

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

This schedule is an example of what you might expect on a YouthWorks site. Because every community is different, the schedule may vary at some sites and on certain days.

SUNDAY

4:30–6:00 P.M. SUNDAY ARRIVAL

Our staff are excited to welcome you to site! When you arrive, staff will help you move in and get settled. The Site Director will collect paperwork from Trip Leaders, and Trip Leaders will split their students into ministry crews for the week.

6:00–10:30 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING

Once all groups have arrived, dinner will be served. Adults will eat dinner with the Site Director and will go over Adult Leader introductions. After cleaning up the meal, both adults and students will have orientations where they will learn more about what to expect during the week. A large group time called The Gathering will start around 9:00 p.m. and Church Group Time will follow.

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

7:00–8:15 A.M. EAT BREAKFAST & PREPARE LUNCH

All crews will help with the preparation and cleanup of meals at different times throughout the week. A staff member will always be present to help students as they serve each other in this way. During breakfast, students will also put together bag lunches to take with them to their service sites.

8:15–9:00 A.M. MORNING DEVOTIONS

Every morning, students will have time to connect with God and process the week. To help in this process, each student will receive a YouthWorks Trip Journal, a resource that will connect students with Jesus and their experience during the week; it does this by using the YouthWorks summer theme. To help leaders further process devotion material and for leaders who want to lead small group devotions, we'll provide a Small Group Devotion Guide.

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. MINISTRY DAY

After a brief circle-up time, crews of youth and leaders will depart for ministry sites. (These crews, selected by Trip Leaders, will be together all week at service sites as well as for some meal and cleanup crews.) YouthWorks staff will give orientations for service sites, helping students and adults better understand how they will be serving the community each day.

3:30–5:30 P.M. SHOWERS / FREE TIME

These times may vary by site.

4:45–5:15 P.M. ADULT LEADER MEETING

Each day, Adult Leaders will attend a meeting with the Site Director. This time allows the Site Director to hear how things are going and communicate what happens next. It's also a great time of processing and sharing. (At some sites, this meeting time may occur before or during breakfast instead of the afternoon).

5:30–6:30 P.M. DINNER & DINNER CLEANUP

A crew of students will help prepare dinner each night, and a different crew will help clean up.

6:30–8:30 P.M. *EVENING ACTIVITY

Evening Activities will help students interact with the community through cultural, educational and fun activities that engage the whole group. Some activities occur in the afternoon before dinner.

8:30–9:30 P.M. THE GATHERING

The staff will host a large group time of processing the day, worship and reflection. Along with morning devotions, The Gathering will further develop the week's theme, with the purpose of connecting students' mission trip experience with God and with life back home. Our goal of The Gathering is to set you up well for Church Group Time.

9:30–10:30 P.M. CHURCH GROUP TIME

After The Gathering, each church group will get together in their own space to process the day and discuss the day's theme. YouthWorks considers this the most important programmatic aspect of the day. We will provide each group with a Church Group Time Guide, which contains questions and ideas to help the Trip Leader facilitate this time.

** Some sites include one Option Night, when during a portion of the afternoon or evening church groups can choose between additional free time or activities in the community provided by YouthWorks staff.*

FRIDAY

Although Friday departure varies by site, groups will typically pull away between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Before departure, groups will load their vehicles, help clean the housing site, eat breakfast and have a short send-off time to close out their week.