



YOUTHWORKS DAILY SCHEDULE

These are the components of a typical YouthWorks mission trip. Because every community is different, the schedule may vary at some sites and on certain days. You can find a Sample Daily Schedule on page 2.

SUNDAY

4:30–6:00 P.M. – SUNDAY ARRIVAL Staff do final preparations and begin making dinner during the afternoon. As groups arrive, staff help participants move in and get settled, while the Site Director confirms paperwork with Trip Leaders.
DINNER & CLEANUP Staff introduces dinner. Adults eat with the Site Director to go over Adult Leader introductions. Staff lead cleanup.
ORIENTATION & THE GATHERING Staff lead groups in an orientation to share what groups can expect during the week. Staff then lead groups in a large group time of processing, worship and reflection called The Gathering.
CHURCH GROUP TIME After The Gathering, each church group gets together in their own space to process the day and discuss the day's theme. During this time, staff have a team meeting and start preparations for the following day.
10:30 P.M. LIGHTS OUT

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

6:45 A.M. – BREAKFAST PREP CREW 7:15 A.M. – EAT BREAKFAST & PREPARE LUNCH, BREAKFAST & BUILDING CLEANUPS Staff lead crews in the preparation, serving and cleanup of meals. During breakfast, everyone also puts together bag lunches to take to service sites. One staff leads an assigned crew in preparing breakfast and lunch, then leads another crew in cleaning it up. Another staff leads an assigned crew in building cleanup.
MORNING DEVOTIONS Every morning, students have time to connect with God and process the week. Staff set this time up each morning with a brief introduction and participate in their own personal devotions alongside students.
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. – MINISTRY DAY The ministry day starts with a brief circle-up time and thorough orientations, led by summer staff. These orientations help students and adults better understand how they will be serving the community each day. Then, crews of youth and leaders depart for ministry sites. Staff facilitate and join in the ministry day, with specifics depending on their hired role.
SHOWERS & AFTERNOON SNACK Shower locations and specifics vary from site-to-site. Staff are assigned to shower duty to ensure safety and efficiency.
ADULT LEADER MEETING Site Directors will lead daily meetings with Adult Leaders. 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.
DINNER PREP, DINNER & DINNER CLEANUP One staff leads an assigned crew in preparing dinner, then leads another crew in cleaning it up.
EVENING ACTIVITY & EVENING SNACK Evening Activities allow students to interact with the community through cultural, educational and fun activities that engage the whole group. One staff will facilitate each Evening Activity. Staff will also provide a snack for groups during this time.
THE GATHERING The staff host a large group time of processing, worship and reflection. Along with morning devotions, The Gathering further develops the week's theme, with the purpose of connecting students' mission trip experience with God and with life back home. Staff facilitate the entire upfront event, including a time for sharing from their personal faith story.
CHURCH GROUP TIME After The Gathering, each church group gets together to process their day and discuss the day's theme. YouthWorks considers this the most important programmatic aspect of the day. While groups meet, the staff also meets and preps for the next day.
10:45 P.M. – LIGHTS OUT

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

Although Friday departure varies by site, groups typically pull away between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Before departure, staff lead groups as they load their vehicles, help clean the housing site, eat breakfast and have a short send-off time to close out their week. Once groups have left, staff read feedback and evaluate the week, finish up paperwork, go shopping for the next week and prepare for the upcoming groups. Friday is generally a full workday, with staff typically finishing late Friday afternoon or early evening. While teams usually have most of the weekend off, some tasks may need to be completed on Saturdays or Sundays.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

4:30–6:00 p.m.	Groups Arrive at Housing Site
6:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:15 p.m.	Orientation
8:30 p.m.	The Gathering
9:15 p.m.	Church Group Time (a time to process the day as a group)
10:30 p.m.	Lights Out

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

6:45 a.m.	Breakfast Prep Crew in Kitchen
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast (Everyone also packs their own lunch during this time.)
7:45 a.m.	Breakfast/Building Cleanup
8:20 a.m.	Personal Devotion Time
8:45 a.m.	Circle Up & Service Orientations
9:00 a.m.	Depart for Service Sites <i>Lunch at Service Sites</i>
3:00 p.m.	Showers & Afternoon Snack
4:30 p.m.	Dinner Prep Crew in Kitchen
4:45 p.m.	Adult Leader Meeting
5:15 p.m.	Dinner & Cleanup
6:20 p.m.	Evening Activity & Evening Snack
8:30 p.m.	The Gathering
9:30 p.m.	Church Group Time
10:45 p.m.	Lights Out

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m.	Wake Up & Load Vehicles
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Evals
8:10 a.m.	Building Cleanup, Send-Off, Leave by 9:00 a.m.