

Fargo/Moorhead Mission Trip Constance Free Church Application Packet



We are looking for a team of middle school students (finishing grades 6-8) who are willing to faithfully serve the Lord in Moorhead, MN - June 25-29, 2012.

What will we do?

- Partner with local service organizations like children's programs, elderly centers, shelters and thrift stores.
- Engage in worship, teaching and small group times.
- Explore the town we are serving doing low-cost outings during the evenings.

Who can be on the team?

- We are looking for students who have a relationship with Christ.
- This trip is open to students finishing 6th, 7th or 8th grade.
- Students need to be hard-working, team-oriented and have a heart to help others.
- Spots are limited.

How do I apply?

- Submit the completed application and down payment of \$60 to Middle School Ministries at Constance Free Church. (You can mail in your application and deposit or drop it off at church at the front desk.) Total trip cost will be \$299 and there will be fundraising available.
- In the case you are not selected, your deposit will be refunded.
- The trip has a limited number of spots, so apply early! The deposit deadline is February 15, 2012.

Looking forward to an amazing encounter with Jesus Christ serving his people in the Fargo/Moorhead area!

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Trip Details

Where does the team stay in Moorhead?

We will stay in dorm rooms at Concordia College in Moorhead. We will be eating on campus for most of our meals.

What is the transportation for the team?

The team will travel in vans, potentially rented 12-15 passenger vans or leader vehicles.

Who are the leaders?

The trip will be staffed by Constance Free Church middle school ministry staff and volunteers. There will be enough Constance leaders to maintain a 1-6 ratio or better.

How can I talk to my student during the trip? Are there trip updates available?

You will be able to reach Cindy Jones by cell phone at any time if you need to urgently talk to your student. Students will also have a chance to call home during the week. Students may bring cell phones, but they must be powered off in their bag. If a student wishes to call home on their phone, they need to ask a leader for permission before they call. We will be doing daily email updates to parents.

What are the required trip commitments?

The following requirements have been chosen to ensure a well-trained team. These dates are mandatory. Please make prior arrangements with coaches or other commitments to clear these dates in your calendar.

Wednesday, February 15 – Application and \$60 Due

Sunday, February 26 12:15-2:30 p.m. – Parent/Student Info Meeting

Students will receive forms. If students plan on writing support letters, it is recommended they send the letters in the next few weeks and request people's response by April 15 so you can make your next payment.

March - May – Optional Fundraising Opportunities

Saturday, April 21 – 9-5pm - Serve Day (Required for mission trip students)

\$100 and Forms Due

Saturday May 19 9am – 4pm - Training Day

Balance Due (\$139 if no fundraising)

Monday, June 25 – Friday, June 29 – Fargo/Moorhead Mission Trip

Sunday, July 15, 2:00pm - Celebration with Parents and Friends

Further Trip Information

A Look at the Community

The Wall Street Journal calls Fargo-Moorhead - the largest metropolitan area between Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., and Spokane, Wash. These two cities lie on the [North Dakota-Minnesota](#) border, on opposite banks of the [Red River of the North](#). The area has a population of 208,777 according to the 2010 census. That is up nearly 20% from 174,367 in the 2000 census. There are more than 20,000 college students in Fargo-Moorhead. [Fargo-Moorhead](#) is a friendly, safe community. While this area is known for its high quality of living, there are still those who are homeless, hungry and have needs of many kinds.

Typical Mission Day

Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Devotion Time	8:30 a.m.
Depart for Service Sites	9:00 a.m.
Lunch Break	12:00 p.m.
Serve	1:00 p.m.
Break	4:00 p.m.
Dinner	5:30 p.m.
Evening Activity	6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship/Groups	9:00 p.m.
Prepare for Bed	11:00 p.m.
Lights Out	11:30 p.m.

Application (to be submitted)

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Student Cell (if applicable): _____

Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Cell: _____

Parent Email: _____

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Please respond to these questions on this sheet or typed separately.

- 1) Share a brief testimony about how you became a Christian.
- 2) How do you live out your faith in Jesus Christ?
- 3) Why do you want to participate in the Fargo/Moorhead Mission Trip?
- 4) How are you hoping to grow by participating in the trip?
- 5) What do you expect to be challenging on the trip? How do you plan on dealing with these challenges?
- 6) Do you have any special needs we should be aware of?

Commitment Form (to be submitted)

Students please check off that you agree to these commitments:

___ I understand the total amount I will need to raise for the trip is \$299. I commit to making these payments:

February 15 - \$60

April 21 - \$100

May 19 – Balance (Approx. \$139 if you did not fundraise)

___ I have read and understand all the required trip commitments and I commit to following through with them including the 'Serve Day' and all trip meetings.

___ I will treat everyone with a Christ-like attitude on my team and in the community we serve.

___ I understand that if I break guidelines my parents may be contacted and depending on the severity of the actions I could be sent home at my parent's expense.

___ I understand I receive a packet of required forms at the February 26 meeting I am responsible to turn in on or before April 21 with my next payment.

Student, by signing you are indicating you have read and understand the required commitments and guidelines for participation in this trip.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s), by signing you are indicating you understand the required commitments and guidelines for participate in this trip. Thank you for helping your student make it to the required meetings and raise the needed funds for trip. If the household has two parents both signatures are required.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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