



BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, NORTH CAROLINA

Mission Trip

Goal: That students would have a **transformational experience of Jesus Christ** as they serve, play, and worship in authentic Christian community.

Lodging: We will be staying at a local church in Rutherford County, NC. Be prepared to rough it; sleeping on air mattresses and showering at an off site location.

Transport: We have rented two 15 passenger vans. Our adult leaders will drive.

Departure: We will meet outside the CCFC Parish Hall at 10am on Sunday, June 9 for loading and departure. Students are encouraged to attend 9am worship beforehand. We will stop for lunch (cost covered) on the way down.

Return: We expect to return to CCFC by 3pm on Friday, June 14.

Trip Overview (from Youth Works)

"Your group will experience the great beauty of both nature and community in the scenic small towns that surround the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. By serving through working with children, painting, yard work and supporting local ministries, you'll make connections with the people of the area. In the evenings, your group will explore the great outdoors and spend time learning about the Rutherford County area through a local community speaker. YouthWorks has served in North Carolina since 2006 but moved the Blue Ridge site to Rutherford County, NC in summer 2021."





CLOTHES TO PACK

for your Mission Trip

Participants going to Puerto Rico have an alternate packing list.
Check your paperwork page for the PR Packing List.

CLOTHING

During the week your clothes may endure paint, sweat, mud and lots of love from children! Bring clothes that you can work and play hard in. Make sure clothing covers all undergarments when you move around.

- Shorts *with at least a three-inch inseam*
- Long pants - *Some service sites require these.*
- Short-sleeved shirts
- Long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts and/or light jacket for cool nights
- Underwear and socks
- Tennis shoes or work boots *that cover your whole foot and that can get dirty or wet. You'll wear these to service sites and in the kitchen. You can bring a pair of other shoes or sandals for the housing site.*
- Comfortable swimsuit *for high levels of activity and for privacy in the shower, if necessary*
- Shower shoes - *Flip-flops are great for this.*
- Work gloves - *Optional; helpful if you're working outside.*

OTHER STUFF

- 3-5 face masks *in case they are needed during your trip*
- Small shower bag or backpack
- Towel and washcloth
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, other toiletries, extra contact lenses, backup pair of glasses, etc.
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Air mattress or camping pad *for sleeping on floors. **Mattresses must be twin size or smaller.***
- Bible and pen
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen, lip balm, hat, sunglasses
- Spending money for snacks and souvenirs - *Talk to your Trip Leader for further details.*
- Flashlight

NOTES ON PACKING

Because space is limited in the sleeping rooms, everything but your sleeping bag and camping pad or air mattress should fit in one duffel bag or suitcase.

Please check the weather forecast for the community you are visiting to help you know how to pack.

Coordinate with others in your group to make sure that as a group you have some of the following:

- Insect repellent
- Battery-powered alarm clock

PLEASE AVOID BRINGING

- **Blow dryers, curling irons or straightening irons.** Shower time is short and many of our housing sites do not have the power to run all these small electronics at one time.
- **Electronic devices, too much cash or other valuables** that you would consider to be irreplaceable. Also, consider leaving your phone at home. These items can distract you from others during the week and may be susceptible to theft. *YouthWorks is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.*
- **Clothing with obscene, vulgar, threatening, abusive or discriminatory language or images.** Do not bring any apparel that represents hate groups or is gang-related, or any apparel that promotes alcohol, chemicals, tobacco or any other product illegal for use by minors.



Mission Trip Registration & Permission Form

This form must be submitted when registering.
Payment deadlines are non-negotiable.

Date of Trip: _____ Timeframe: _____ Total Cost: _____

Location: _____

Method of Transportation: _____

Payment Details:

Deposit is due at the time of registration. Payments may be made by check or electronic payment via our app or using the supplied link following the schedule below. All payments must be received for your child to be able to attend.

