

## 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:

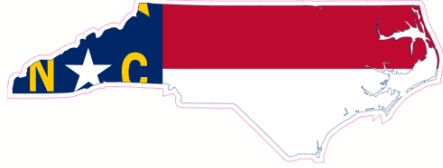
<https://www.warmnc.org/>

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. Students will need to bring an air mattress or cot with them to sleep, as well as sheets for whatever bedding they provide. If a student does not already own an air mattress, please contact me. I know we have some people within the church who have already reached out to me and said they have extras that people could borrow for the week!

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 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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



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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 14<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup>, after the 11 am service. Students 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 o'clock service, and we will leave when the service concludes. We will return by lunch time on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

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. 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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's trip will cost \$250 per person. A deposit of \$75 is due with the application packet. The final \$175 will be collected between the application deadline (**April 28<sup>th</sup>**) and **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**. All final payments are due by **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Participants include anyone involved in the youth program (completed grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Parental 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 – Student

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Student phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Try to make them at least a paragraph long and be yourself. 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 approximately 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. Students need to make every effort to be at these mission trainings.

### 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. 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!

### Cell Phone Policy

Students will be allowed to take cell phones on the trip, however there are going to be some restrictions. Cell phones will only be allowed to be used during certain times of the days or in case of an emergency. They are expected to be put away while at the work sites during the day, as they will serve as a distraction to our purpose on this trip.

### Covenant Signature

By signing below, you, as a student 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. I am trusting that if you sign this covenant, then you plan to follow these rules. If you are questioning yourself to commit to this, please come and talk to Todd individually before completing and signing this packet to attend the 2019 Summer Mission Trip.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_