



SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP JOHNS ISLAND, SC JUNE 20-25, 2021

- **Who:** Completed 9th-12th grades
- **Where:** Johns Island, SC (just south of Charleston)
- **What Will We Be Doing?** The Charleston area is home to some of the state's wealthiest residents, but also some of the poorest. We will serve with Community Housing Improvement Projects (CHIP), which is a mission organization that works on Johns Island and Wadmalaw to repair homes of those living in substandard living conditions. CHIP will schedule our work depending on the needs at that time, and we could be doing anything from plumbing repairs to addressing structural issues. You do not need to have any repair or construction skills to participate!
- **How Will We Get There?** WE GET TO USE THE CHURCH BUSES AGAIN—who knew we might ever be thrilled about that?! It's about a 4.5 hour drive from Hickory.
- **Where Will We Stay?** We are staying at Harbor View Presbyterian Church, sleeping in their classrooms and Fellowship Hall. We are renting portable showers which is an adventure in itself so get excited! You will need to bring something to sleep on—an air mattress, cot or whatever you will be comfortable sleeping on for 5 nights.
- **What Else?** We will be near downtown Charleston, as well as the beaches surrounding the Charleston area so there will be plenty of options to get out and enjoy all that the area has to offer during our free time (in the late afternoons and on our last full day of the trip). We are also planning an afternoon boating excursion to explore the marshes and Morris Island—it's going to be awesome ☺
- **Cost*:** Early Bird Deadline (April 1): \$200 per youth with \$100 deposit due **April 1** (you are welcome to go ahead and make full \$200 payment at this time if desired)

*Any sign ups after April 1 are not guaranteed and will cost an additional \$25 per youth

-FINAL PAYMENTS DUE May 17-
(Cost covers lodging, meals, all activities, and a t-shirt)

-REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!-

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A NOTE ABOUT THE COST: Ever wonder how we can offer youth mission trips that are jam-packed with awesomeness at such a good rate? It's because 1st Pres pays half the trip cost of EVERY participant. This trip will actually cost twice the amount each youth pays. Pretty amazing, huh? **Scholarship applications available if cost would prevent youth from going on this trip.**

WHAT ABOUT COVID: Full transparency—the advisors and I have gone back and forth about allll the things this year and how to be safe, yet continue to have youth ministry at FPC. Come June, we fully anticipate that all the advisors will have had the opportunity to receive a vaccine (several of us already have). After much consideration and taking all that we know about COVID & vaccine efficacy into account, we are in agreement that going on a mission trip poses minimal risk to us adults once vaccinated and that there is minimal risk to the youth, whether vaccinated or not (some of our youth have already been vaccinated). We will leave it up to families to decide if your youth is able to participate on this trip based on your personal risk tolerance, whether your family has been vaccinated, etc. We fully understand and support whatever you decide.

The week prior to our trip, we will require a negative COVID test for each participant (more info to come closer to the trip). While on the trip, we will treat our youth group like a family unit. This means that we will NOT wear masks in the church buses, in our lodging, etc. Most of our meals will take place where we stay, but if go out to eat we plan to eat outdoors. We WILL wear masks in public places based on CDC guidance in June. I do not anticipate our group needing to be masked on our work projects, as we will be working outdoors.

Questions? Concerns? Additional Details needed?

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