

2018 YOUTH MISSION TRIP EXPECTATIONS

WHEN: June 23rd -- July 1st, includes travel time

WHERE: Baton Rouge, LA

WHO: Students currently in 7th-12th grades are eligible.

WHAT: Home repair such as roofing, painting, repairing walls, or building ramps for families in need. Experiencing South Louisianan culture.

WHY: Continuing our journey with Jesus by following his command to love God and love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

HOW: Partnering with Revive225, a ministry of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

COST: \$250 (\$50 nonrefundable deposit now, plus \$200 payment by April 1, 2018).

Additionally, each participant is responsible for purchasing their own meals as we travel to Baton Rouge and back (fast food style meals).

But the mission trip does not just happen during those few summer days. Proper preparation is paramount for a successful trip. Directed debriefing and contemplation is key to integrating our experiences into our lives. To this end...

Each mission trip participant agrees to:

- Actively participate in all fundraisers (e.g. pizza sale, gift card sale). Successful fundraisers keep trip costs to a minimum.
- Attend all pre-trip gatherings. We disseminate information (e.g. what to/not to bring, itinerary, contact numbers, safety procedures, activities during travel), practice skills, study scripture, build community, and pray. Usually two or three meetings; parent(s) needed at one.
- Help with WUMC's Vacation Bible School (which will most likely be after our trip).
- Attend worship prior to our trip to receive our congregation's blessing and commissioning for the trip.
- Attend post-trip worship service to share some of our experiences with our congregation.
- Enter into covenantal relationship with the group (this guides our behavior for the trip and will be discussed in detail at a pre-trip gathering).
- Be open to God's Holy Spirit at work in, through, with, around (and even in spite of) you.

Please detach and return the bottom portion with \$50 deposit to secure your spot.

Having read the expectations, I understand them and agree to them:

Youth Signature _____

Parent(s) Signature _____