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Summer Mission Trip

July 13 - July 20, 2024



EYM exists for students to see, know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

God bless you and thank you for your interest in our high school mission trip to Laguna and Acoma, New Mexico. We are blessed to offer this opportunity serve the Pueblo communities. Our summer mission trip is open to current freshmen through seniors in high school. The Archdiocese Safe Environment training, CMG Connect, must be completed by anyone over the age of 18. If you are over the age of 18, graduated high school, and would like to attend, please reach out to the youth office. To be apply for the mission trip, please:

1. Fill out the parental consent/liability form.
2. Complete the application questionnaire via Google Forms:
3. Submit #1 and #2 with a \$50 nonrefundable deposit before March 31st. (check, cash to parish office, or online)



This packet will help answer any questions, but please reach out if you have specific questions. The anticipated cost per student this year is no more than \$550 (A bus costs \$13,000). Fundraising will help offset this cost and it is expected each young person will fully participate in our fundraising efforts. Final payment will be due July 1st. We have scheduled meetings below for students to get to know each other, learn about the trip, and best prepare for serving our friends in New Mexico. Participation in these meetings is such an important aspect of the mission trip. Please make plans to attend each one.

Mission Trip Meetings

April 17th: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner, Team Building, and Fundraising Info

April 27th: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Crawfish Boil Fundraiser

May 8th : 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Team building, Fundraising Update

May 29th: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Small Group Development

June 5th: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

VBS Assignments

June 18th: 10:00 a.m. to noon

VBS workday

July 8-12: Epiphany VBS 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Volunteering for Epiphany VBS is highly encouraged as our VBS programs are the same.

Thursday, July 11th: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Potluck departure Dinner.

Friday, July 12th: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PACKING/Luggage Drop Off/ Donation collections.

We solicit donations for various items needed for our trip. Toilet paper, paper towels, non-perishable food items, school supplies, cleaning supplies, etc. This list of items is shared with the group a few weeks prior to our departure.

Weekly Itinerary (Tentative)

July 13: 6:00 a.m. Depart from Epiphany, hike Palo Duro State Park, sleep at hotel in Amarillo, Texas.

July 14: Arrive in Laguna to attend Mass, meet our hosts, have a community meal, and prepare for VBS.

July 15: VBS, Laguna burger, Eucharistic procession to visit the surrounding villages.

June 16: VBS, home visits, Community Night.

June 17: VBS, Home visits/repairs, Teen program.

June 18: VBS, visit Cathedral in Gallup.

June 19: VBS closing, Shrine visit, final team prayer.

July 20: Depart for Katy by 7:00 a.m. to arrive at Epiphany by 10:00 p.m.

Sample Daily Itinerary

6:30 A.M. Wake up/Breakfast

7:30 A.M. Mass or Morning Prayer

8:30 A.M. Set-up for VBS

9-12 Vacation Bible School

12:00 p.m. Lunch and break

2:00 P.M. House visits and repairs

5:00 P.M. Prayer experience in the Church

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00-9:00 P.M. Community Program or Student Ministry

