8:45am worship together at FPC
Depart from FPC approximately 10:30am
Arrive in Munising, MI, Pack & Prep

Monday, July 16 -Thursday, July 19

Backpacking Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

Friday, July 20

Arrive at back to base camp and Pack Up & Depart with arrival at FPC TBD

Team Trainings

We will have two separate opportunities for a spring meeting for the participant and their parents/guardians to attend. During this time, we will cover the packing list, training preparation, and other parts of the trip more in depth. If unable to attend a scheduled training, the participant must schedule a time for them and their parent/guardian to meet with Ezra in a timely manner.

There will be several opportunities to exercise as a group the weeks leading up to the trip for those interested in doing the physical training together.

Cost

The cost of the trip is \$500 per participant. This includes transportation, food, lodging, programming, and general equipment (backpack, tents, cookware/utensils, etc.)

Additional expenses may include appropriate attire and personal equipment for the trip (hiking boots, water bottles, and various clothing items).

\$100 non-refundable deposit upon registration, \$200 by March 31, and \$200 by May 31

Please don't let financial concerns stop you from applying. We're happy to connect with you and see how we can help make this trip possible for you.

Who

This backpacking trip will accommodate up to 15 students who are ready to get to know God in a real and personal way, to experience genuine community, and to challenge themselves on this rigorous outdoor adventure.

Backpacking Trip Selection Process

Application process:

All applications must be sent to Ezra via email at eschmeelk@myfcp.org and will be accepted through January 31, 2018.

After receiving the application, you will receive a link to a Doodle poll where you will schedule a face-to-face meeting with Ezra. These meetings will allow each student to discuss their hopes and expectations for the trip and allow for any questions they may have. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of Student Ministry mentors, Student Ministry Committee members and Ezra.

The backpacking team will be selected in February following the in-person meetings. Students who are selected for the trip will secure their spot on the trip by paying the \$100 non-refundable deposit that will apply their trip balance.

Expectations of accepted applicants include, but are not limited to:

- Participation in the spring info meeting.
- Participation in Student Ministries at FPC.
- Physically prepare for the trip as outlined in the registration guide.

Backpacking Trip Application

Name:

Grade:

Phone:

1. Why are you interested in going on this trip?
2. What do you hope to gain personally from this experience?
3. What fears and/or concerns about participating on this trip?
4. Do you plan on being an active participant in Student Ministries at FPC prior to the trip? If so, please explain how you plan to be involved.
5. If selected for this trip, are you willing and able to commit to the expectations outlined in the information packet?

This application is confidential and information contained within will only be shared with the selection committee.

FPC Student Ministries

Summer Mission Trip 2018

“Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.” – Matthew 4: 18-19

“What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8



What: Serving God through loving and serving others

Where: Seattle, WA

When: Monday, June 11 – Saturday, June 16

Cost: \$650

Who: Current 8-12 grade students are eligible to apply

What

Serve Seattle – www.serveSeattle.org

Serve Seattle is an urban ministries institute and ministry of Seattle's Union Gospel Mission.

"We are about three things: intentional community, biblical discipleship, and selfless service. We are helping people to understand what they were put on this earth to do." – Sam Hartman, Director of Serve Seattle

Treehouse - www.treehouseforkids.org

Giving Foster Kids a Childhood and a Future.

We envision – and strive to create – a world where every child that has experienced foster care has the opportunities and support they need to pursue their dreams and become productive members of our community.

Seattle's Union Gospel Mission – www.ugm.org

Seattle's Union Gospel Mission is a passionate community of people who follow Christ in his relentless, redeeming love for all people. Our mission is to serve, rescue, and transform those in greatest need through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Northwest Harvest – www.northwestharvest.org

The mission of Northwest Harvest is leading the fight for hungry people statewide to have access to nutritious food while respecting their dignity and promoting good health. Our vision is ending hunger in Washington.

Redeeming Soles – www.redeemingsoles.org

Redeeming Soles is committed to providing proper footwear both directly to underprivileged men, women and children throughout the Pacific Northwest. Redeeming Soles distributes footwear on a monthly basis to a variety of local organizations while also adding more organizations as the need arises.

Tent City – www.greaterseattlecares.org (not official site, but gives lots of info)

Currently, there is insufficient supply of low-barrier shelter beds for any given night and outreach workers often find that the City's emergency shelter system does not meet the needs of people living unsheltered. For some unsheltered people, there are significant barriers to transitioning to indoor shelter. Authorized encampments offer a safer alternative that can help stabilize the person before transitioning indoors.

