

LOC 7th/8th Grade Service-Learning Trip

Twin Cities, MN

June 8-12, 2024



What: A trip for current LOC youth in grades 7 and 8 who want to grow in their faith, serve and learn together on a trip in Minnesota!

Service Learning Camps (SLC) Provides:

- Complete service site coordination and arrangement
- Help finding lodging and showers

Light of Christ Arranges/Provides:

- Transportation
- Food & meal prep – we'll have meal teams; each team will cook/serve
- Free time outings
- Worship and devotional content
- Rules / Guidelines / Covenant
- Adult leaders

Tentative Schedule for the week:

Sunday, June 8th

- 8:30 am – Arrive at LOC to load vehicles (please pack light and wear your trip shirt!!)
- 9:30 am – Attend worship at LOC (trip blessing during the service)
- 11:00 am – Depart for St. Paul (bring a sack lunch that we can eat on the drive)
- 1:00 pm – Arrive and get settled at **Luther Memorial Church in South St. Paul, MN**
- Orientation for the week and grocery shopping!
- Afternoon/Evening – Explore local attractions, free time/games at the park across the street from the church, meal/clean up/worship teams all meet and work
- Evening: Supper, worship (bonfire?), free-time, bedtime

Monday-Wednesday, June 9th – 11th

- 8 am – Wake up, breakfast, morning devos, pack lunches and get ready to leave
- 8 am – Volunteer at local social-service organization
- Around 3-4 pm – Return to the church
- Evening: showers at **Central Square Community Center**, down time, dinner, activity, worship

Thursday, June 12th

- Breakfast, devos, pack lunches and all belongings; leave for a “fun” day out and picnic lunch
- 5 pm? – Arrive back at LOC, hug your parents and thank God for an excellent trip!

Things to Note:

- We need adult leaders for this trip! It's a demanding but rewarding and fun week! Talk to Kirsten ☺
- We normally provide a scholarship from LOC for each youth that attends.
 - Since this is a new trip, we'll see how many sign up before we can decide what kind of scholarship we can offer.
- Youth will not have their cell phone all week (if they have/bring one). Adult leaders always have theirs for emergency purposes as well as photos, maps, etc.
- Trip registration will be online and the deposit is \$100 (non-refundable but can be used for a future trip if an unexpected cancellation is needed). The registration link will be emailed to you tomorrow.
- Youth Fundraiser (auction and spaghetti dinner) will be on Sunday, February 9th, 2025. Save the date!

GENERAL Packing List (make sure your name is on all items and PACK LIGHT!):

- Shoes: Closed toe and sandals
- 3 sets of “work” clothes (t-shirts & shorts that can get dirty)
- 3-4 outfits for afternoon/evenings (could be hiking, etc)
- 2 pairs of long pants
- 2 long sleeved tops for cool nights
- Underwear and socks
- Swimming suit (no bikinis or speedos 😊)
- Toiletries and towel
- Cinch sac or similar for shower trips
- Sleeping bag (or set of sheets/blanket that’s small)
- Pillow (or just a pillowcase)
- Single air mattress or ground pad
- Reusable water bottle
- Thermal lunch bag and ice pack
- Bible and pen
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Hat
- Work gloves
- Raincoat
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Spending money for snacks and possible souvenir (approx. \$30-50?)
- Phone charger (if you bring a phone)
- Book/game for free time

Please DO NOT bring:

- Blow dryers, curling irons, straightening irons
- Clothing that exposes too much or that is explicit/violent
- Electronic devices (besides cell phone), valuables or too much cash

NOTE: Light of Christ and Service Learning Camps, LLC are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Cost ESTIMATE/Breakdown:

7 th and 8 th Grade Twin Cities Trip - Cost per person	
Service Learning Camps Fee:	\$ 165.00
Fun Event:	\$ 25.00 ??
Lodging (Luther Memorial Church, St. Paul):	\$ 40.00
Gas/Transportation:	\$ TBD
Food Estimate (13 meals at \$5/meal; plus snacks):	\$ 75.00
T-shirts:	\$ 30.00
Misc:	\$ TBD
Total Estimated Cost/Person:	\$ 335.00
	Probably around \$375-400 total

Other things to think/talk about:

- Tell me more about fundraising and the Youth Accounts!
- How/when do we make our trip payments?
- What happens if I get sick?
- Can I bring medication/s on the trip? How is this handled?
- What do adult leaders do?