2025 Mission Trip Pittsburgh PA



Who: All students currently in grades 6-12 (i.e., Students who will be entering 7th grade after the summer of 2025 and students who graduated High School in 2025).

When: June 22nd-27th

Website: **https://groupmissiontrips.com/trip-types/community-service/pittsburgh**

Cost: $348 Per Student

Includes: Travel, lodging, food, custom DUMC Youth t-shirt, and a trip shirt

Does not include: Money for meals on the way to and home from this trip, travel day activities (more details coming at a later date), and any spending money you may want to bring.

Don't forget: **Fundraising will significantly reduce this cost for your student(s)!!!**

How to Register:

1. Turn in a $100 deposit by Sunday, Nov 3rd, 2024.(If cost is a concern please talk to Lenae, We do not want cost to be the reason a student does not come.)

    a. Pa Via Venmo or Check

    Venmo: DoylestownUMC

2. Turn in a signed statement of intent through the online form by Nov 3rd, 2024.

2025 Summer Youth Mission Trip Sign Up (ministryforms.net)

Registration Materials are due by Sunday, Nov 3rd, 2024. If you do not submit your materials by then, you will not be registered/have a spot reserved.

Please treat your registration with urgency as it immensely helps with the planning aspects of this trip. We may not be able to add you later.

To summarize: Sign up/Register sooner rather than later.

Note: It may be possible to sign up after this deadline, but you won't be guaranteed a spot if you do this. It will depend on how full the trip is.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Contact Lenae Baldwin @ 267-245-7874 or lbaldwin@doylestownumc.com

Further Information

Student & Parent Meetings:

1. Optional Informational Meeting Sunday, Oct 13th – 5:30pm in the Worship Center

2. Required Meeting for everyone going on the trip is June 8th 2025 at 10:10am(room will be communicated at a later time)

*** Notify Lenae in advance if you have to miss the required meeting***

Adult Leaders:

Your child will be in good hands while on this trip. Group requires 1 adult leader per every 5 students attending. We will need 5 or 6 adult leaders. We will announce the

adult leaders as soon as we have them all in place. If you are interested in Chaperoning please contact Lenae

Most Money is Non-Refundable

To sign-up for this trip, you must turn in a $100 deposit. If money is tight, you can include a note and I will hold off on cashing that check until a time indicated by you. We also have financial assistance available in our scholarship fund. We don't want finances to be the reason that your son(s) and/or daughter(s) can't attend these life-changing trips.

If your student needs to back out of the trip, you **MUST Lenae** know no later than Sunday, Nov 3rd, 2024. If you let her know by this time, she will be able to reimburse your deposit and you will not be responsible for the remainder of the cost. However, if your student needs to drop out after this date, you must find a replacement for your student's spot. **If you cannot find a replacement, you will be responsible for the remaining cost of the trip even though your student is no longer going, unless the reason your student drops off is due to a medical issue.** This seems harsh, but the organization through which we are taking this trip requires us to pay the full amount for all spots after this date. If you don't pay, the church eats the cost and it will hurt the youth budget/ministry. I will do my best to help you find a replacement, but if one cannot be found, **you are responsible for the final bill – this is what this statement of intent form implies and it is what you are agreeing to by signing it**.

Feel free to call or email with any questions on this matter.

Fundraisers:

We are currently in the planning stages of fundraisers for the 2025 Mission Trip. Rest assured that we will have means of raising funds. An email will be sent to you when we have the details of these fundraisers finalized. This email will include an opportunity for your student(s) to sign up for fundraisers and for you – as parents – to sign up to help with the fundraisers. Parents having students involved in fundraisers will be asked to participate in seeing some of them through.

Here are the ones that are already scheduled:

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Sunday, Nov 3rd, 2024 5:00-7:30 pm – DUMC

Hoagie Fundraiser: February 9th, 2025 8am- Whenever all the hoagies are finished.

Car Wash: May 31st 2025 11:30am-2:30pm - DUMC Parking Lot

All students going on the 2025 Mission Trip must participate in fundraisers to have fundraising money applied to their spots

Questions, Comments, Concerns? Contact Lenae lbaldwin@doylestownumc.com or 267-245-7874

Please return with your $100 deposit by Nov 3rd, 2024

2025 Missions Trip Statement of Intent

It is my intention to participate in the mission trip to Pittsburgh, Pa on June 22nd -27th

I will attend all meetings – or let Lenae know in advance – if I am unable to do so. I will also participate in the fundraising if I wish to have fundraised funds applied to my spot. I understand that attendance at all meetings and participating in fundraising is important and I will make these a priority.

