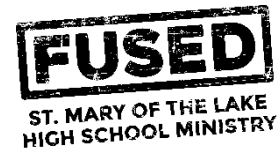




Mandaree, North Dakota Mission Trip
Information Sheet 2022



Destination: Mandaree, North Dakota – Staying at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church

Mission Trip Dates: July 16-23, 2022

Cost: Free! You will be asked to bring money for lunch on travel days and any souvenirs you buy.

Group Leaders: Michelle Boris, Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries & St. Mary’s Chaperones

-Christian Life Camp Leaders (not St. Mary’s Chaperones): Fr. Roger Synek & Andrew Zarembinski

Participant Ages: Current (2021-2022) high school students in grades 9-12. Friends from other parishes/religious backgrounds are welcome.

What will we be doing?

We will be helping to put on Christian Life Camp as camp counselors. A summer day camp held annually on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation for children in the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation community. Christian Life Camp is hosted by St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mandaree, North Dakota. We may also help with a camp in the community of New Town. We will possibly do other service projects around the church/area. Along with the team of veteran CLC adult counselors, the teens on the mission trip will put on skits, lead songs and games, help at mass, teach Catholic topics, run arts and crafts, etc. for the children going to the 5-day camp (almost like an extended all-day VBS).

Basic Itinerary:

July 16: Travel Day – Leave St. Mary’s in early morning (bus or chaperone cars depending on numbers)

July 17: Mass & Set Up/Prep for Camp

July 18-22: Camp Days (Approximate schedule; subject to change)

8:00 AM Staff/Counselor Breakfast

9:00 AM Campers arrive for the day

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Morning Activities (Including, art projects, outdoor field games, etc.)

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Praise & Worship session followed by Daily Mass

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Lunch

12:00 PM - 4:30 PM Afternoon Activities (Including but not limited to swimming, slip & slide, talent shows, small group Olympics, etc.)

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Dinner

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Faith/Discipleship evening session with small groups.

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Large group faith formation session

8:30 PM - 9:00 PM Campers picked up & closing for the day

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM Formation, Small Groups, Prayer for counselors

July 23: Travel Day with possible tourist stop – Return to St. Mary’s in evening/night

Room & Board: Provided by St. Anthony’s; we will stay in “earth lodge” cabins on the church grounds

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COVID Policies: We will follow all local, state, and federal guidelines dependent on our specific location during the trip. All current Archdiocesan and St. Mary's COVID protocols will be followed (subject to change). Fort Berthold Indian Reservation is a sovereign nation and creates their own COVID policies (independent of the state of North Dakota), which will also be followed. Currently (April, 2022), masks are optional. COVID vaccinees are not required for attendance on this trip. Registered participants and parents/guardians will be notified of any changes to COVID policies if or when they occur.

Other Commitments:

Planning meetings: We will have 3-5 Zoom meetings with CLC leaders to prepare for our jobs at camp. These will be scheduled later based upon participant availability. You will be asked to make up meetings if you miss more than one.

Preparation Meetings: We will have 1-2 preparation meetings with the group and parents/guardians. One of these will include safety information and signing a teen Code of Conduct for working with children.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2022

Application Link: <https://tinyurl.com/47fj6frn>

Please note that in addition, all youth volunteers will need to undergo training and signing a Code of Conduct for volunteering with children. This will be covered at a preparation meeting and will include obtaining 2 letters of reference due by July.

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