

MISSION TRIP'10

Evergreen, CO



Check out the mission trip page on our website: <http://mtkalutheran.org/Mission-trip-2010.html>

SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, July 6th	Depart from MLC in the morning... time TBD; Spend night at church along the way
July 7th	Arrive in Evergreen in the afternoon. Settle in. Head into Evergreen for dinner. Possibly meet/join Evergreen youth for youth group.
July 8th	WORK WORK WORK!
July 9th	WORK WORK WORK!
July 10th	WORK WORK WORK Laundry in the evening
July 11th	Worship and be tourists in the afternoon (visit Boulder, Denver, Mt. Evans, or something else...)
July 12th	WORK WORK WORK
July 13th	Leave at the crack of dawn for Great Sand Dunes Park; camp at park
July 14th	Hang out at Great Sand Dunes; go into town for banquet meal; camp at park
July 15th	Get up at crack of dawn, pack and get on the road; stay at church along the way home
July 16th	Return to MLC in late afternoon/evening... time TBD

COST: \$350-\$500

This will vary depending on how many people come on the trip. There are two components of cost:

- 1) Basic cost per person. This cost is what I've estimated food and other incidentals will cost, per person, plus a per person donation to Habitat for Humanity.
- 2) Group cost. This cost remains the same no matter how large the group is. This includes gas, van rental fees, camp ground and park use fees, and two donations (\$100 each) as a thank you to our showering facilities and our host church. This is the portion of the cost of the trip that is responsible for the variable per person cost.

The above cost includes a T-shirt (that we will design as a group), a meal out when we arrive in Evergreen and a closing "banquet" on our final night before heading home, as well as laundry costs.

In addition to the upfront cost, participants will be responsible for purchasing fast food meals during our travel days to and from Colorado, and possibly for one other meal during the trip (depends on what the group decides they want

to do with some free time one Sunday afternoon). There will be fund raising opportunities, including an invitation for congregational and familial “sponsorship” of the trip.

HOW THINGS WORK:

We will be staying at Evergreen Lutheran Church (where Pastor Paul did his internship). They have a house on their property that serves as their youth room, and that’s where we will be staying. We may be eating dinner in the church’s main kitchen.

On Sunday morning we will worship at Evergreen Lutheran.

We will work as a group to take care of things.

We’ll take turns making breakfast and dinner, and reversely, cleaning up after each meal. We’ll each pack our own “sack” lunch for the days that we work. And we’ll clean up the churches that we stay at so well that no one will be able to tell we were there.

We will close each day with a devotional time in which we can talk about the day and engage scripture and our faith. Participants themselves will have the opportunity to lead devotionals (no, it won’t just be pastor Paul and the other adult chaperones!)

We will be working with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity on two or three days, and then connecting with some other organizations- potentially doing some urban work in Denver- on the other day or two. So we’ll get a variety of experiences. We will be showering at the Evergreen Recreational Center (but no, we will not have full access to their facilities!). I believe the showers are your basic, open locker room style.

We’ll do laundry once in the middle of the trip (this lets you pack lighter since you’ll have a chance to wash and re-wear all your clothes!)

The town of Evergreen is itself a neat little place with some touristy stuff. But we will have an opportunity during the trip to spend an afternoon being tourists. There are many options we have such as:

- visiting Boulder (big college there, lots of people visit it, big outdoor area with street performers and shops)
- hiking up to St. Mary’s Glacier (an actual glacier about twenty minutes from Evergreen... a short and not too difficult hike takes you to a beautiful glacier fed lake- pretty neat place to check out)
- driving to the top of Mt. Evans (Mt. Evans is “14er” - that’s Colorado speak for a 14,000+ foot high peak. There are two in the state you can drive to the top of- Evans and Pike’s Peak. It’s a pretty cool site to behold)
- and more... what we do will depend on weather, interests of the group, etc.

At the end of the trip we’ll camp out in Great Sand Dunes National Park. It is a beautiful place (check it out online <http://www.nps.gov/grsa/index.htm>). It’s a huge collection of giant sand dunes (think of a dessert) nestled at the bottom of some pretty high mountain peaks. Here we’ll get some time to hang out, go on hikes, play games, relax, and debrief our mission work.

FREE HAT!!:

The state of Colorado has an opportunity for tourists to get a free base ball cap. Each member would have to sign up online and then we’d have to stop by the Colorado Visitor Center in Red Rocks Park (ten minutes from Evergreen).
WHAT A DEAL!