

**DATES:** June 20 - 26, 2021

WHERE: Detroit, Michigan

LODGING: TBD in Detroit

**PURPOSE:** • To provide you the opportunity to actually minister to others, not merely talk about it

• To stretch you beyond your normal comfort zone

· To expose you to the culture and needs of others

• To build into you the desire and confidence that you can make a difference in the

world by serving Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Each student will need to raise or pay \$300

\$50 of this is due as a non-refundable deposit with the application

**REQUIREMENTS:** • Regular attendance at 707 (Canton, Novi, or Milford) or The Rock (8th graders only)

• Live a life that reflects Christ in ALL areas (school, work, home, social media, etc)

• Desire and commitment to be God's vessel of compassion to those in need

• Desire and commitment to give of yourself 100% without complaint

Be at all of the team meetings, and the commissioning services

Be available for the full week (no exceptions)

TRIP SCHEDULE: March 17 | Applications Available

April 28 | Applications Due May 5 | Team Finalized

May 12 | Milford Team Meeting #1 from 5:30 - 7 PM @ Milford June 2 | MilfordTeam Meeting #2 from 5:30 - 7 PM @ Milford

June 13 | Novi + Canton + Milford Team Meeting from 3 - 5 PM @ NOVI

June 20 I Meet at OPCIMilford for commissioning and departure

## Dear Students,

You are holding an application for the 2021 Detroit Mission Trip! We are asking that even as you read through this letter that you would stop and pray about your summer and what God might be asking you to do. As you pray, know that we are also beginning to pray for this trip and for all of the students who may apply to be a part of it.

If you choose to apply for this trip, we believe you would be doing several things. First, you would be intentionally placing at least part of your summer in God's hands. Second, you would be demonstrating your heart for people by asking to be placed on a team that will be dedicated to working incredibly hard for the sake of other people. Third, you would be allowing God to grow you in your walk with Him in tremendous ways. We admire your desire as a high school student to give so much of yourself and your free time to worship God by being His hands and feet to others!

This summer will be Novi's 14th Detroit Mission Trip! This year both the Milford & Canton 707 ministries will be joining the trip! We typically bring 200 students and staff, and hope for just as much change in our own lives as we hope to make in the lives of those whom we were serving. This summer we will have multiple serving opportunities during the trip. Some of these are continuing partnerships that you may be familiar with, others are brand new: Central Detroit Christian, Life Remodeled, Focus: HOPE, The Cody Partnership, Gleaners, Forgotten Harvest, and more! Each of these projects will be amazing, but also exhausting. If we are open, we believe God's hand will be seen in each and every area of our service.

Let me take a minute and talk about fun. We are confident that if you apply and are accepted to go on this trip, you will have fun. However, we truly hope that fun is not the reason you are considering applying. We have confidence that it is probably not the only reason, since there are many ways to have fun that do not involve hours upon hours of hard work, but we want to mention this to give you an opportunity to search your heart. Our sincere hope is that you apply for this trip because you want to see God work both in and through you as you serve the people of Detroit.

As you consider this application, we ask that you pay very close attention to the dates of our trip as well as the dates of our three team meetings. These times are vital to our preparation. We will discuss our project, prepare our hearts and minds for our tasks, and bond together as a team. These are not optional, they are mandatory. If you have a conflict with any of the dates and times in this application we ask that you inform us about those conflicts in writing when you submit your application.

By May 5th, we will make our final decisions about who will be on our team heading to Detroit. We will decide based on what we know about your character, spiritual development, and availability. We will invite your life group leader into this discussion. In some cases, we may request to set up an interview with you so that we can get to know you a little better!

One final note - all deposits and payments for the Detroit trip are **non-refundable**. However, we do understand that we are still living in a pandemic era. If you are exposed to Covid or develop Covid as we approach the trip, please contact us to discuss!

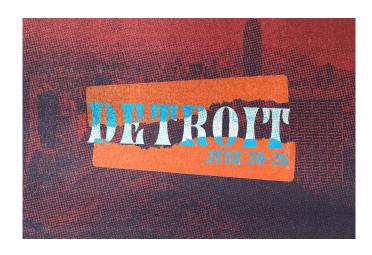
Thank you for praying about this trip. We will pray for the Lord's leading in your life as you consider your options for your summer. Please feel free to contact either of us by phone or email <u>at any point</u> if you or your parents have questions about this trip.

In Christ,

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STUDENT NAME	GENDE	R: MALE FEMALE
STUDENT CELL PHONE	T-SHIRT SIZE:	S M L XL 2X
PARENT NAME	PARENT CELL PHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS		
ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
CURRENT GRADE: 8 9 10 11 12	LIFE GROUP LEADER	
list any allergies, medications, and physical, m	nental or dietary conditions	we should know about.
1. Please share with us your testimony of how	you came to know Jesus C	hrist personally.
2. Where are you right now in your walk (be hobetter?		

3. Why do you desire to serve on the 2021 Detroit Mission Trip?				
4. What gifts/abilities has God given you that can be useful on th	is team?			
Have you thoroughly read the project description sheet and stan	idards? YES	NO		
Will you wholeheartedly attempt to meet the project standards?		NO		
Do you foresee any scheduling conflicts? (sports, family, etc.)				
Team Meeting #1 : Wed., May 12, 5:30 - 7 PM @ Milford		NO		
Team Meeting #2 : Wed., June 2, 5:30 - 7 PM @Milford		NO		
Team Meeting #3 : Sun., June 13, 3 - 5 PM @ NOVI		NO		
Mission Trip : June 20 - 26		NO		
If yes, please explain:				
I understand that if I am accepted on the 2021 Detroit Mission contingent on: participating in team meetings, completing conducting myself publicly and privately in a Gand continued attendance at 70	any assigned work od-honoring way			
SIGNATURE DATE	<u> </u>			
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE				

Turn in online or to Chelsie on a Wednesday night by April 28th. (Thursday April 29th for 8th Grade applicants only)
Please make sure a \$50 deposit is turned in with application, checks can be made out to Oak Pointe Church.