



## **Middle School Mission Week Details Are Here!**

Hello Middle School Youth and Parents!

Middle School Mission Week is just around the corner—June 27-30! We're very excited to get started on this week of service and fun (and hope y'all are, too,) so we thought we'd give you some details on what we've got planned this year. This will be a great week to go out and serve in God's name, to bond with each other, and share some laughs along the way!

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are our service days. We'll be meeting at the Youth Building every morning before we head over to our mission site. *(Please note the time change for each morning!)* We will leave shortly after the appointed meeting time, so please don't be late! You will need to bring a sack lunch with you on each service day, as we'll be eating at the site. We will stay at the site until the early afternoon before heading back to the church. *(Again, please note the time changes each day!)*

Here are the sites and details for each day:

### **9 am—1 pm, Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>—Ferncliff DAC (Disaster Assistance Center)**

Middle School Mission Week kicks off with a visit to Ferncliff's Disaster Assistance Center, where the youth will be putting together emergency kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We'll also be participating in a variety of outdoor recreation at Ferncliff's camp, so wear tennis shoes and comfy clothes!

### **8:30 am—1:30 pm, Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> -Heifer Ranch**

We'll be starting a little early on Tuesday morning because we're driving to Perryville to visit Heifer Ranch and learn about the Heifer Project, which raises livestock to give to families in economically impoverished countries. We'll be taking a tour and going to see the animals, so please wear sturdy shoes and comfortable clothes! *(Heifer's dress code is slightly stricter than our other sites—longer shorts and t-shirts are preferred.)*

### **9 am—1 pm, Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>—Rice Depot**

We'll be working Wednesday at the Rice Depot in Little Rock. The Rice Depot is Arkansas' largest food bank, serving over seven million pounds of food each year! We will be helping them sort cans and clothing, so wear something comfortable—shorts, a t-shirt, and tennis shoes. We may get a little dirty, so you'll probably want something old! **Enclosed is a Youth Volunteer Consent and Release form for this volunteer site. Please fill this out before you arrive on Wednesday; we'll be picking the forms up then.**

**9:30 am—6:30 pm, Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>—Magic Springs**

After a week of hard work, we'll head over to Magic Springs for some fun! We'll meet at the Youth Building on Thursday morning at 9:30. You'll need to bring money to pay for your lunch at Magic Springs (*it's not cheap there—bring \$10-\$15.*) You may also want to bring some money for other snacks or drinks. Wear a bathing suit with shorts and a t-shirt over it. (*Bathing suits are required for water attractions.*) You'll probably want to change out of your wet suit before driving home in the evening, so make sure to bring a change of clothes. The best shoes for Magic Springs are sandals that stay on your feet (so they won't fly off on amusement rides!) **DO NOT BRING VALUABLES UNLESS YOU PLAN TO RENT A LOCKER FOR THE DAY.** Cell phones, iPods, and other electronics will be an annoyance to you—please leave them at home! Parents, we will leave a message on the SPY answering machine (227-0000, ext. 246) if we will arrive home any later than 6:30 pm Thursday night.

**If you have not already filled out a SPY Medical Release form or Covenant this year, they are included in this envelope (if you already filled one out this year, we have it.) Please bring them with you, filled-out, on Tuesday morning. We MUST have these forms on file for you to be able to participate in Middle School Mission Week activities. Also, don't forget to bring your filled-out Rice Depot form (see above) on Wednesday morning.**

**Can't Wait to See Y'all on Monday!**  
In Christ,

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