Deposit Amount: \$ _____ due by _____ **2nd Payment** \$ _____ due by _____

Final Payment: \$ _____ due by _____

I, _____, give permission for my child _____ to attend the trip to the location listed above under the supervision of the staff and volunteers of Christ Church Fox Chapel.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Emergency Contact

This person should be available for the duration of the trip, and will be contacted only if the parent/guardian cannot be reached.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

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Our Purpose

We exist to connect middle and high school students to God, each other and communities through meaningful Christ-centered mission trips.



OUR VISION

Providing Christ-centered mission trips is our way of serving God's multidenominational Church. We want to help empower every teenager to know God and be like Jesus in the ways they love and serve others, and our desire is the same for churches families, staff and communities. We aim to create experiences that broaden perspectives, ignite passions, expose possibilities and inspire pursuits.

OUR VALUES

As we live out our purpose and vision, we strive for these six priorities to shape the way we work and those we work alongside. These core values hinge on our aspiration to love teenagers, work alongside communities and serve God's Church:



YOUTH

Middle and high school students are a vibrant part of the Church. We laugh, play, serve and engage with them as they learn to love and be loved by Christ. We believe these years are both formative for their future and vital for God's work now.



RESPECTFUL SERVICE

God is already at work in individuals, churches and communities, and we use Jesus' example of servant-leadership to join the work. Throughout our partnership with a community, we listen closely, speak carefully and serve humbly. Respectful service may feel less efficient, but we believe it is more effective and life-giving.



DIVERSITY

We value different styles of worship, stories of faith, stages of life, sets of resources, tones of skin and expressions of culture, and invite others to do the same. By leaving comfort zones to listen and learn from each other, we can more deeply include, interact with and express the diverse beauty of God's Kingdom.



COMMUNITIES

Communities are partners, friends and the places we serve. We continually pursue ways to better listen to, respond to and love them. Entering, working with and learning from these communities should be viewed as an honor and privilege.



RELATIONSHIPS

We pursue intentional interactions, restored relationships and ongoing friendships. Using the ministry of Jesus as our example, we prioritize loving and serving people over programs, projects and plans. The experiences we create encourage authentic connections with others and with God.



DEVELOPMENT

We are committed to pushing out of our comfort zones and exploring new opportunities. We humbly continue to seek growth as we listen and learn from those around us, deepen our understanding and determine direction.



TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

Overview

This schedule is an example of what you might expect on a YouthWorks site. Because every community is different, the schedule may vary at some sites and on certain days.

SUNDAY

4:30–6:00 pm	Your Group Arrives at Housing Site
6:15 pm	Dinner
7:15–8:30 pm	Orientations for Adult Leaders and Students
8:30–9:30 pm	The Gathering
9:30–10:30 pm	Church Group Time (a time to process the day as a group)
11:15 pm	Lights Out

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

6:45 am	Breakfast Crew in Kitchen
7:00 am	Wake Up
7:15–7:45 am	Breakfast (Everyone also packs their own lunch during this time.)
7:45–8:15 am	Breakfast/Building Cleanup
8:25–8:50 am	Personal Devotion Time
9:00 am	Gather and Depart for Service Sites (Lunch is around noon at service sites.)
3:30 pm	Depart from Service Sites
3:30–5:30 pm	Showers, Afternoon Snack, Adult Leader Meeting, Dinner Crew Prepares Meal
5:30–6:30 pm	Dinner and Cleanup
6:30–8:30 pm	Evening Activity and Snack*
8:30–9:30 pm	The Gathering
9:30–10:30 pm	Church Group Time and Prepare for Bed
11:15 pm	Lights Out

**Some sites include one option night during the week, where scheduled events end around 7 p.m. and church groups can choose between additional free time or options in the community provided by YouthWorks staff.*

FRIDAY

6:30–7:00 am	Wake Up and Load Vehicles
7:00–9:00 am	Breakfast, Building Cleanup and Send-Off