

# Mission Trips 2010

## Info and FAQ's



Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada July 18 - 23

The city of Thunder Bay, located in the Canadian province of Ontario, sits on the edge of the world's largest freshwater lake and is surrounded by majestic mountains and forests. Vast wilderness and outdoor recreation mixes with big-city entertainment and shopping to make Thunder Bay an attraction for all. Over the past ten years, however, the city's economy has struggled, and hope for a quick turnaround is fading. Your group will have opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ as you minister to local children and elderly residents and serve at homeless shelters in Thunder Bay.

Thunder Bay, Ontario is located on the northern shore of Lake Superior. Its position on the Great Lakes made it a natural meeting and trading site for Native Americans, and later, Europeans established a series of fur trading posts here. Today, Thunder Bay is the tenth-largest city in Ontario, with a population of 109,016. It is a melting pot of many ethnic backgrounds including Scottish (19 percent), Irish (16 percent), Ukrainian (13 percent) and Finnish (11 percent). A decline in the forestry and shipping industries has led to a recent economic downturn in Thunder Bay. The unemployment rate is approximately 6.3 percent. Fifteen percent of residents live in poverty, and an estimated 30 percent are just a single paycheck away from being homeless. Come and help restore hope to those who are struggling by sharing the love of Christ in the scenic city of Thunder Bay.

Participants serve in a variety of ways during a YouthWorks mission trip. Students may spend all week at one ministry or switch between ministries during the week. Our goal is to partner with local organizations and programs that seek to address the very basic needs of residents. Students may serve at places like: Children's Programs, Elderly Centers, Soup Kitchens/Homeless Shelters and Thrift Stores. We cannot confirm until all groups arrive exactly what ministries your students will be a part of during the week. We ask that you come with a willing and flexible spirit!

Note: Per the U.S. Department of State travel website, "On June 1, 2009, the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of WHTI. The proposed rules require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport, passport card, or WHTI-compliant document."

Cost: \$278 + transportation and extra activities

**What will the total cost be?**

Depending on the number of youth that attend each mission trip we expect the total trip cost to be between \$450 and \$550.

**How many people can go on each trip?**

Each trip has a limited amount of space so sign up early. Red Lake and Thunder Bay each have 18 youth spots. Wilderness Canoe Base has space for 14 youth. If a trip has too few participants then you will have the option to transfer to another trip.

**Will there be fundraising opportunities?**

Yes, we will have a number of fundraisers that you may participate in between now and June. Check the website and youth bulletin board for more information.

**What happens to the money we raise during fundraisers?**

All the money you raise is kept in a personal youth account at Word of Peace for you to use for all youth events. The balance can be found on the website or by contacting Mari Reed.

**Where is the youth bulletin board?**

In the south entrance of the church building by the youth offices and youth room.

**What is the church's website address?**

[www.wordofpeace.org](http://www.wordofpeace.org) - click on the youth / high school tab.

**What are the deadlines for Mission Trips 2010?**

Deposit due (\$60) - February 10th

Half Balance due - April 11th

Full Balance due - June 6th

**If I sign up and then decide not to go what happens?**

First we will be very sad that you can't go. Next you will be responsible to pay the amount due to that point. Example: You decide not to go on April 15th, you are still responsible for paying half balance of the trip.

**What is transportation like for the trips?**

15 passenger vans will be driven to the locations by the adult chaperones

**Who can chaperone?**

Any adult over the age of 25 with a love for serving, youth and Jesus. (Chaperones must also complete a background check)

**Which trip is right for my youth (or me)?**

This summer we are offering a large variety of mission trips so that you will have a choice of what type of service project to participate in. Our recommendations are as follows: Red Lake, MN will be an intense experience perfect for people who have been on a previous mission trip or are a little older. Thunder Bay, Canada will be great for anyone especially those who have never participated in a mission trip or is a little younger. Wilderness Canoe Base will be perfect for anyone who is willing to work hard, get their hands dirty and spend some time in the wilderness. We encourage you to pray about which trip will be right for you. Please don't be afraid to stretch yourself and step outside of your box.

**Who can come on Word of Peace mission trips?**

Anyone and everyone is welcome whether you are a member of this church or not.

**What do you mean by extra activities?**

On each trip there will be a small extra expense specific to the locations of the trips. Each trip will likely have an extra \$10 added for an evening activity. Also, we are planning on a group event for those attending the mission trips on the 23rd of July to cap off a great experience. The cost for that will most likely be around \$50.

**How will I receive more information about the mission trips between now and when we leave?**

For the vast majority of communication we will be sending out information via email and Facebook. We will also have monthly meetings at the church to prepare for our experience. You are requested to be at the majority of the meetings so you can stay in the loop.

More questions or comments?

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