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# Youth Group Parent Newsletter

## Remaining Youth Calendar

### May 13 - Meat Sale orders due

If any of the high school youth have been selling meat sale orders, those are due in the envelope on my office door this Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>.

### May 17 - Childcare

May 17 will be our final childcare night of the year. Teens should show up between 5 and 5:30 and stay until 9:30 to clean up.

### May 18 - Spring Work Day

On Saturday, May 18, at 9 am Third will have our spring work day at the church. It'd be great to have a youth presence there, so they group can see how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep our church beautiful. We're also hoping to do some yard work for the Schollaarts this morning so if your kid(s) are free mark that on your calendar and let Isaiah know.

### May 18 - Bag Toss Tournament

May 18 will be our church-wide work day as well as our bag toss tournament that evening at 5 pm, like last year. Fundraising will work like childcare, meaning that the funds will be split among the students who are there to set up and work the event.

### May 19 - Final day of youth group

Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last day we have youth group and second hour. We will meet at our normal times and have a fire and games Sunday night at church.

### May 19 - Profession of Faith Sunday

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, Will Kent, Eli Petersen, Collin Fridsma, Alex Tjoelker, and Noah Breukink will all be making profession of faith during worship. Join us as we celebrate that as a church family.

### May 19 - Mission Trip deposit due

At our last youth group meeting, the \$50 deposits for mission trip spots will be due along with their paperwork.

### June 2 - Graduate Recognition

As we do every year, we'll honor and encourage our high school and college graduates in worship on June 2. I'd love to see as many youths as possible in attendance to support their friends.

### July 7-14 - High School Mission Trip

Below is a full recap of our meeting from Youth Sunday and hopefully all the information you need for this Summer's mission trip to Brooklyn. But you may have questions that I'm not thinking about. Make sure to ask those whenever you have them, big or small, so I can help in any way possible.

## Mission Trip Meeting Recap

On youth Sunday we had a meeting during second hour talking about mission trip. I don't remember anyone specifically not being there but I promised to right up a recap of everything we talked about for you all regardless.

### **Schedule Outlook:**

Our trip is from July 7 to July 14 to Sunset Park in Brooklyn, NY. We are meeting at **4 AM** on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> at church to depart and make it to our mission sight by 6 pm that evening. We'll pack breakfast and stop for lunch on the way with dinner at the site.

Monday through Thursday we will be serving the Sunset Park community. We'll work with homeless people, families, kids, elderly people, and more, building relationships and serving their needs in God's name. During the week we'll have some opportunities to do some evening activities. YouthWorks, the organization leading the trip, has some planned activities for us but we'll also have the opportunity to be spontaneous once we see how our time unfolds during the week.

Along with those opportunities, on Friday we'll leave the site and have a day of site seeing. We'll go to the 9/11 memorial, Central Park, Times Square, and more, time permitting. That afternoon/evening we'll move to the VRBO we're staying in for the weekend. There's plenty of room for everyone, and we'll stay there Friday and Saturday night. Friday night the kids will have the option of going to a show, TBD, with Dave Howard or a minor league baseball game. On Saturday we'll go to Coney Island for the day. There's a lot to do there and the kids will have freedom to roam around and do whatever they like. They should bring money for any activities they want to do on Saturday, as well as for lunch that afternoon.

We'll leave Sunday morning and return around 6 pm that evening to Third.

### **Trip Finances:**

On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> a \$50 deposit is due for each student going on the trip. Once our fundraisers are all done I'll put together our total amount of group and personal

fundraising, minus that from the cost of the trip, per kid, and have a dollar amount still due per student. Some kids might owe nothing and some might have to pay the difference. I'll have all of that figured out and emailed to all of you on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> by the end of the day.

If there is anyone struggling to come up with the full cost of the trip, please get in touch with me as soon as possible so we can work something out. Money should never be a reason that any of our youth can't participate in mission trips or anything else.

### **Next Steps**

Attached to this email will be four pieces paperwork that I need for this trip from each student going, as well as a packing list and code of conduct for you to keep. I need all four forms turned in with the \$50 deposit this Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions about payment or forms please get in touch with me right away to answer those questions.