

Mission Trip 2024  
(August 2-6)  
Application Packet

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A mentor of mine (Ben) once said, “Don’t let the work you do *for* God destroy the work *of* God in you.” He was specifically referring to being in ministry, but I think this principle applies beyond that. I believe that sometimes we can be so quick to *do* that we have forgotten how to *be*.

I believe we lean towards doing because it is so often concrete; it is tangible, measurable work. We like the feeling of accomplishment, of knowing that we’ve made a difference. And this sort of doing *is* important. After all, Jesus told us to go into the world and teach them everything he commanded. We are called to serve, to *do*. But Jesus also called us to abide. Jesus wants us to *be* with him.

We also know that this generation of students struggles with more anxiety, depression, and busyness than any generation in modern history. I (Amanda) see it often, and I know the importance of equipping students for these realities.

Why is this relevant to the mission trip for 2024? Well, West Side currently participates in a three-year rotation for its youth mission trips: year one is local, year two is national, year three is international. Each of these experiences is tied to *doing*, and the growth that happens from obedient serving. And we also take time to try and *be* as well.

In the fall, both of us (Ben from West Side and Amanda from Richland Lutheran) began to dream about a trip that would flip flop the above priority. What if we went on a trip that focused on *being* and took some time for *doing*? What if we added a fourth year into our rotation, so that a high school student who is in our program from freshman year would get four unique experiences?

This is what we are proposing for 2024. We want to take a trip that will help all of us, adults and students, grow closer to Jesus through experiences, conversations, quiet times, worship, and prayer. And because Jesus called us to both *be* and to *do*, we will spend one day doing service.

Therefore, after meeting with a team of high school leaders and adult leaders, we have determined that the mission trip for 2024 will be to Portland, OR and the surrounding area. We believe this location will give us some unique opportunities to bond to each other and to Jesus through fun, through nature, and through experiential learning.

So, thanks for being interested. Our hope is that through this experience, we’ll all walk away better equipped to grow daily in our walk with Jesus, which will in turn help us to be better servants.

- Ben & Amanda

**WHEN?**

- Application Deadline is Sunday, March 24th. We will be doing interviews at this time, from 12-1pm. Come with your completed application (if you've already turned it in, great!) and meet with the adult team of Abby Grisham, John Campbell, and Ben Downey to share more about why you want to go.
  - Ben will be offering a time for parents to meet and ask questions.
- Team Meeting Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Team Overnighter and Fundraiser, May 17-18
- Team Meeting Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Team Meeting Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Trip Dates Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Team Reunion Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>
- West Side Mission Report Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> All Services (for West Side students)
- **ALL DATES ARE MANDATORY**

*(Please remove and keep this page with you, marking all dates on your personal calendar/s)*

**CONFLICTS AND AGREEMENT**

If you have a conflict that you know about now, please specify the conflict/s and which date/s you will miss:

Conflict 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Conflict 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Conflict 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Should you need to miss for an unexpected reason, we want to provide grace. Life happens and you can't always predict it. But should that happen and you miss a meeting that you did not clear beforehand, here is what you need to do:

1. Contact Ben/Amanda and inform him/her of your absence
2. Set up a meeting with Ben/Amanda (both student and parent/s)
3. Both student and parent/s meet with Ben/Amanda to learn what was missed

Should you fail to do one of the above listed items, you will be removed from the trip.

*By signing below I understand and commit to attending all required Mission Trip Team activities, and I understand that if I miss any of the above activities my participation may be in jeopardy.*

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing below I understand and commit to supporting my students attendance at all the above dates, and understand if any event above is missed my students participation may be in jeopardy.*

**Legal Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All dates are subject to change. As much advanced notice will be given as possible.**

**COST TO FAMILY**

## YEAR ONE

Regional Trip Target

\$300-\$500



## YEAR TWO

National Trip Target

\$500-\$700



## YEAR THREE

International Trip Target

\$700-\$900

**This year's regional trip will cost \$400. We are asking that you put down a \$50 deposit with the submission of this application.**

With all of our trips, we seek balance between what is reasonable to ask of you as a family to pay and what we believe we can fundraise. Right now, we are asking that you be responsible for half of the cost (\$200) and the church will help cover the other half (\$200).

In years past, we have encouraged students to write letters of support to help raise the money. They can also mow lawns, babysit, etc. to help raise this money.

