DAILY SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

This overview will give you a big picture idea of what your mission trip will include. You'll have access to a site-specific schedule and more community-specific information in the spring.

SUNDAY

Arrival: Plan to arrive between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. local time unless otherwise instructed in the community-specific email sent three weeks before your trip. When you arrive, Community Host(s) will welcome you to the housing site(s). Most of our housing sites are local churches, schools, or community centers.

Dinner: Community Host(s) will have dinner prepared for you. We'll ask for your help cleaning up!

Orientation & The Gathering: Community Host(s) will lead everyone in an orientation to share what you can expect during the week. They will then lead a large group time of processing, worship, and reflection. After The Gathering there will be time for you to connect with your group before Lights Out.

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

Each site is unique, but each day will include the following:

A Full Day! Plan to be up and moving by 7:00 a.m. each day. Lights Out will be between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. each night.

Ministry Day: ~6 hours of service set up by Community Host(s)

- Community Host(s) will give orientations for service sites to help students and adults understand how they will serve each day.
- You will serve in a crew of 10 or so people. Crews are typically made up of youth and adults from two or more different churches. Students will never be placed in a crew without an adult from their group.

Programming: ~1 hour split into 2 events led by Community Host(s)

- Morning Devotionals - Everyone will receive a YouthWorks Trip Journal that will guide students (and adults!) through daily individual time with God. The Trip Journal covers theme content and connects the mission trip experience to life back home.
- The Gathering – Alongside student volunteers, Community Host(s) will lead this time of theme content, processing, and worship each day. Our goal of The Gathering is to set you up well for Church Group Time.

Church Group Time: up to 1 hour in your church group, led by Trip Leader

- We will provide each adult with a Church Group Time Guide, which contains questions and ideas to help you facilitate this time.

Showers: starting on Monday, in the afternoon or evening

- Most of our housing sites DO NOT have showers on site. Shower sites are typically public community centers or schools (which are not open on Sundays). You'll receive shower site specifics just before your trip.

Meals & Snacks: 3 meals and 2 snacks

- Community Hosts will set everything up for meals. Your group will help prepare and cleanup meals.
- During breakfast, everyone will pack a sack lunch to eat during the service day.
- Meals may be prepared by and/or shared with community members.
- Everyone will help keep the building cleaned and stocked during a daily Building Cleanup.

Community Activity: daily activity in the afternoon or evening

- These cultural, educational, fun activities give your group the opportunity to spend time in the community in a different way. You'll learn what these activities are in the Community Overview document available in the spring.
- Given that our schedule is so full, one or more Community Activities during the week will be optional – giving your group the opportunity to take a break!

Adult Leader Meeting: led by Community Host, time for Adult Leaders to process and prepare for the upcoming day

FRIDAY

Groups will leave by 9:00 a.m. Before departure, you will lead your group in loading vehicles. Then Community Host(s) will lead groups in cleaning the housing site, breakfast, and a short send-off time to close out the week.

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