

## **2020 Mission Trip to the Hinton Center – Hayesville, North Carolina**

Hey Everyone,

It's that time again! Time to get things started for the mission trip! I am excited about this year's trip. This year's trip will be a unique experience, as we are headed to work with the Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC. Throughout this trip, we will be participating in various construction ministries, helping people who are experiencing poverty. These projects could include building a wheelchair ramp, porches, steps; doing flooring in mobile homes, painting or doing yard work. The trip will also include an Appalachian Culture Night, multiple worship opportunities, and time to grow together as a Body of Christ and a youth group.

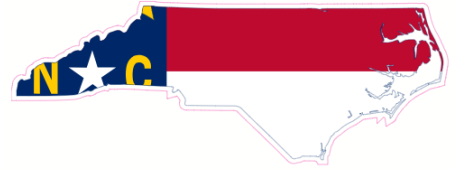
The Hinton Center is a retreat center located in Hayesville, NC. Throughout the year they host retreats and service weekends, but during their summer they turn their focus towards Mission Outreach. The Hinton Center is a United Methodist Agency located in a very rural community. They have been located in the same place for over 50 years. This won't be the first time that a youth group from SoPines UMC has made the journey to Hayesville, NC. Back around 2008, our youth group spent multiple summers going to the Hinton Center for their summer mission trip. It has an incredible reputation and I am looking forward to this incredible opportunity to work with them through you all. To learn more about the Hinton Center and their Summer Mission Outreach, feel free to visit them here. <https://www.hintoncenter.org/ministries/mission-outreach-and-service/>

The Hinton Center will take care of everything for us. The trip will include your lodging, programming and worship led by the Hinton Center, providing all project materials and supplies, as well as all but one of our meals. It will be great to have everything all in one place and it all taken care of so we can truly focus on our mission outreach. Towels and bedding are even provided, so once less thing we must worry about packing!

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 to all we encounter. 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, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. While this is earlier than last year, because we are working through an organization this year, we must follow a stricter schedule in getting our numbers turned in. 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 2020 SPUMC Youth Summer Mission Project will be taking place in Hayesville, North Carolina. The trip will take place July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be partnering with the Hinton Center to do some home repair ministry to houses of people in need. We will also enjoy ourselves on Wednesday evening with a “Free Day” as an opportunity to explore the local area.

For traveling logistics, we will be leaving on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, after the 9 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 9 am service. Students need to be in the top parking lot by 8:15 am on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to pack their belongings into the van. We will return by mid afternoon on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The registration process for this year’s mission trip is like last years. There is an application that is required for all student 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 to 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, March 15<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. Students are encouraged to turn in their applications early if possible.
- This year’s trip will cost \$300 per person. A deposit of \$100 is due with the application packet. The final \$200 will be collected between the application deadline (**March 15<sup>th</sup>**) and **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. All final payments are due by **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. Scholarships are available. Contact Todd if needed. If this payment plan doesn’t work for you, please contact Todd. We can work it out. Money shouldn’t be the issue that prevents you from going on the trip.
- 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. Chaperones are needed to make this trip possible.
- 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.
- There will be additional opportunities for students to help lower the cost of their trip individually by working fundraisers. Stay tuned for more information.
- 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.

2020 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 2020 mission trip to the Hinton Center in Hayesville, 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 on Sunday afternoons before youth group. They will start sometime in June. 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. Cell phone service may also be limited at the Hinton Center and where we are working.

### Covenant Signature

By signing below, you, as a student are committing to be 100% devoted to the 2020 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.

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

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