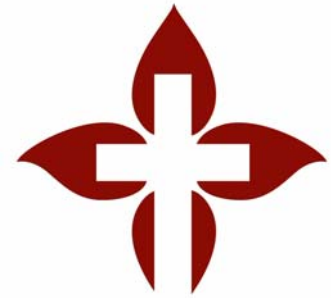


Mulberry St. OMC
Youth Week 2009
July 19-24



June 25, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

The Mulberry Youth are heading to Asheville, NC for an incredible week of missions and adventure. My goal for this trip is that our students will grow deeper in their faith with God, deeper in their relationships with one another, and more confident in their capacity to be agents of change.

To achieve this goal, we will be engaged in a variety of different projects and experiences. One of our primary focuses will be volunteering with the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM). The ABCCM serves over 10,000 people each year through five different ministries: Crisis Ministry, Jail Ministry, Veterans Ministry, Women and Children's Ministry, and Medical Ministry. Throughout the week, our team will rotate through several of these areas allowing our students to stretch their view of the world as they serve and build relationships with those who are socially and economically disadvantaged.

In conjunction with our volunteering, our team will participate in a 7 mile trip down the French Broad River (flows through the Biltmore Estate). During this trip, students will have the opportunity to further develop leadership skills as they take turns navigating the canoes and rafts. Our team will also participate in a high-element ropes course. This dual level 33' and 22' team challenge will inspire our participants to support one another, communicate effectively, problem-solve efficiently and take calculated risks through interactive participation.

Our team will gather together at the beginning and end of each day for prayer and Bible study. We will be utilizing a curriculum designed by Fuller Youth Institute that emphasizes missional living rather than a "feel-good" trip.

We will be staying at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly. Each room has 2 single beds and a private bathroom. Breakfast and dinner will be in the dining area (buffet style). Our lunches will be eaten on the work site. The YMCA has a variety of activities available at no cost (swimming pool, lake, tennis courts, hiking trails, volleyball, etc.). Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in other classes/activities during their free time (candle making, pottery, beads & jewelry making, guided hikes, mountain biking, etc). The YMCA will also provide our team with a bonfire by the lake during our stay.

The cost of the trip is \$85.00/person. This low cost is made possible through Mulberry's generosity in supporting this mission experience for our students. Space is strictly limited to 15 participants (including adult chaperones). Therefore, if you are interested in going, I encourage you to contact me as soon as possible.

The team will have a pre-trip meeting on Wednesday, July 15 from 6:00—8:00. This gathering will be extremely important as we further discuss the details of the trip and begin preparing ourselves for the work we will complete. It is not necessary for parents to stay for the entire gathering; however, I ask that one be present for the first 30 minutes as there are several items that need attention.

I believe this is going to be a wonderful trip and I hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Peace,

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Details at a Glance

Trip to Asheville, NC
Missions, Rafting, High Ropes Course
July 19-24
Cost is \$85
Team limited to 15 participants
Sign-up with Cameron

Websites to check-out

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly: <http://www.blueridgeassembly.org/>
Mission Agency: <http://abccm.org/>
Float Trip: <http://www.paddlewithus.com/>
Curriculum: <http://fulleryouthinstitute.org/>

Trip Team Meeting: Wednesday, July 15 @ 6:00-8:00

SUNDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Don't Forget. . .

Starting July 12th our Sunday Night
Program will be from 5:00—7:00pm.

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See other side for more details!