



Middle School Mission Trip Duluth, MN July 9-14, 2017 Cost: \$350/student

Why Duluth?

Duluth, Minnesota has all the amenities of a big city, but offers the simple pleasures and relaxed pace of a smaller town. The scenic shores of Lake Superior offer a beautiful backdrop for the community. While the city has been consistently recognized as a great place to live, this is not the case for all residents. Poverty and economic hardship are a reality, especially for youth. You will experience a very historic and industrial city and a tight-knit community that is working to improve their city and help those in need.

Youthworks has been in Duluth since 1998 and continues to maintain many of our original partnerships.

What will you be doing?

- Partner with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community.
- During the week, students may serve all or part of the week at a food shelf, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen, children's program, or elderly care facilities.

In Duluth, you will work alongside local social service organizations and serve both the elderly and children. Partner with the Boys & Girls Club, local senior care centers, and a food pantry; serve alongside a local church, or assist with light home repair. In the evenings, visit Canal Park and Park Point Beach, serve and share a meal at the Union Gospel Mission, and help to host a community cookout.

Where do you stay?

Groups stay usually in churches. Shower at schools or other facilities. Sleep on floors. Eat at churches.

How do we get there?

15 passenger vans. No bus. There is not room for buses. Plus, groups need to go to different work sites.

What is a typical day?

Sunday

4-6pm - Arrive
615pm - Dinner
715-830pm - Orientation
845-930pm - Large Group Gathering
930-1030pm - Church Group Time
1115pm - Lights Out

Monday-Thursday

645am - Breakfast Crew
745-815am - Cleanup
9am - Gather for Worksites
330-530pm - Shower, Snacks, Adult Meeting, Make Dinner
530-6pm - Dinner & Cleanup
845-930pm - Large Group
1100pm - Lights Out

715-745am - Breakfast
820-850am - Devotions
330pm - Leave Worksites
630-845 - Evening Activity
930-1030pm - Church Time

Friday

630-7am - Wakeup & Load Vehicles
7-9am - Breakfast, Cleanup, Go Home!

Total cost and due by?

\$350/student and spending money. Students will need money for various nightly activities, snacks while out, dinner on the way up and home, tshirts and other memorabilia - No more than \$75-\$100.

What do you do to register?

Contact Steve Smith youthminister@waconiafaithlutheran.com or Pastor Christine Christine@waconiafaithlutheran.com or by phone 952-442-2101

What else will I need to know?

There will be fundraising to help cover other expenses—gas/van rental/etc.
There will be pre-trip meetings in the spring.
All participants are required to attend meetings!