

Youth Mission Trip Guidelines

As of May 2018

1. Mission trip participants are required to actively participate in:
 - a. Sunday School
 - b. Sunday morning worship service
 - c. Wednesday Cross Training
 - d. Wednesday Praise & Worship service
2. All mission trip participants are required to participate in several of the following events:
 - a. See You at the Pole Planning Rally & Event
 - b. Hullabaloo
 - c. Thanksgiving Pie Making for Thanksgiving Eve Dinner
 - d. Laser Tag, Jumpology, ski/snowtubing, movie, or other fun events
 - e. Christmas Angel Tree Shopping
 - f. Christmas Caroling
 - g. Ski/Snowtubing trip
 - h. Church sponsored mission service projects, WMU sponsored mission projects, or youth mission service projects
3. All mission trip participants should help with the following mission trip fundraisers (if you can't attend, try to help by planning, prepare activities, providing a donation, etc.)
 - a. Game Night
 - b. Spaghetti lunch or other lunch fundraiser after church
 - c. Youth Concert (if you don't participate in the youth choir, help with setting up and cleaning up the lunches, help with skits, help with scene changes, etc.)
 - d. Miscellaneous fundraisers
4. All mission trip participants should ensure they attend mission trip preparation meetings or get with leaders to ensure they understand what they have committed to do on the mission trip. This is especially important if you are working with VBS since you need to ensure that you know what each day's theme is, what is the Bible story about, what crafts are being made each day, and what songs and games are being done each day. It is important to ensure that VBS planning includes activities for preschool, younger and older children.
5. All mission trip participants are encouraged to spend time reading their Bible and praying for how God will use them on the mission trip. Ask God to help you:

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- a. Be committed to living for Him every day and grow closer to Him.
 - b. Learn to be more Christ-like in your day-to-day interactions with your parents, your friends, and others.
 - c. Be mindful of your attitude toward others and become more respectful to your parents, teachers, leaders, peers, and others.
 - d. Make good decisions that will please God.
 - e. Reflect Christ to others in your words and actions.
6. Last minute requests to go on a mission trip:
- a. If it is an adult, the **youth director** will assess if additional adult leaders would be beneficial to the mission trip. Other youth leaders will be informed of the decision and any concerns with the decision should be discussed with the youth director. Once the decision has been made, the adult ministry team will work together to ensure harmony during the mission trip and set a good example for our youth.
 - b. If it is a youth, the following guidelines will be used:
 - i. Youth will not be allowed to go, if they have been on a previous mission trip and have failed to participate in youth events or attended church on a regular basis during the past year.
 - ii. Youth may be allowed to go, if they have recently started coming to Colosse. This decision will be made based on the majority of the adult leaders being in favor of allowing the new attendee to participate in the mission trip.