

Transformational Travel 2008

NC Synod, July 12-18, 2008

Eligibility

Churches register by youth group (minimum 1 youth and 1 adult for grades 6-12.) You'll need to identify a contact person for your group or family.

Adult Participants

Please arrange for at least one adult participant (age 21 or older) for every 8 youth in grades 6-12. If you register both male and female students, please include at least one male and one female adult participant.

What will the mission trip be like?

* Plans at this point are for several opportunities to work within the school system and city-wide "Seed and Weed" projects which could include painting, ramp construction, park improvement, etc.

What might a typical day look like?

* We'll gather together for breakfast and worship each weekday. Then it's off to your worksite. You'll have a bag lunch on site and then afternoon time will vary but will include some work in the Upper Darby area. Each bus will have the opportunity to spend time in downtown Philadelphia visiting the museums, historical walks, etc.

What's included in the registration fee?

All meals upon arrival in Philadelphia, transportation to/from Philadelphia, housing, mission trip shirt, program materials, musicians, transportation in Philadelphia.

What's not included in the registration fee?

Souvenirs, meals to/from Philadelphia.

Deposits and Refunds

A \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required for each participant. Deposits are transferable until June 1. Additional participants can be added until the event reaches capacity.

Cancellations

If an individual cancels, the \$50 deposit cannot be applied to your remaining group balance, however it can be applied to a new participant. If a youth group or individual cancels at least 30 days prior to departure, registration fees (less the \$50 deposit and transportation costs) will be refunded. The entire registration fee will be forfeited for cancellations after June 8, 2008.

Confirmations

Your registration will be confirmed by email. All subsequent information will be sent to the contact person shown on the registration form. This includes orientation materials and information forms for each participant,

sent in the spring of 2008. The contact person is responsible for distributing, collection and returning all forms following the requested timetable.

Balances due

Cost of the trip is \$375 per person. Please mail your check/money order to meet registration fee deadlines, based on the dates below. All checks should be payable to NC Synod.

November 1 – January 1	\$50 initial deposit
January 31, 2008	\$125 due
May 1, 2008	\$200 Balance due

We will accept balance checks at any point. If you would like to set up a payment plan for your parents of \$75 each month beginning in November, it may make the process easier. If you are sending individual checks, please make sure they are payable to NC Synod and the name of the participant(s) are listed on the check. Each participant (or parent/guardian) must complete a registration form and sign the Participation and Release Agreement on the back of the form which references the Event Covenant. We do reserve the right to change the itinerary if needed to better suit the needs of the community we will be serving.

What should I bring?

This is just a general list. A more complete list will be sent in the spring.

* Single-size air mattress or foam pad	*Swim suit
* Sleeping bag	*Towels
* Pillow	* Washcloth
* Sleepwear	* Flashlight
* Bandana	* Hat/visor
* Camera/film	* Shorts
* Clothes for week	* Shampoo
* Plastic bag for wet or dirty clothes	* Socks
* Tennis shoes	* Soap
* Spending Money	* Jacket
* Sunglasses	* Mirror
* Toothbrush/paste	* Rain Gear
* Shower shoes	* Sunscreen
* Water bottle	

Where will we be staying?

We will be staying at Upper Darby High School. We will use the gym for sleeping and the cafeteria for our meals. Separate sleeping quarters are assigned to males and females. Sleeping quarters will be shared with people from other youth groups. The gym is air-conditioned but we ask that each group bring one box fan per eight participants to keep the air circulating. We will leave these fans in Philadelphia for the needy. Lockers are available so bring a combination lock if you so desire.