

THE RETURN

OF...



**VILLAGE CHURCH
YOUTH MISSIONS**

**2021 YOUTH MISSIONS
LEADER PACKET**

THE RETURN OF YOUTH MISSIONS COMING THE SUMMER OF 2021

After a year off, we are excited to relaunch our YOUTH MISSIONS PROGRAM in 2021!!!

This news will likely come with a lot of excitement and plenty of questions too. We are eager to guide our students back into opportunities to SERVE and SHARE the love of Jesus to others. Over the years, this is consistently where we see the most GROWTH in our students and the highest levels of COMMUNITY in our youth ministry. We are eager to guide our students into these opportunities with great wisdom and care in the midst of COVID19. While we don't know exactly where things will be at in the summer, we are very confident that we have the time to prepare solid plans to run safe and powerful teams this summer. We are also encouraged by the strong partners we are working with – Camp Barnabas and Leader Treks! We believe the summer of 2021 has potential to be one of the greatest mission fields we have ever experienced. So many people will be coming off what has been a draining year, and prayerfully hearts will be soft and ready to see and hear the GOOD NEWS of JESUS!!!

CAMP BARNABAS, MO

Open to students in grades 8-12

July 10-16, 2021

Serving as a missionary at Camp Barnabas is an opportunity to grow in your faith and gain a fresh perspective by serving people with special needs. God has worked powerfully in and through our students who have served at Camp Barnabas and it has become a special place for our youth ministry.

Camp Barnabas is located in southwestern Missouri and provides a unique ministry to people with various disabilities. We will be serving during "BRIDGE BUILDERS" week, which includes younger campers (ages 7-18) with developmental disabilities, autism and/or physical disabilities.

Barnstormer (14-15 years old):

Barnstormers work hard to help make camp happen. They keep the camp in tip-top shape by prepping meals, serving food, and tidying up during the week. They also play a role in building relationships with campers by participating in daily activities and evening themed parties.

Counselor: (16+ years old):

One-on-one counselors are the lifeblood of Barnabas. These incredible individuals put aside their own personal desires and needs to pair up with campers and unconditionally love, accept, and care for all of their needs during the week. Counselors help to give the campers the best camp experience they possibly can have!

LEADERTREKS - DAYTON, OH

Open to students in grades 8-12

July 18-24, 2021

Dayton, Ohio might seem to be an unlikely place to visit for a missions experience, until you consider the influx of international refugees in the last 15 years. Every year refugees come to Dayton to escape political and religious persecution, wars, and extreme poverty. There is great need and many organizations and churches have started to help through various community service projects. Our team will reach out to families from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East with the love of God. We will partner with local ministries and families through service projects, Kid's Bible Club (VBS), and any way we can help bless the refugees in this community.

We are excited to join this new partnership with LeaderTreks; they have been making a huge impact in youth ministry for many years. LeaderTreks Youth Ministry uses mission experiences, innovative training, and curriculum to create laboratories where students can learn, face challenges, and be transformed. Laboratories allow students to experience truth as well as hear truth, so they can grow into their potential. They love to use challenges on their mission experiences to help students catch a glimpse of their personal potential and start down the road of using that potential.



2021 YOUTH MISSIONS ADULT MENTOR APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE AND TURN IN BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. - Philippians 2:1-4

SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: _____

Name you prefer to go by: _____ T-Shirt Size (XS-XL): _____

Email Address (PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY!): _____

Address/City: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions: _____

SECTION B: TRIP INFORMATION

Please pray and think about which team you want to serve with and place a checkmark next to those teams. It is helpful, but not required, if you can indicate more than one team so we have flexibility in placing leaders.

___ **Camp Barnabas, MO**
Dates: July 10-16
Grades 8-12
***Support goal: \$300**

___ **Dayton, OH**
Dates: July 18-24
Grades 8-12
***Support goal: \$300**

***Note: We are asking Adult Mentors to target support raising goals listed above. These funds can be raised through personal giving and/or support letters.**

Tell us what interests you about each of the teams:

SECTION C: LEADER COMMITMENTS

The participants with Village Church Youth Missions are expected to follow and fulfill several core commitments. Please read through each of these carefully and reflect on your willingness to accept and follow each commitment listed.

**As a member of Village Church Youth Missions, I accept the following core commitments...
(Initial each commitment and sign the bottom of the page.)**

Church/ Youth Ministry Participation– Being Actively Involved in Church Life

- _____ I will set a good example for church involvement by attending church on a weekly basis
- _____ I will be a strong advocate of students attending youth ministry (24/7 or S&L) on a regular basis

Team Preparation– Taking My Role Seriously (see important dates below)

- _____ I will participate in all mission team meetings (Indicate any conflicts on Page 4, Question 8):

February 28, 4-6pm: Parents attend; non-refundable personal donation due

March 14: 10:30-12pm Meeting Room 101

Support Letters & Addressee names need to be turned in

April 18, 4-6pm: Support Letters returned for mailing

May 1, 8am-3pm: Youth Missions Service Day

June 6, 10:30am-12pm: Meeting Room 101 & Commissioning Service

TBD, Meetings scheduled by the team

- Final Team Meeting (Parents invited): this is typically 1-2 weeks before departure
- Pack & Pray: on the day before (or of) the mission project
- Team Reunion: end of July or early August

- _____ I will complete all outside preparation work needed for my particular team
(Ex: ministry prep, required forms/passport, etc)

Support Raising– Sharing My Part in Raising the Needed Funds

- _____ I will prayerfully consider my role in helping raise the needed funds for Youth Missions through the giving of a personal contribution and/or sending support letters.

Leader support goal: \$300

Support can be raised through personal giving and/or support letters.

Comments:

Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION D: ADULT MENTOR QUESTIONS - PLEASE FILL OUT THIS PORTION IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME SERVING WITH VILLAGE CHURCH YOUTH MISSIONS.

1. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Please share an impactful experience in your faith journey.
2. Describe how you have seen yourself growing spiritually over the past year—and ways you'd like to see yourself grow in the next year?
3. In what area(s) of your spiritual life would you like to see improvement? Are there any specific areas of sin in your life in which you are struggling? *NOTE: Please be bluntly honest as you answer this question - it is critically important that you do not "hide" things from us.*
4. *Answer this question only if you have a son or daughter who is applying to be on a summer mission trip! Do you want to be considered ONLY for the trip that your child wants to take part in? If so, have you talked this over with your child, are they OK with it? Are you willing to be part of a different team? Please comment on these specific points and about your relationship with your child.*

