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Grand Marais, MN - Coldwater



Our NWC team will be involved in a number of projects including work in Grand Marais and Cook County, Minnesota; as well as serve with a Coldwater partner organization in Thunder Bay, Ontario, so make sure to bring your passport. Students may also work with the Cook County Food Pantry, serve and interact with a local church youth group, do projects at Mink Lake Wilderness Camp and participate in helping Coldwater staff prepare for the upcoming summer program season. Time will also be spent on the Grand Portage reservation, attending church and learning about their culture and heritage.

“This SSP showed us that God is very present everywhere we go and that people all around the world sometimes need reminders about His love towards them, and that with short term missions, people can easily become really close to the people they work with and can develop lifelong relationships with them.”

-Alyson Eversman

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip Size: 11
- Flexibility and willingness to serve in a rural setting in any capacity
- Willingness to do manual labor
- Enjoy working with children and youth

Lindale, TX - Calvary Commission



Students traveling to Lindale Texas will serve alongside Calvary Commission, a residential and education center for ex-convicts who have been born again in Christ and are passionate about their relationship with Him. Teams partner with Calvary Commission help with yard work, maintenance, and other aspects of the CC ministry including the unique opportunity to lead a worship service at a Lindale prison.

“One Calvary Commission resident who impacted our team was Lupe, who cooked all our meals. His story of brokenness and redemption - how he went from being an angry and aggressive man to a gentle and patient man was incredible. His story encouraged us not to judge people based on their pasts because people can truly change.”
-Carlye Sherman

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution of \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip Size: 20
- Willingness to do general labor
- Openness to interact with former and current prison inmates.

Opelousas, LA - Hope for Opelousas



NWC Students partner with Hope for Opelousas, a ministry focused on bringing hope through racial and denominational reconciliation. The teams have served in a variety of ways including construction projects, basketball programs, community clean-up, tutoring in local schools and relational ministry with women and kids in the Opelousas community.

“The Hope for Opelousas staff and other community members blessed us tremendously by inviting us into their churches, cooking big meals for us, and praying for and loving us. Their generosity opened our eyes to our own selfishness and taught us that living to serve each other leads to a more abundant life and paints a beautiful picture of God’s love for the world to see.”

-Kate Arnold

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip Size: 20
- Flexibility and patience to work with children
- Willingness to participate in general labor as needed

Kansas City, KS - Youthfront

With the help of Youthfront staff members, the team serves in the Argentine community a Spanish-speaking neighborhood of Kansas City. The team helps with after school programs, work with a neighborhood farm that provides food for local schools, connected with senior citizens at a community center, and assisted in cleaning Youthfront's summer camp.



"Our team was welcomed with open and loving arms by the El Buen Church, a Hispanic congregation. They were excited to host us and took the opportunity to answer our questions and share their perspectives on an experience with the immigration system in the U.S. Most of us knew very little about the system, and we learned a great deal about the challenges of immigrating to the U.S."
-Jorgia Weisser

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip Size: 15
- Willingness to participate in general labor as needed
- Patience and flexibility to work with the Spanish speaking population

Mescalero, NM - Mescalero Reformed Church



For the fourth time, students have the opportunity to travel to Mescalero, New Mexico to partner with the Mescalero Reformed Church on the Apache reservation. Students will have the opportunity to serve alongside former NWC professor Mark Vellinga and native leaders as they seek to maintain the communities' Native American heritage while following and serving Jesus.

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip Size: 15
- Willingness to participate in general labor as needed
- A willingness to be flexible to work with children and youth.

Waco, TX - Mission Waco

Mission Waco was founded in 1992 in North Waco. Mission Waco's program are built around three goals: 1) empowerment through relationship-based, holistic programs among the poor and marginalized, 2) mobilizing middle-class Christians toward "hands-on" involvement, and 3) addressing systemic issues which disempower the poor. As volunteers, interns, and donations increased, and as local gaps were identified, additional programs were added to the original children and teen programs. Today they have over 30 ministries operating under the Mission Waco umbrella. Our team will participate in manual labor projects in the mornings and will facilitate a street camp (think VBS) in the afternoons. We will also have the privilege to worship at a church for the homeless known as the Church Under the Bridge (CUB), which began under the Interstate 35 bridge.

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip Size: 20
- A willingness to be flexible to do whatever is needed.
- Willingness to participate in manual labor - there is plenty to do.
- Learn more at <http://missionwaco.org/mission-waco/>



Denver, CO – Mile High Ministries

We have partnered with Mile High Ministries in recent years for Summer of Service and through their Denver Urban Semester program and this will be our second time to partner with them for a spring service project. Students will stay in Mile High Ministry housing and will serve in various neighborhoods throughout Denver. The team will participate in incarnational ministry opportunities serving in urban cross-cultural ministries focused on poverty, homelessness, education and the disenfranchised. We will partner at places of service each day where team members will experience Jesus in unlikely places. Places such as . . .

Metro CareRing: Food and Resource center

Christ Body Ministries: Homeless day shelter for adults

Sox Place: Homeless day shelter for teens

Network Café: night shelter for chronic homeless

Restoration Outreach: works with refugees

Joshua Station: Long term transitional housing for homeless families

Trip details and expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip size: 10
- Flexibility and patience to serve in multiple urban settings
- Willingness to engage a diversity of people
- Learn more at <https://www.milehighmin.org/>



This is Football Team only trip



New Orleans, Louisiana - Urban Impact

NWC students will return to New Orleans to partner with Urban Impact. Team members will have the opportunity to serve in various ministries to better the community. Past teams have worked to restore residential areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina and served youth involved in a tutoring program. This year the football team will also have the opportunity to lead a football camp for area youth.

"We learned about supporting and encouraging each other and being the body of Christ to one another as team members. We learned about having a posture of love and service toward God and the work in front of us, whether it involved serving another person directly or indirectly."

-Sydney Wright

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$400 (drive trip)
- Trip Size: up to 30
- Willingness to do construction and renovation.
- A willingness to be flexible to work with children and youth.

Jacksonville, FL - 2nd Mile Ministries



Team members volunteer at an elementary school in the Brentwood community of Jacksonville, assisting the classroom teachers and tutoring students both during class and in an afterschool program. They also work alongside community members in Brentwood beautification projects.

“Our trip to Jacksonville made us more aware of the injustice happening in our country and around the world. Even so, the people of God we met were filled with the joy and hope of the resurrection. God’s redemptive work is being done in Jacksonville, even if it might take years to accomplish some of 2nd Mile Ministries’ goals.”

-Samantha Vander Velde

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$800 (fly trip)
- Trip Size: 10
- A willingness to be flexible to do whatever is needed.
- Enjoy working with children and youth.



Compton, CA - Emmanuel Reformed Church

Team members collaborate with Emmanuel Reformed Church, Paramount, California that founded the Compton Initiative, a 40-year commitment to investing in their neighboring city of Compton known too well for gang activity and violence. Students come alongside the ministry to improve the city's image and inspire residents to reclaim their neighborhoods by cleaning, repairing and painting facilities in the community. In the past, students have painted a mural at a school, volunteered at an afterschool program, and helped at a food pantry and served a meal at the Salvation Army.

"We met some really great people in Compton. Veve, who was the head of the after school program, was one person we served alongside. It was amazing to see what she was doing for those kids. She provided something that they needed and it was neat to get to see how big her heart is."

-Jasi Vasher

Trip Details and Expectations:

- Contribution per person: \$800 (fly trip)
- Trip Size: 10
- A willingness to be flexible to do whatever is needed.
- Willingness to participate in painting and general labor as needed
- Enjoy working with children and youth.