I will do my best to set a Christ-like example to others, even when the jobs/tasks assigned to my team are not exciting or interesting to me. I am going on this trip for the primary purpose of loving God and loving people; serving God by serving others.

I will follow the rules set before me at the mission trip meetings.

I understand that if I – or my parents – pull me out from this trip for any reason other than a family or medical emergency, my money may not be refunded and, if I back out after Nov 3rd, 2024 my parents WILL BE responsible for the remaining balance owed for the trip.

NOTE: Not making any payment after the initial deposit or not showing up to a meeting is NOT a way to drop your child off of this trip. You must inform Lenae of this in person – or writing – or she will assume that your child is still going and you will be responsible for the cost of the trip.

Information from Group Missions Website:

How You'll Serve

Projects in Pittsburgh may include:

- Serving at a humanitarian organization that supplies clothes, education supplies and other necessities to people that are experiencing upheaval in the U.S. and all around the world. Participants will assist in packaging and shipping materials and organizing the distribution area.
- Helping homeless families! Participants will be helping kids learn, play, explore, heal and grow in their faith. Each day there will be a variety of field trips, enrichment programs, and Bible studies for different age groups.
- Participants will be serving at a local kids camp. They will assist with many activities including sports and crafts and possibly helping prepare some meals.
- Visiting residents at the nursing home! Campers will help pass out mail, decorate bulletin boards, water flowers, serve meals, clean the court yard, and take residents outside for some fresh air. The residents love visitors and also manicures, bingo, word games, ball games, and painting.
- Assisting volunteer staff at a local church's food bank and clothing ministry. Participants will also help clean up and repair the outdoor play area and some of the pre-school classrooms, in addition to interacting with the pre-school students.
- Participants will be working on interior and exterior projects at a local community donation café. They may also participate in serving meals to the attendees.
- Serving a local church ministry! Participants will be working in and around a local church to support staff, helping them set up for VBS, as well as maintenance projects.
- Serving at the community food bank! Projects include stocking and unloading donations and supplies. Also helping with lawn maintenance – grass cutting, weeding, leaves ------- and with organizing and cleaning at the staff office.
- Help out at resident homes! Participants will help out elderly residents at their homes with projects they cannot do themselves. Projects include exterior home repair and painting.

What will we be doing: Be ready to tackle any project and expect to interact each day with local residents from the community. Crews typically serve at the same organization for the entire camp (or at the most 2 organizations), creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop.

Projects could include working with children at a day camp, serving at a food bank or homeless shelter, leading a Vacation Bible School, improving the homes of people in need, assisting the elderly, tutoring struggling kids, working with disabled children,

facilitating a sports camp, and/or serving churches and other human service organizations in different ways. If there are any minor repair projects, we may ask your group to bring a few small hand tools and paint brushes.

Safety:

- We require groups to bring 1 adult (21 or older) for every 5 participants that are under 21 years of age.
- We require participants that are 18 and older be screened and background-checked by their church. Their pastor signs off that they meet Group Mission Trips' requirements and that they are approved to attend.
- Every staff member has been screened, background-checked, and reference checked by Group Mission Trips.
- For overall protection, we have separate shower times designated for participants that are 17 and younger from those that are 18 and older.
- We review safety procedures at camp.
- Participants are not required to do any work that they consider unsafe.
- Although we do serve in needy areas, we require crews to stay together at all times. No one should ever be left alone and all participants are back at the lodging facility by their designated check in time.
- Group Mission Trips' staff visit the crews every day so they are aware of where a crew is working and any issues in the area.
- Every crew has the direct phone number to the GMT office and directions to the closest hospital. If an injury occurs on the project site, and is not serious, GMT staff will contact the youth leader and coordinate any transportation needed. If the injury is serious, the adult on site will call 911 and GMT staff will offer support and ensure needed medical forms are delivered to hospital.
- Each crew will have a small first aid kit and a bigger one for every vehicle.

Where do we stay:

A Week of Hope can hold up to 100 participants and we house them all typically at a local church. Group Mission Trips' staff transforms the facility into a home away from home–there will be a separate boy's hall and girl's hall, a space for meals, adequate bathrooms and showers, and a space for the programs.

Participants need to bring twin-size air mattresses, pillows, sleeping bags or other bedding to sleep on floors. Youth groups are assigned to sleeping rooms together, gender separate. Sleeping rooms may be shared with other youth groups, depending on