

2019 Mission Trip to Wilmington, North Carolina

Hey Everyone,

It's that time again! Time to get things started for the mission trip! I truly am excited about this year's trip. This year's trip will be a unique experience, as we aren't going through a typical mission organization. While we are working through the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministries (WARM), they only coordinate our home repair work throughout the day. The rest of the trip will be up to us! As many of you know, Wilmington, NC was an area that was absolutely wrecked by Hurricane Florence in September 2018. Extensive damage was caused, and the recovery time will take years. But we are excited about partnering with WARM to help continue this restoration process to Wilmington and the surrounding areas.

WARM is an organization that is well established in the area and they do home repair ministries for those in need throughout the year, regardless if there has been a hurricane. They became an established ministry in 1996 in response to hurricanes Bertha and Fran and were a group of organized leaders of the Wilmington District of the United Methodist Church. They have continued to do home repair work to those in substandard housing since and has helped hundreds of families along the way. You can learn more about them here:

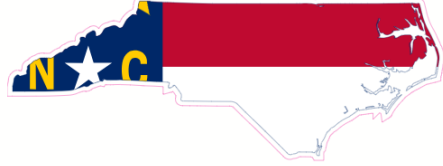
<https://www.warmnc.org/>

We will be also be partnering with Trinity UMC in Wilmington, as we will be staying at their Family Life Center. They have been extremely gracious enough to host us for the week. Although their church doesn't have showers, there will be a shower trailer parked just outside the building which will contain 4 showers for our use. Staying at a church also means we will need to provide our own bedding. Chaperones will need to bring an air mattress or cot with them to sleep, as well as sheets for whatever bedding they provide. As a youth minister who has taken many trips and slept on an air mattress, I recommend investing in a decent one if you would like to get a good night's sleep throughout the week. If you need recommendations, contact Todd!

While we are there, we must remember why it is we go on mission trips. Working together is a plus, but the ultimate purpose is to be a beacon of light throughout the city. We must go with open hearts and open minds in order to spread His love. As you read over your packet, I want you to pray over this mission trip and ask God to watch over our team. Think and consider carefully how you would best serve this mission team. Every job is important, and no job is better than another. We are all called to work together as the Body of Christ. All packets are due Sunday, April 28th. Your time and dedication to mission training and fundraising is important to make this trip successful. I'm so excited and cannot wait for things to get started.

In Christ,

Todd Handell



Dear Chaperone,

First, thank you for being willing to take time out of your summer to attend the 2019 SPUMC Youth Mission Trip. I know it may seem unusual, but I am requiring adult chaperones to fill out a mission trip application as well. I have a few reasons for wanting to do this. Your application will look slightly different from your students, but it is still important.

The first reasoning for requiring an adult mission trip application is just for practical reasons. It helps put all the information I need from you guys such as t-shirt size, contact info, etc. all on one sheet and easy to access for me.

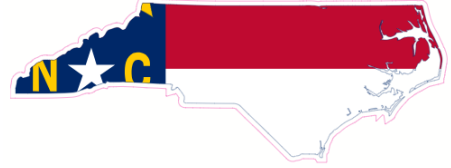
The second reason for requiring an adult mission trip application is, I want the adults, just like the students, to truthfully consider why they want to be a part of the SPUMC Youth Group Mission Trip. It's easy to want to attend because of a unique destination or good way to get away. Or maybe you just want to see your kid in action. This is a fine reason and I strongly encourage you to attend, but it is so also much more than that! You as a chaperone are just as an integral part of this mission trip as a student. I hope that this mission trip is as life changing to you as it is the students. So that is why I want you to take time up front to make sure you are committed as the students are. By completing this application, it will challenge you to pray and think about your desires to attend the 2019 Summer Mission Trip.

Also, at the end of the packet, you will find a covenant that you are required to sign as a chaperone. Students are also being required to sign a covenant that addresses the same issue. This just helps me to know that you will support and be involved in whatever decisions are made by the adult chaperones on the trip as well as leading up to the trip. So please read the covenant carefully and sign it only if you 100% agree to commit to following it. If you have issues with that, then you can set up a time to talk to me individually.

I am so grateful for your willingness to go with us and serve alongside us on the 2019 Summer Mission Trip to Wilmington, NC. It is going to be a great trip and God is going to do some incredible things through us. Thank you again for being willing to give up your own personal time to help lead these students on this trip. This trip wouldn't be possible without you guys.

