

2021 Summer Mission Trip

When: July 10-17, 2021
Where: Grand Rapids, MI
Who: St. Anne Youth (Ages 14-17), OR
Young Adults (Ages 18-20), OR
Adult Chaperones (Ages 21+)



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What We Are Doing:

Group Catholic Workcamps are week-long Catholic mission camps where you will serve people in need through challenging home repair projects. For six days, you will join other groups to repair sagging porches, rebuild unsafe steps and wheelchair ramps, and paint homes. You will literally transform a house and God will transform your faith.

At a **Workcamp**, the camp organizes everything for you (including meals) so you can focus on working hard, having fun, and growing closer together as a group. As you obey Jesus' command to "love your neighbor" through selfless service, you will bring hope to people who desperately need it. It's a powerful experience...and a launching point for a faith that's deepened, renewed, or even begun for the very first time!

Application Instructions:

Step 1: Show Us You are Interested!

We do not want to lose track that you are interested in this important ministry!! Simply go to:

<https://www.stanneswausau.org/missiontrips>

Complete the online portion so that we can collect some basic information about you and how we can keep in touch as the preparation process continues. If you do not have easy access to a computer, ask a friend, or stop by the parish office anytime and we will be glad to help!

Step 2: Sign the Participant Commitment and Financial Agreement

Review the commitment and agreement CAREFULLY. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask! Furthermore, understand that your application **will not** be considered complete until this commitment form is signed and returned with the deposit.

Applications and Deposit Deadlines:

Deposit	Due Date
\$50	Friday, October 30, 2020, 12:00 Noon —Priority registration deadline
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Notes:

- All applications will be accepted as space permits. Remember, first come, first served!
- Chaperones must pay \$50 deposit to secure a spot (remaining trip cost is complimentary in appreciation for your service)

For More Information:

- Go to www.stanneswausau.org/missiontrips
- Check out *Group Mission Trips* at: www.groupmissiontrips.com

2021 Participant Commitment and Financial Agreement

As a participant and/or a parent of a participant attending the mission trip, we fully and wholeheartedly commit to this outreach opportunity of St. Anne Parish. Our signatures indicate our review and agreement to the following commitments:

General Commitment

This mission trip is more than a road trip; it is a commitment to a life-changing experience! Therefore, it is essential that you understand that it is a commitment to a process prior to the trip, during the trip, and after the trip.

- I understand that I must attend all scheduled faith and community-building sessions. Any absences from meetings must be directly communicated to the trip leader(s) **prior** to any anticipated absence.
- I commit to do service throughout the year in preparation for this mission trip experience in the following three areas: 1) Parish, 2) Community in Need, 3) Family, Friends & School.
- I agree to do what I can to promote this mission trip experience such as sharing stories, experiences, and pictures with our parish community.
- I agree to be a role model for my peers by continuing my own faith journey through attendance at weekend liturgies, personal prayer and reflection, and service to others.
- I agree to abide by the participant policies of St. Anne's Parish Youth Ministry and the Code of Conduct set forth by *Group Mission Trips* (forthcoming).

Financial Agreement

Trips like this of course cost money. However, do not let "sticker shock" prevent you from registering! The majority of youth are able to fundraise the bulk of their mission trip costs! See below for the details.

- Your efforts in fundraising will have a direct impact on your own out-of-pocket cost. Amounts fundraised by you are allocated towards YOUR portion of the trip expense, NOT to a "collective pot" for everyone. DO NOT let "sticker shock" prevent you from signing up!
- Fundraising opportunities are provided throughout the year to ensure participants are not burdened with the financial expense of this trip. **Your commitment to fundraising can reduce your out of pocket expense to only the \$50 deposit!**
- The total *estimated* cost per youth & young adult before fundraising (including all travel, lodging, worksite supplies and all meals) **will not exceed** \$920.00 (may be adjusted down as expenses are calculated)

Costs/Commitments:

Total <i>Estimated</i> Cost per youth/young adult participant:	\$920.00
LESS Personal Deposit due upon registering:	-\$50.00
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Fundraising goal per youth and young adult participant:	\$870.00

- I understand that as an adult chaperone or youth/young adult participant, I must contribute to the fundraising efforts of this program through individual and group fundraising events as scheduled. Everyone can do something to raise money!!!
- I understand that all group fundraising efforts will directly impact the group's ability to make full payments to *Group Workcamps*. If St. Anne Parish Youth Ministry is unable to make full payments to *Group Workcamps* on time, with these funds, youth & young adult participants will be personally billed for the remaining balance (Installments due February 15, April 15, and June 15).
- **If registering as an adult chaperone:** I understand that I must pay the \$50 deposit. In appreciation for my service and leadership to this trip, the balance of the cost for my trip will be paid for by the youth participant payments & fundraising efforts.
- All funds raised and payments made are solely intended for the mission trip and ministries of St. Anne Parish and are non-refundable. Any excess funds will be applied to start-up funds for a future trip.
- If, for any reason, I do not ultimately participate in the mission trip, I am responsible for any fees incurred as a result of my cancellation.

