

About Youthworks

A Life-Changing Experience

YouthWorks believes short term youth mission trips can bring life change to youth, a community and the Church. Within a relatively short period of time, your own life and a stranger's life can be powerfully changed through the desire to give to a community. Your presence during a mission trip speaks more than a thousand words through your simple love and willingness to serve. YouthWorks believes in stories—in telling Jesus' story, in listening to other's life stories and in bringing our stories together to transform hearts; a mission trip is the perfect time to tell those stories.

There are countless physical and spiritual needs in communities today—in your own backyard, across the country, in big cities, on Reservations, in small towns and across borders. Short term missions are a means to visualize needs in other communities and bring that recognition back to serve in your own home. After a week spent in service, you will leave transformed from the love, strength and resilience you find in those you meet. Short term missions are often more life changing and impacting for participants than those you came to serve!

Life-changing experiences happen on a short term mission trip. The week can give you new eyes with which to view your home, working as a vehicle for further change. YouthWorks offers over 78 mission trip opportunities in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Youthworks comes highly recommended by other United Methodist pastors and youth workers. Pastor Dave learned about Youthworks while attending High School YAR. This particular trip was selected because it is reasonably close and relatively inexpensive. It also offers us a chance to engage in multi-cultural ministry and to spend some time at the Mall of America.

Explore YouthWorks

For more information, please explore the YouthWorks web site for yourself at www.youthworks.com.

About the Reservation

Sisseton, South Dakota

The Lake Traverse Reservation covers an area of over 400 square miles within six counties in South Dakota. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe has a population of 10,408. Many of the tribal members were relocated to the reservation after Little Crow's War in Minnesota during the 1860s. The original reservation was greatly reduced to its present size through subsequent homestead acts to provide land for non-Indian settlers. Social activities such as powwows, rodeos and races are celebrated in the summer months and many people also enjoy outdoor recreation in the six nearby state parks.

YouthWorks will serve on the reservation, particularly in the community of Sisseton. Like many Native American regions today, this community struggles with poverty and unemployment. The current unemployment rate is 59 percent on the reservation. The need for jobs will only continue to grow as nearly 30 percent of the population is under age 18. The community plans to develop natural and cultural resources to preserve and strengthen the economy on the reservation. Come to the Lake Traverse Reservation to learn from tribal members as you help meet their needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

Who May Participate

This trip is designed for youths from seventh grade through high school. A limited number of adults are also needed to provide transportation and supervision.

Participants should be actively involved in Orion United Methodist Church, especially if they hope to receive financial assistance from the church. However, friends from other churches are also welcome.

Persons of any age who may be interested in a YouthWorks mission trip to a reservation may contact Pastor Dave for information about a YouthWorks Multi-Generational/Family Mission trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota.



Join us in Mission...
**Orion UMC Youth Trip to
Lake Traverse Reservation,
Sisseton, South Dakota
July 22 - 27, 2012**



**The "Song to the Great Spirit"
building at Sisseton-Wahpeton
Community College.**

With its prairies, hills and valleys, our group will experience the culture and strength of the people of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe. We will have opportunities to serve the community through work projects and children's programs as we minister to both the Native American and non-native residents.

Additionally, we will have the opportunity of making new friends from other churches as we join groups from other churches on this YouthWorks mission trip. Sixty youths—including our group—will be on hand.

Join us as Orion UMC and Youthworks Team Up for Fun and Ministry!

How We Will Minister

We will serve in a variety of ways during our YouthWorks mission trip. Assuming that we follow last year's plan, we'll spend two days in Work Projects and two days in Kids Club or assisting with the summer kids program at Westside School.

Pastor Dave is excited about YouthWorks because it offers a wonderful balance of work and children's ministry as well as worship and personal devotions. Plus there are some excellent evening activities which are both fun as well as educational. And oh yes...we get to help with meals as well!

A Typical Day

6:45 am Breakfast team prepares breakfast buffet
7:00 am Rise and shine
7:15 am Breakfast buffet/pack lunch
7:45 am Get dressed and ready for the day
8:15 am Personal devotions
8:40 am Everyone gathers for prayer
9:00 am Depart for ministry sites
Noon Lunch at ministry site
1:00 pm Work at ministry sites
2:45 pm Clean up the ministry sites
3:00 Shower Time/Free Time
5:00 pm Dinner (team prepares meal)
Adult Leaders' Meeting
5:30 pm Dinner and cleanup
6:30 pm Evening group activity
8:45 pm Club (Worship)
9:45 pm Church Group Time
10:30 pm Prepare for Bed
10:45 pm Lights Out

Cost

Total cost for the trip is \$375. This includes travel and incidental expenses plus \$288 which we pay to YouthWorks for food, lodging and programming.

This price is padded to take into account additional transportation costs and changes in the economy. In 2011, the actual cost per person was just under \$300. However, each missionary only paid \$50; the rest was raised through fundraising and gifts from various organizations in the church.

Some mission funds will be available once again for the 2012 trip. Additionally, Orion UMC will provide fundraising opportunities for you.

Each missionary will receive a free T-shirt on Friday morning. However, please bring money for other Youth Enterprises T-shirts which will be sold on Thursday. You will also need money for four meals on the road as well as other activities at the Mall of America.

Schedule

Sunday, July 22

Meet at Orion UMC at 6 am in order to leave by 6:30. We plan to arrive in Sisseton at around 5:30 pm in order to get settled in time for supper at 6:30 pm.

The Lake Traverse Reservation is located approximately 625 miles from Orion in north-eastern South Dakota.

Monday, July 23 thru Thursday, July 26

Participate in various ministries and activities on the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Friday, July 27

Leave Sisseton at 9 am and arrive at the Mall of America at 12:30 pm. We'll have lunch at Bubba Gumps and then spend a couple of hours at the Mall before leaving at 4 pm.

We plan to arrive back in Orion at about 11 p.m.

What to Bring

Pastor Dave suggests:

- minimum of 10 T-shirts
- minimum of 10 changes of underwear
- minimum of 5 pairs of shorts
- 2 swimsuits
- 2 bath or beach towels
- Small shower bag or backpack
- minimum of 1 pair of jeans or long pants
- minimum of 1 sweatshirt or jacket
- appropriate sleepwear
- sleeping bag and pillow
- reusable water bottle
- any toiletries or medicine you might require
- Bible, pen and camera
- things for free time
- cell phones are optional
- an open heart
- air mattresses are provided by Pastor Dave

YouthWorks maintains a dress code. Ladies, please no "short shorts." (However, short shorts may be worn as sleepwear). Swimsuits must be modest one-piece design. (However bikinis may be worn when showering). No sleeveless or noodle strap tops except when worn as sleepwear.

Guys, no sleeveless or side-vented shirts.

Reserve your spot

Pastor Dave has reserved 18 spots for the July 22, 2012 trip to Lake Traverse Reservation. Reservations are open to Orion UMC youth and their friends through September. Beginning in October, other youth from our area will be invited to join us until all 18 spots have been filled. Claim your spot with a \$50 deposit payable to Orion UMC.