We will as a group be doing a fundraiser on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to help raise the church's half of the money. On top of that, people from church may choose to donate to an individual student (which would go towards the family's half of the cost) or to the trip as a whole (which would be applied to the other half of the cost).

Any money that is raised for the mission trip that exceeds the overall cost of this trip will go towards future mission trips and projects. So, for example, if a student is responsible for paying \$200 but through donations and what the family pays, they actually bring in \$600, that \$400 dollar extra will not stay attached to that student for future trips, but rather be put in the pool that we would use to help pay for more expensive trips in the future. This actually helps us keep costs down for the more expensive trips in our rotation.

This application and a \$50 non-refundable\* deposit MUST be turned in by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Q: Who are the leaders of the group?**

A: John Campbell (WS), Abby Grisham (WS), Ben Downey (WS), and Amanda Daniels (RLC)

**Q: Where is the group staying?**

A: We have found an Airbnb in Portland. It sleeps 16+ guests, has 6 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 communal spaces, and some nice outdoor space as well.

**Q: Will there be groups other than ours there?**

A: No

**Q: What kind of community service will be done.**

A: As we're not focused on the community service for this trip, we would like for the students to help choose the project we do in or around Portland.

**Q: Will I/my kids be safe?**

A: Yes. While we will spend some time in Portland visiting some nature spaces to help us meditate and reflect, and will do some serving there, we don't plan to be there at night. In fact, we plan to spend much of our time at our Airbnb.

**Q: What do I/my kids need to bring?**

A: Please make sure you bring the following: bible, notebook & pen, weather & activity appropriate clothing for 5 days, weather & activity appropriate shoes, toiletries, sunscreen, & bug spray

**Q: Will my kids food allergies be accommodated for?**

A: Yes. We are taking care of the food internally. If your child has a food allergy, please list it below and we will be sure to have a conversation with you and develop a food plan that best fits your child's needs.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergy \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First (given)                      Middle Initial                      Last

Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL School \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School \_\_\_\_\_ How long you have attended your church \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTRY EXPERIENCE & TESTIMONY**

Please share why you are interested in going on this trip:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you could walk away different from this experience in one way, what would it be and why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is Jesus to you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The candidate's Parent/Guardian are to fill out the following:

Are you committed 100% to this trip and will you ensure your student participates in all related activities?

YES or NO if NO please explain why?

Four horizontal lines for writing an answer to the first question.

Why do you support your son or daughter’s participation on this Mission Trip?

Four horizontal lines for writing an answer to the second question.

Are there any situations or concerns that the trip leaders need to be aware of with respect to your son or daughter’s participation ?

Four horizontal lines for writing an answer to the third question.

In order for this trip to be successful and God focused we need to ensure the team is a team before we go. That is why we need your commitment and your students commitment to this trip. Please contact Ben Downey (219-508-3537) or Amanda Daniels (509-521-0802) if you have any questions or concerns regarding your level of commitment.

I have read all the above information and have answered the questions honestly and to the best of my ability. I understand that turning in this application in no way secures my position on the 2024 Mission Trip Team and that in good faith I

**am committing to the completion of the entire application process and, in turn, the team training/development program.**

Furthermore, I give the right to use my picture, voice and/or testimony in any form of promotional advertising materials. My enclosed signature (*and signature of my parent/legal guardian if I am under the age of 18*) signifies authorization.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*(If applicant is under 18)*

**WEST SIDE & RICHLAND LUTHERAN STUDENT MINISTRY**

2024 Mission Trip

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to accompany West Side & Richland Lutheran student ministries throughout the mission trip to Portland, OR.  
Transportation will be by van and/or private vehicle, driven by West Side and/or Richland Lutheran student  
ministry leaders and/or parents. I will not hold West Side church or Richland Lutheran church or the adult  
leaders or parents responsible in the event of personal injury or accidental death.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or legal guardian)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do covenant and pledge to conduct myself according to the following standards and to fulfill, to the best of my ability, the following requirements.

My behavior will be characterized by **respect**.

**Respect for adult leadership.** This means that I will maintain a submissive and obedient spirit toward all 2024 adult leaders and to the rules that they implement and enforce.

**Respect for a diverse team.** This means that I will view others, with all of their differences, as more important than myself and treat the other team members with compassion, patience and kindness.

**Respect for the city.** This means that I will keep to myself any cynical opinions and negative criticisms about the people I encounter during the trip.

My preparation will be characterized by **persistence**.

