

2008 Youth Mission Trip
Pine Ridge South Dakota
July 18th to July 26th
\$300 per person

It is time to put together the 2008 Mission trip team! Youth in 9th-12th grade are invited to participate in this annual mission opportunity at Pine Ridge Reservation. The team will work together with The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl and the congregations of St. Andrew's in Wakpamni Lake and St. Michael's in Batesland to put on a Vacation Bible School filled with fun, food, and fellowship.

The purpose of the trip is to learn and grow in God's love as we experience the cultural values, friendship and traditions of the people who live on a reservation as we work together in faith and partnership. This trip is not meant to be a vacation or sightseeing adventure although the week does provide Iowa youth with fellowship, fun and new friendships.

Due to the great deal of interest that has been generated space is limited. Youth in 7th or 8th grade are also invited to apply to participate, however because of the age of the children attending the Vacation Bible School program on the reservation, youth entering high school will be given priority.

To serve the children, it is important that we learn something about life on the reservation, the culture, and the history of the Lakota People. It is also important that we learn about each other and build community as the team spends 24 hours a day together during the trip. We will begin this work during an overnight stay in Sioux City Iowa, on July 18.

What do you need to do to apply for a place on the 2008 Team?

1) By May 1, 2008:

Complete application form, read and sign the covenant, and mail both forms with a \$150 deposit to:

Linda Fisher, Registration Coordinator
2008 Pine Ridge Mission Trip
2110 W 1st Street Ankeny, IA 50023

Checks are made out to St. Anne's Mission Trip
(Confidential scholarships are available upon request)

- 2) Notification of application, covenant and deposit will be communicated via email or phone call.
- 3) The final installment of \$150 will be due on June 15, 2008.
- 4) The team announcement will be made by June 22th, 2008, via e-mail or telephone.
- 5) Pray for this year's trip

We look forward to hearing from you!

Faithfully, Fr. Bob Kem, Andi and Joel Baker

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Covenant and Rules of Conduct

Covenant-A written promise between two or more parties for the performance of some action

All students and adults are expected to conform to this covenant and rules of conduct:

I, _____, would like to be a part of the 2008 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Reservation. I understand that this is a Christian Mission Trip and as such I promise to:

- Wear Seatbelt whenever the vehicle is moving
- Not possess or use illegal drugs, alcohol, or weapons
- Not possess or use tobacco products, lighters or matches
- Not engage in any sexual behavior (kissing and/or any touching of sexual organs)
- Not engage in any physical or verbal aggression toward anyone

I understand that the above behaviors are “Non-Negotiable” and the consequences will be a phone call to my parents, removal from the group for that day, and that my parents might be asked to make arrangements for me to be sent home at my parent’s expense. I also promise that while on this mission trip I will:

- **Try to have fun! Maintain a positive attitude!**
- Participate in all scheduled activities, including worship, community chores, and meals, and not leave the event grounds without the permission of an adult chaperone
- Respect the authority of the adult chaperones understanding that there are rules that I may not like but the rules must be followed for the safety and good of the community
- Respect church and individual property and be held financially responsible for willful destruction of any property
- Respect the dignity of every human being, respect the ideas, wants and needs, likes and dislikes of others in the group, not tell jokes that are demeaning to any person or groups of persons, and not use crude or inappropriate language and if I have a problem with another individual, I will not talk behind that person’s back
- Follow the posted rules at any recreation facility for specific activities like swimming, museum visits, movie theaters and the like
- Follow the rules for the safety and good of the community like the buddy system, KP duty, clean up, loading vans and the like and only visit another’s sleeping area when invited and never the sleeping area of the opposite sex

I understand that the covenant and rules of conduct are designed to make the Mission Trip the best and safest event possible for everyone and that if I violate any part of this covenant the adults in charge will have the authority to determine appropriate consequences. I have read the above covenant and rules of conduct and agree to live by these standards throughout the Mission Trip.

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adult Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant’s Clergy Signature: _____ Date: _____