



This summer Crown of Life's high school students will get a chance to put their faith into action by participating in Group Mission Trip's Mescalero, New Mexico Workcamp. We will join other youth groups from all over the country to serve the people of Mescalero.

Explore the mountain world of the Mescalero people. High above the barren New Mexico desert is the cool, pine-forested mountain homeland of the Mescalero Apache. Historically a nomadic group of hunter/gatherers who roamed across the Southwest, the Apache were well-known for their staunch defense of their lands. And thanks to respected warriors like Geronimo and Cochise, their descendants now live on this land sacred to them, surrounded by their four Sacred Mountains.

For years, Group Mission Trips has partnered directly with the Mescalero tribe to serve their respected elders. You and your students will be part of a long-term, sustainable ongoing project to protect the health and safety of people who are looking forward to getting to know you. Like many Native American people, the Mescalero hold a deep respect for their elders—and consider taking care of the elderly to be of the utmost importance. You will be welcome here—everyone on whose home you will be working will have asked specifically for your help.

This will be an awesome opportunity to explore a rich native culture where many people still hunt for food. Once they get to know you, most residents will be happy to answer your questions, or teach you a bit of their history. Plus you'll have a chance to learn about a traditional ceremony!

Register online by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code:



FAQ

Who can attend?

Incoming 9th graders through 2024 high school graduates

How much will the trip cost?

Upon registration you will need to pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit per participant if you register before March 13th. If you register after March 13th, you will be asked to pay a \$150 non-refundable deposit. The total cost of the trip is \$700, which includes transportation, meals, and lodging.

What will we be doing?

Your participants will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people who need your help. Work crews typically serve the same resident for the entire trip, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. Most projects are designed to be completed during the trip, allowing your group to experience the satisfaction of a job well done. You'll serve the needs of others through projects like interior and exterior painting, building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps, building or repairing steps, weatherization and other home repairs. No skills are needed!

Where do we stay?

Saturday night we will stay at a hotel. After that, while at our Workcamp Site we will be housed at a middle or high school. Group Mission Trip staff transforms the facility into a home away from home—there will be a separate boy's hall and girl's hall, a cafeteria for meals, adequate bathrooms and showers, and either a gym or auditorium for programs. Participants need to bring twin-size air mattresses, pillows, sleeping bags or other bedding to sleep on classroom floors. Youth groups are assigned to sleeping rooms together, gender separate. Sleeping rooms may be shared with other youth groups, depending on the size of groups and the size of the room.

What are the Programs led by Group Mission Trip Staff like?

Focused on Jesus. Our goal is to point people to Jesus. Programs focus on Bible passages and daily themes that challenge us to respond to Jesus in ways we will never forget.

Interactive. People learn better by doing. Participants will be involved in sharing, speaking, singing, acting, reflecting...not just sitting and watching.

Relevant. Through creative multimedia, thought provoking sound and video, and moving contemporary worship, programs are designed to reach everyone.

Fun. Relationship-building activities, games and having fun are part of every program. Expect to have a great time!

Mission Trip Schedule

Saturday, July 13

8:30-9:00a Youth arrive at COL. Pack Trailer and Load Van
9:00a Depart COL
12:00-1:00p Lunch stop in Abilene
3:30p Potty Break
Gain an hour crossing TX/NM border
6:00p Arrive in Roswell, NM. Check in to Hotel
6:20pm Eat dinner in Hotel Lobby
6:45pm Games and hang out time in Hotel
10:30pm Lights Out

Sunday, July 14

7:30-8:00am Breakfast at hotel
8:30a Check out and leave for church
9:00a Church at Immanuel Lutheran, Roswell
10:30a Depart Roswell for Mescalero
12:30-1:30p Arrive in Mescalero and check in at Mescalero Apache School
3:00 p.m Kick-off program
5-6:30 p.m Dinner
7:00 p.m Evening program. Meet your crew. Project assignments.
8:30 p.m Youth group devotions
11 p.m Lights-out

Monday (15th), Tuesday (16th), Thursday (18th) and Friday (19th)

6:45 a.m Wake-up call
7-7:45 a.m Breakfast. Gather tools. Fill water jugs. Pack coolers with lunches
8 a.m Morning program. Depart for sites. Lunch on site with crew devotions
3:30 p.m Return to the lodging facility. Recreation/free time
5-6:30 p.m Dinner
7:30 p.m Evening program
8:30 p.m Youth group devotions
11 p.m Lights-out (midnight Friday)

Wednesday (17th)

6:45 a.m.-12 p.m Same as Monday and Tuesday
12:30 p.m Check-in at the lodging facility. Youth group free time. Dinner on your own.
7:30 p.m Program with variety show
8:30 p.m Youth group devotions
11 p.m Lights-out

Saturday, July 20

7-8 a.m Breakfast
7-9 a.m Room check-out. Leave Mescalero
9pm Arrive back at COL