

Youth Summer Mission Trip

Asheville, N.C.

Sunday, June 29-Friday, July 4, 2025

Description

Youth in grades 8-11 will take a mission trip to Asheville, N.C., from Sunday, June 29 to Friday, July 4, 2025. Partnering with Youth Mission Co, this trip will help us deepen our faith through serving others in projects addressing homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity, as well as through worship, evening programs, and community-building activities. This experience is designed to provide youth with valuable insights into social justice and opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. The cost is \$600, of which \$300 is required by February 16, 2025, to secure one of 15 available spots. Don't miss this chance to serve, learn, and connect. In addition to submitting an online registration, each youth participant must complete a written registration to be submitted in person.

Purpose

To deepen and strengthen your faith while exploring spirituality through community and service work.

Eligibility/requirements

- Must be in grade eight through 11 during the 2024-25 school year
- Participants must attend at least three youth Bible studies during the 2024-25 year (Sunday morning)
- Participants must attend at least three youth group meetings during the 2024-25 year (Sunday evening)

Student Registration

By February 16, 2025, youth participants must submit a written registration, a \$300 deposit, and an online registration to secure a spot on the trip. The written registration must be submitted in person. The online registration is to be completed by a parent or guardian. We are excited to offer 15 spots and will have a waiting list once all spots are filled. Places are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you complete an application and do not comply with the requirements listed above, you may only receive 50 percent of your deposit back regardless of timing. **Your registration is not complete until we have received your deposit, online registration, and youth registration.**

Expectations of Participants

All youth and adult participants are expected to sign a community covenant. Parents of youth participating in the trip will sign the covenant. Everyone will be expected to live into these rules and respect each other and the people and places we visit during the trip.

Youth Mission Co Program

Work will range from physical labor to visits to playing games with children, to simply sharing a meal with unhoused people. In the evenings, we will reconvene after showers and dinner for a program where we'll explore and debrief our daily experiences. We will close our time together with worship led by Asheville Youth Mission.

Costs

Please know the budget is subject to change. This is an outline to help you prepare and plan.

Cost per youth participant: \$600

Additional costs: Money for food on the way to and from Asheville, and spending money for free afternoon in the city

\$300 deposit is due Sunday, February 16, 2025

Final payment is due Sunday, March 30, 2025

For the trip to take place, a minimum of eight youth participants and two adult chaperones are required. The trip can accommodate up to 15 youth and three adult chaperones, ensuring a ratio of one adult for every five youth. This structure is designed to provide sufficient supervision and create a meaningful, engaging experience for all participants.

Important dates

Sunday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.—youth and leader meeting

We will review expectations and sign covenants.

Sunday, March 30—final payment due

If you have any questions regarding payments, please feel free to contact Caroline Harris, charris@ststephensRVA.org or 804.288.2867. Make your check payable to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and write Youth Mission Trip on the memo line.

Sunday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.—youth, parents, and leaders meeting

Sunday, June 22 at 10 a.m.—youth, parents, and leaders blessed during 10 a.m. service