Where

We will be staying in Seattle, WA at the Serve Seattle headquarters, located at 1808 18th Ave Seattle, WA, 98122. Our team will be serving the people in the greater Seattle area during the duration of our trip.

When

Monday, June 11

9:00am Meet in the FPC parking lot

9:30am Depart for Milwaukee Airport (MKE)

1:30pm Depart via Southwest Airlines flight WN117 from MKE to SEA

3:50pm Arrive at Seatac Airport (SEA), get rental vans, depart to Serve Seattle

Saturday, June 16

2:25pm Depart via Southwest Airlines flight WN5701 from SEA to MKE

8:15pm Arrive at MKE, load bus, depart for FPC Waunakee

11:00pm Approximate arrival time at FPC Waunakee parking lot

Team Trainings (all trainings take place in the FPC youth space)

Sunday, March 4 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sunday, April 8 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sunday, May 6 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sunday, June 10 from 8:30am - 11:45am

Cost

The cost of the trip is subsidized to be only \$650 per participant. This includes air and ground transportation, food, lodging, programming, and more. Additional expenses may include snacks, airport meals, souvenirs, and other like expenses.

\$100 non-refundable deposit upon registration, \$275 by March 31, 2018, and \$275 by May 6, 2018

Please don't let financial concerns stop you from applying. We're happy to connect with you and see how we can help make this trip possible for you.

Who

This mission trip will accommodate up to 26 students who are ready to make a commitment to growing in their relationship with God and each other while serving others in Jesus' name before, during, and following the trip.

Mission Trip Selection Process

Application process:

All applications must be sent to Ezra via email at eschmeelk@myfcp.org and will be accepted through January 31, 2018.

After receiving the application, you will receive a link to a Doodle poll where you will schedule a face-to-face meeting with Ezra. These meetings will allow each student to discuss their hopes and expectations for the trip and allow for any questions they may have. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of Student Ministry mentors, Student Ministry Committee members and Ezra.

The mission team will be selected in February, following the in-person meetings. Students who are selected for the trip will secure their spot on the trip by paying the \$100 non-refundable deposit that will apply their trip balance.

Criteria used for participant selection on this trip include, but are not limited to:

- Active participants in Student Ministries and other ministries at FPC
- Students who are interested in deepening their faith
- Students who are interested in becoming Student Leaders during the 2018/2019 school year

Expectations of accepted applicants include, but are not limited to:

- Participation in all scheduled mission trip team meetings.
- Participation in Student Ministries at FPC.
- Participation in other ministries at FPC such as greeting, ushering, and other service activities. Details to be described upon acceptance to the mission team.

Mission Trip Application

Name:

Grade:

Phone:

1. How would you describe your understanding of the difference between a Mission Trip and a family vacation?
2. What do you think are some differences between a church Mission Trip and one of the Waunakee Highschool trips (For example - the Orchestra trip to Ireland, the French Club trip France, etc.)
3. Please answer one of these questions that best applies to you:
 - A.) Why are you interested in going on a Mission Trip?
 - B.) If you have already been on a mission trip, why do you want to go on another one?
4. Why are you interested in going on this particular trip now that you have heard about and read the descriptions of the specific ministries we'll be partnering with?
5. What do you hope to gain personally from this experience?
6. What fears and/or concerns about participating on this trip?
7. What is your current involvement in ministries at FPC? Check all that apply...
 - Frequently participate in Wednesday night youth group.
 - Occasionally participate in Wednesday night youth group.
 - Rarely participate in Wednesday night youth group.

- Frequently participate in Sunday morning Cocoa & Conversation.
 - Occasionally in Sunday morning Cocoa & Conversation.
 - Rarely in Sunday morning Cocoa & Conversation.
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- Frequently attend Sunday worship services at FPC.
 - Occasionally attend Sunday worship services at FPC.
 - Rarely attend Sunday worship services at FPC.
8. Do you participate in other ministry areas at FPC or another congregation?
Please explain your involvement. If it's in another congregation, please share with us which one and how you have been involved.
9. Do you plan on being an active participant in Student Ministries at FPC prior to the trip? If so, please explain how you plan to be involved.
10. If selected for this trip, are you willing and able to commit to the expectations outlined in the information packet?

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