Summer 2021 Mission Trip

Important Details



St. Anne Group Meetings

- A schedule of meetings will be provided at our first planning meeting
- Once the schedule is available, if any dates are a concern/conflict and are preventing you from committing to the trip, do not hesitate to contact John in the parish office to discuss options and ideas

Pre-Trip Service Projects

- With the intention of building group community and recognizing that there are needs right here in Wausau to attend to, we will be organizing a variety of pre-trip service projects
- Though these dates are yet to be determined, it is our expectation that all youth/young adults and adults will make every effort possible to commit to any or all of these pre-trip service opportunities
- If you have any ideas or suggestions for these service projects, let us know!

Fundraising

- Fundraisers will be scheduled throughout the upcoming months.
- Details will be shared during each of the monthly planning meetings.
- Remember, your involvement in fundraising will have a direct impact on any out of pocket costs!

Phases of Payments for Cost of the Trip (amounts will be established as final budget firms up)

NOTE: The installments may not be identical amounts (i.e., not split into three equal payments). The first installment is typically the largest. Also, participants will only have an amount due if the installment amount is not fundraised by dates listed.

- February 15, 2021—First Installment Due
- April 15, 2021—Second Installment Due
- June 15, 2021—Third (and Final) Installment Due

Travel Plans (subject to change as the week's travel firms up)

- Saturday, July 10, 2021—Departure from Wausau & layover in transit to Grand Rapids, MI
- Sunday, July 11, 2021—12:00 noon check-in for week of camp
- Saturday, July 17, 2021—Check-out from week of camp & travel back to Wausau (arrival back to Wausau later evening)

Post Trip Celebrations and Parish Sharing Gatherings

- Stay tuned for events to celebrate together the good works we did and the friendships we formed!
- Most of all, in appreciation for the support and prayers of the St. Anne Parish community, participants will be expected to help in planning for and sharing at any parish sharing events (Dates TBA)

COVID-19 Plan

Group Mission Trips (our host for the mission trip experience) plans is to make summer 2021 as fun, safe, and normal as possible. They are in contact with their partners in Grand Rapids to make sure they provide the safest environment and follow all local guidelines for camp next summer.

Camp season is still many months away and so many things surrounding COVID-19 are changing around the country daily. However, we're still hard at work preparing for a variety of scenarios for next summer. We have prepared a detailed list of many of the possibilities we could use to add precautions to sleeping arrangements, worksites, large-group gatherings, food prep, and more.

Arrival

- The best thing you can do to keep camp safe is make sure your group arrives healthy.
- We will ensure that the camp environment has been cleaned and disinfected and ready for you.

Mealtimes

- We are recruiting extra facility volunteers to assist with increased sanitization and cleaning tasks
- Planning to expand mealtimes and creating shifts for separate groups to provide better social distancing practices during mealtimes.
- Analyzing our food preparation procedures at Week of Hope and make necessary changes to ensure food safety since youth groups usually help prepare meals for each other.

Free time

- Providing colored bracelets to participants that designate a person's comfort level of interaction – From very little interaction desired (red bracelet) to almost all interaction welcomed (green bracelet).
- Taking each person's temperature daily at each mission trip location.
- Requiring everyone to wear masks at worksites, in all public places, and at the lodging facility during gatherings and interactions.

Sleeping arrangements

- We are speaking with location partners about the possibility of expanding the number of sleeping rooms to provide for social distancing in sleeping areas.
- Keeping Youth Group together in one room. Obviously, boys and girls will still be in separate rooms 😊

Large group gatherings

- Creating multiple evening program times in shifts and conducting program outside (weather permitting) for separate groups to provide better social distancing practices during program times.
- Potentially eliminating the option for residents to attend our Friday evening programs at Workcamps to decrease exposure of anyone who may be at higher risk including our elderly residents.

Work sites

- Keeping youth groups together (including on crews) to help keep people safe. We understand mixing groups is a large part of the relational experience at camp and if this is the safest option, we plan for this to be a temporary change for this year only.
- Limiting the amount of interaction with people at all project sites, including devotions, to decrease exposure of anyone who may be at higher risk including our elderly residents.

For the most up to date information, go to: <https://groupmissiontrips.com/>



2021 Mission Trip Participant/Chaperone Commitment & Financial Agreement

Please complete, remove this form & return to John Schmitt, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry with your non-refundable deposit. Retain the rest for your records.

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- Please make checks payable to St. Anne Parish

I have read and understand the mission trip commitment and agree to participate in all the planning activities.

Participant's name: _____

Mother's Name (leave blank if an adult chaperone): _____

Father's Name (leave blank if an adult chaperone): _____

Primary Email Address (PRINT CLEARLY): _____

Primary Phone: _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

DO NOT FORGET to complete the online portion @: www.stanneswausau.org/missiontrips

Parental/Adult Support:

This effort naturally will involve more than simply the youth. We need support and involvement of everyone!
As a parent of a youth participating, I would be willing to help the mission trip in the following ways:

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| _____ Spreading the word/PR of the trip | _____ Form filing etc. |
| _____ Adult participant/chaperone/driver | _____ Supply collection and solicitation |
| _____ Fundraising | _____ Help facilitate pre-trip meetings |
| _____ Help plan the travel logistics (vehicle rental, route planning etc.) | _____ Pray for the youth and other participants |
| | _____ Other _____ |

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Payment date: _____

Amt. Pd: _____

Ck#: _____

Total Fees: _____

Balance: _____