In Christ,

Todd Handell



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Dear Mission Trip Applicant,

This year, the 2019 SPUMC Youth Summer Mission Project will be taking place in Wilmington, North Carolina. The trip will take place July 14th through July 20th. Wilmington, NC is often known as a tourist town, where many outsiders come to visit. But they are surrounded by areas of need, as well as they sustained significant damage from Hurricane Florence in September 2018. We will be partnering with the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministries (WARM) to do some home repair ministry to houses effected by Hurricane Florence as well as some houses who are in need. We also hope to partner with some other local mission organizations while in the area, but those details are still being worked out. We will also enjoy ourselves on Friday with a "Free Day" as an opportunity to explore the town of Wilmington and see what all it has to offer.

For traveling logistics, we will be leaving on Sunday, July 14th, after the 11 am service. Chaperones will need to bring a bag lunch to eat in the van on the way there. We will have a commission moment during the 11 am service, and we will leave when the service concludes. We will return by lunch time on Saturday, July 20th.

The registration process for this year's mission trip will probably look differently than ever done before here at SPUMC. There is an application that is required for all participants that must be filled out and turned in with their deposits. Much of the application is just logistical information. However, there are also a few questions that require students and chaperones alike to really consider why they want to be a part of this trip and what it really means to go and serve in missions. The applications still shouldn't take more than 30 minutes to complete at the maximum. But it is required. So please make sure it is filled out.

As you go through this application and consider participation in this mission trip, keep in mind the following:

- All mission trip applications are due on **Sunday, April 28th**. Please make every effort to turn these in on time so that we can quickly move through them as efficiently as possible. are encouraged to turn in their applications early.
- This year, we are asking Chaperones to pay \$50 per chaperone, just as a donation to help offset some of the cost for you to attend. If you cannot pay this, then please talk with Todd, and he will work it out with you. This \$50 will be due along with your completed application packed on **Sunday, April 28th**!
- Participants include anyone involved in the youth program (completed grades 6th through 12th grade) and any adults who wish to experience the power of a mission trip and see your children serving God in the most awesome ways. Please note that there is a separate application for chaperones and students.
- Be sure to read through everything in this packet very carefully. Don't just pass over the details.
- Be in prayer with your decision to participate in this mission trip. It is hard work, but it pays off.
- Along with the application page below, you must also fill out a Consent form from WARM.
- Students are also required to have an up to date Medical Release form on file with the church!

I am very excited about this year's trip. If you have any questions or concerns dealing with the trip, you can contact me at any time.

2019 Mission Trip Application – Chaperone

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____

Phone number (cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Adult T-Shirt Size: _____

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Don't stress about it! It's just a chance for us to get to know you a little better as you consider participating in the mission trip!

1. Why do you want to be a part of the mission team this year? What can you do to make this trip successful?

2. Write a prayer for the 2019 mission trip to Wilmington, NC

3. What is your favorite Bible verse and Why?

Mission Trainings

Part of going on the mission trip will also include participating in Mission Training. These will be times where the group going on the mission trip will gather together to talk about some the things to expect on the mission trip as well as working together to prepare ourselves as a mission team. These will take place a few times leading up to the mission trip. They will start sometime in either May or June and will more than likely take place an hour before a regular youth group gathering. While participation at mission trainings is not required for you as a chaperone, you are always welcome to come and join us when you can. It will give you a chance to get to know the student you will be serving alongside in Wilmington, NC, as well as a chance to begin to prepare yourself for the mission trip. On our last mission training (which will take place close to the actual trip) we do encourage all chaperones to attend as we will have a chaperone meeting and take place in a special ceremony to prepare ourselves for the trip.

Fundraisers

Fundraisers are an important part of the mission project. Fundraisers create financial support for not just our mission trip, but also for mission trips to come. They also help make the trip affordable for students, provide scholarships to students, and help make it possible for you chaperones to attend the trip. To make them a success, we need everyone who plans on participating in the mission trip to help with them. Be on the lookout for more info regarding fundraisers soon! We encourage you to participate with us!

Cell Phone Policy

Students will be allowed to take cell phones on the trip, however there are going to be some restrictions. As an adult, I will expect you to keep your cell phone with you at all time in case of an emergency, and someone needs to be reached quickly. We will also use the cell phones throughout the trip regarding communication about details and such. Also, I encourage you to bring your cell phone and take pictures of the kids in their serving environment so we can have memories to cherish!

Covenant Signature

By signing below, you, as a chaperone are committing to be 100% devoted to the 2019 Summer Mission Trip. You also are agreeing to follow and adhere to ALL rules put forth by the leader of the mission trip. You agree to help enforce these rules to help promote safety for all students. This will be followed by an honesty policy and I trust that all of you will help me enforce these rules. If you would like to learn more about this or have any questions, please come and talk to Todd individually before completing and signing this packet to attend the 2019 Summer Mission Trip.

Signature: _____

Date: _____