**Persistence in attendance of and participation in Team activities**

**Persistence in my personal spiritual preparation** by maintaining a discipline of daily devotions and prayer, presence at all worship services and participation in all student ministries (as possible).

**Persistence in completing all assignments** given to me as a part of the team (i.e., memory verses, workbooks, devotionals, etc.).

My participation will be characterized by **Christ-likeness**.

**Christ-like in my attitude.** This means that I will seek to serve others before myself. Having an unselfish spirit, laying aside my desires, maintaining a positive outlook, willing to learn, being thankful, flexible and cooperative . . . doing all things without grumbling or complaining.

**Christ-like in my actions.** This means I will commit all my energies and priorities to serving God and others. I will depend on the indwelling and empowering of the Holy Spirit to grant me discernment and wisdom in all of my words and deeds.

### **GENERAL “NO, NO’S”**

For the sake of unity, safety and spiritual growth **we ask you not to bring:**  
Electronic games, tablets, illicit drugs, fireworks or weapons.

**DISCIPLINE PROCESS**

The following is the discipline process to be implemented for behavior that does not call for the immediate action of sending the person home:

1. **Confrontation** after first offense.
  - The person will be given a chance to explain their behavior.
  - The behavior expectation will be explained to and repeated by the offender.
2. **Explanation** after the second offense
  - The person will be given a chance to explain their behavior.
  - The behavior expectation will be explained again and a consequence for a third offense will be determined and agreed upon.
  - This will be done in the presence of at least two leaders.
3. **Dispensation** of discipline after third offense
  - It will be relevant to the offense (as agreed upon in step two) and expeditious.
  - This will be done in the presence of the same two leaders.
4. **Expulsion** from the mission trip and sent home (at the individual's expense)  
The person who is unwilling to live according to the behavior expectations outlined in this document and is in open rebellion (exhibited by their unwillingness to submit to the deputation leadership) will be sent home at their own expense.

**IMMEDIATE EXPULSION**

Any person caught with drugs, drinking alcoholic beverages, stealing, or involved in fornication or adultery will be immediately sent home at their own expense.

Having read the above expectations, *I do covenant and pledge, to God, to the adult leaders, to my teammates, and to the people I will serve, that I will devote myself to the task and mission of Deputation: Hope, 2023.*

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Information & Medical Release Form

*June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025*

Today's Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade [2024-25 school year]: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you like to receive calendars, postcards, and other mailings from West Side (WS) ? *Yes / No*  
 Richland Lutheran (RLC)? *Yes / No*  
 Student Cell #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Text Updates? WS *Yes / No* RLC *Yes / No*  
 Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Updates? WS *Yes / No* RLC *Yes / No*

Parent/Guardian Info:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Name(s): _____  | & _____   |
| Cell #: (_____) _____ - _____                         | Cell #: (_____) _____ - _____                         |
| Text Updates? WS <i>Yes / No</i> RLC <i>Yes / No</i>  | Text Updates? WS <i>Yes / No</i> RLC <i>Yes / No</i>  |
| Email: _____  | Email: _____  |
| Email Updates? WS <i>Yes / No</i> RLC <i>Yes / No</i> | Email Updates? WS <i>Yes / No</i> RLC <i>Yes / No</i> |

Medical Information

Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies [including drug reactions]: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regular medications: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo/Video Release and Waiver:**

I hereby authorize the making of photographs, motion pictures, videotapes, recordings, or other memorializing of said events participation therein, and the publication or other use thereof. I hereby waive any right to compensation therefore or any right that he/she otherwise might have to limit or control such making or use.

**Medical Release and Waiver:**

**I authorize my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in West Side Church/Richland Lutheran Church Youth activities, and as a condition of his/her being allowed to do so I hereby release and discharge West Side Church and its constituent organizations and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims for personal injuries or property damage that he/she may suffer as a result of his/her participation in West Side activities, whether or not such injuries or damages are caused by the negligence (active or passive) of any of the entities or individuals named or described above.**

I hereby warrant and represent that he/she is physically fit and capable of taking part in such activities on the basis of advice given to me by his/her duly licensed medical doctor within the last twelve months, and I know of no change in his/her medical condition since receiving such advice that would affect the opinion of said medical doctor. I hereby give consent for medical treatment to be given to my child in the event it should be necessary.

Parent or Guardian Name (*print*) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 Best Contact Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact (other than parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_