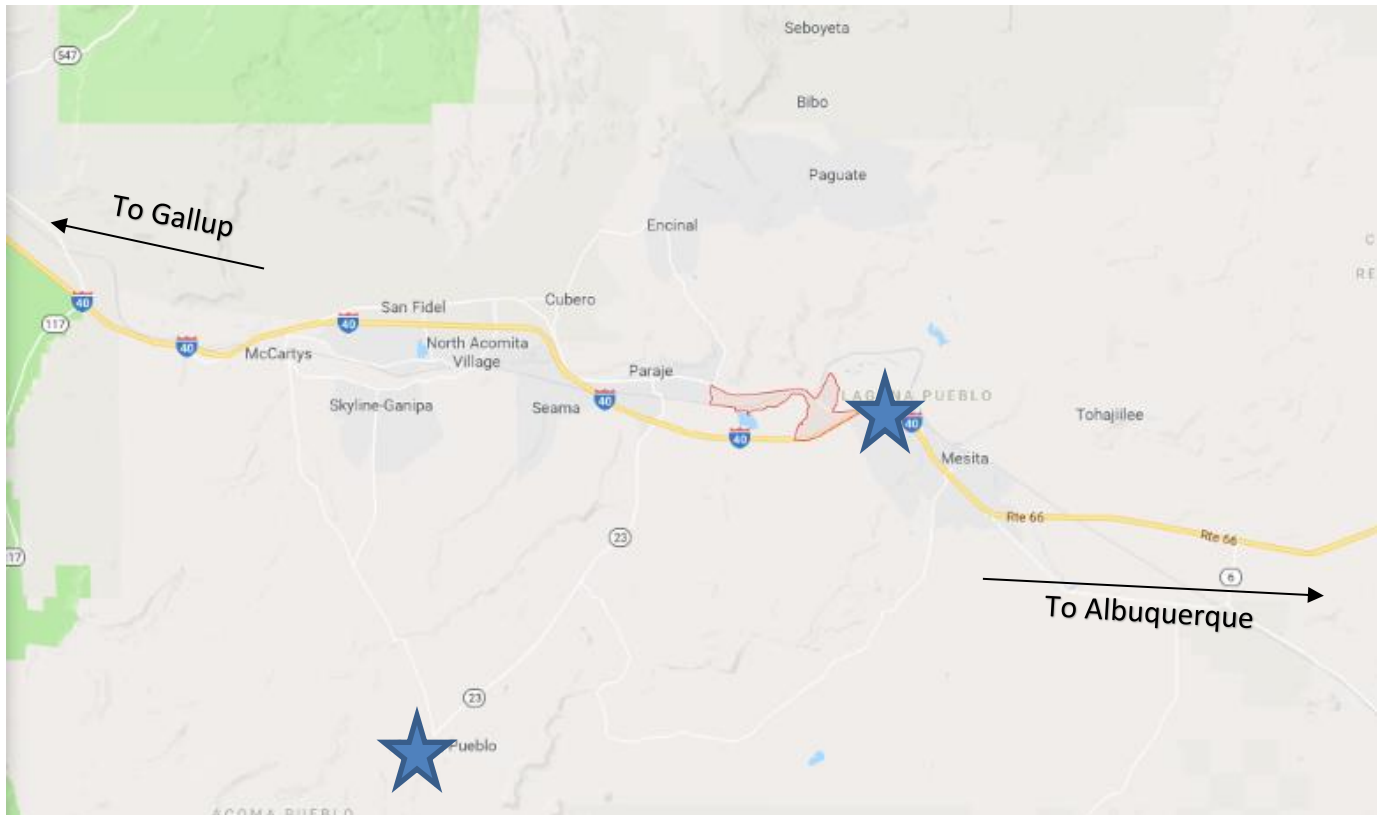
9:00 P.M. Group sharing

10:00 P.M. Lights out!

Each student will be placed within a small group for daily chores and rotations of activities. Our hope is to have enough students to provide VBS in the morning and in the afternoon for Laguna and Acoma! Small groups will lead daily prayers, serve meals, clean bathrooms, visit homes together, etc. These small groups will have 2 adult leaders who have completed Safe Environment training for the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston.

The Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma

Go to www.puebloofacoma.org and www.lagunapueblo-nsn.gov for information including history about the pueblos.



New Mexico's summers are dry with average high temperature around 90° with lows in the upper to mid-40s. There is a chance the lows at night could reach the 30s. The weather is usually good! Sometimes it will rain and we have to walk through mud. The dry climate is a nice change of pace to Houston humidity.

Packing will be limited to one EYM duffle bag (you can borrow one or you can purchase one for \$35), your sleeping bag/pillow, inflatable mattress, and a carry-on backpack. We limit the number of bags you can bring to help with space limitations both on the bus and on the reservation.

We are immersed in the Pueblo way of life. Showers are not available daily. On shower days, we will shower in the travel center. These shower stalls are individually locked, private shower/bathrooms. This trip is full of sightseeing opportunities, the outdoors, service to others, Christian joy, and so much more!

Mission Trip Packing List

- ☐ Your Bible
- ☐ Refillable Water bottle
- ☐ Inflatable mattress or cot
- ☐ Sleeping Bag/blanket for bed *always feels colder than anticipated at night*
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Clothes for Hot weather: no short shorts or spandex, no “cut-offs”. The culture we are visiting is very modest and they typically wear jeans or long dresses.
- ☐ Clothes for Mass
- ☐ Closed toe shoes
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Toiletries - Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, etc
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Camera (visitors must have permission to take photos while on the reservation.)
- ☐ Spending money (\$40-\$60 for travel or souvenirs)

Cell phone service is hit or miss. Phones must be kept out of sight during all gathered activities. We encourage your child to try and keep their phone off the entirety of the trip. They are welcome to use the group leader’s phone when necessary.

***Please pack as light as possible. Luggage is limited to EYM duffle bag and small backpack/carrying case. ***

No personal speakers, laptops, ipads, ipods/mp3 players, etc.

Energy drinks are not allowed on the trip.

Questions? We’re here to help!

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