



Twin Cities 2025

June 14-20

Informational Packet

STUDENT TWIN CITIES TRIP COMMITMENT DATES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th	APPLICATION DEADLINE Get deposit checks to Beth Miller @ Keslinger Campus
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th	TEAM MEETING 7:00-8:30PM, Keslinger Campus Pick up trip packets, support letter supplies and SMA jobs DEPOSIT AND ALL PAPERWORK DUE
SUNDAY, MARCH 9th	STUDENT MISSIONS AUCTION, Keslinger Campus Students are required to attend the evening event, and need to be available to serve in their assigned role at a specific time between 12-8PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 18th	TEAM MEETING 7:00-8:30PM, Keslinger Campus COMPLETED SUPPORT LETTERS DUE
TUESDAY, APRIL 15th	TEAM MEETING 7:00-8:30 PM, Keslinger Campus Student Missions Auction serving roles assigned
SATURDAY, MAY 3rd, 17th	TEAM SERVE DAYS Each student commits to one date. Times/locations/details TBD
THURSDAY, MAY 22nd	FINAL TRIP BALANCE DUE Remaining student balance will be communicated ahead of time
SAT/SUN EARLY JUNE, TBD	TEAM DEDICATION WEEKEND Students hand out prayer cards after each service
SUNDAY, JUNE 8th	FINAL PRE-TRIP GATHERING Location/Time TBD
SATURDAY, JUNE 14th	TEAM DEPARTURE! Location TBD
FRIDAY, JUNE 20th	TEAM RETURNS!

Mission Trip Involvement

Student Missions experiences are more than just a trip to serve others, but an integral piece of the Biblical community we strive to create within our student ministry program. For this reason, high school short-term mission trips are intentionally designed for students actively involved in Chapelstreet Students small group ministry (Axis for current 8th grade students, D-Group for current 9th-12th grade students). At Chapelstreet Church we believe the following regarding High School Short-Term Mission trips:

- **Small Group Involvement:** Active involvement in Axis/D-Group means students have gathered together regularly in community, have studied Scripture & been taught what the Bible says, and have been held accountable in their faith by peers and adult leaders. Though discipleship isn't always clear cut & simple, Chapelstreet Students believes students who have sought this type of discipleship are best prepared to enter the mission field and share the elementary truths of the Gospel with others.
- **Being Known:** We believe that in order to best shepherd & lead these mission trips, students participating must be *known*. With hundreds of students involved at Chapelstreet, the best way to know each student who joins a mission team is if they have been faithfully discipled by a trained & devoted Chapelstreet Students small group leader. It's important to know who is being sent out to share the Gospel with our mission partners, and we will trust our volunteer small group leaders & their discretion to help decide if students are ready for a mission trip.
- **Other Involvement at Chapelstreet:** Students who are actively involved and/or serving at Chapelstreet Church, but not currently involved in Chapelstreet Students small group ministry may be considered for a missions team. For students who fall into this category, we ask that they provide a reference from a Chapelstreet Church staff member or volunteer who knows them and can speak to their readiness to participate in a mission trip. We would ask these students to intentionally get involved within Chapelstreet Students small group ministry.
- **International Trips:** In order to join an International mission team, students must have previously been on a Chapelstreet Students mission trip & be actively involved at Chapelstreet Church.
- **Not actively involved at Chapelstreet?** If you have any questions about your current level of involvement or how to get further involved in Chapelstreet Student ministry, please email Beth bmiller@chapelstreetchurch.com or Jay jsias@chapelstreetchurch.com.

Trip Logistics and Requirements

- **Application and Trip cost**

\$875 (deposit of \$475 and support raised to cover the balance)

Trip application link and all additional required forms are available at chapelstreet.church/twincities.

Application deadline is Thursday, January 30th.

- **Scholarships**

Scholarships for student trips are always available! Do not let cost be a barrier that prevents your student from applying to join this team. The scholarship application can be found at

chapelstreet.church/twincities.

- **Paperwork and Deposit**

All paperwork and the deposit must be turned in by the 1st Team Meeting. Required paperwork includes: Chapelstreet Student Participation Waiver, Chapelstreet Medication form, Praying Pelicans Waiver, and 1 copy of your insurance card. There will also be a LEAD222 Waiver that will be completed electronically closer to the departure date. **The deadline to get everything turned in is Tuesday, February 18th.**

- **Support Letters**

We require that each student and leader send 15-20 support letters to help raise their trip cost balance. Those who choose to pay for the whole trip without raising support will need to send 10 prayer support letters. Supplies will be handed out at the 1st meeting, and completed letters need to be turned in by the 2nd meeting. **Letters are due by Tuesday, March 18th and will be mailed from church.**

- **Student Missions Auction**

Each student will have a job at the Student Missions Auction in order for the event to be a success.

Roles will be handed out at the 1st Team Meeting

- **Attend All Team Commitments**

There will be 3 Team Meetings, 1 Team Serve Day, Student Mission Auction and a Team Dedication Day leading up to our trip. Each of these commitments provide the training and team building opportunities that are essential for our group to work together as a team in the Twin Cities. We ask that you commit to participating in each one of these commitments. If, for some reason you are unable to attend one of the dates, it's required that you notify Beth bmiller@chapelstreetchurch.com beforehand. Students are not allowed to miss more than 2 of these commitments as part of this team.

Support Letters

Each team member is asked to create a support team of 15-20 people to whom they will send a support letter. The purpose of the support letter is to invite people to be a part of your experience through excitement, prayer, and financial support when possible.

What should I include in my support letters?

- The name/location of the trip and the dates. (Twin Cities, MN, June 14-20)
- Purpose of the trip and a brief description of the service opportunities while there (neighborhood improvement projects, community outreach, evangelism opportunities)
- Reason you have chosen to go and the ways you are praying for God to move throughout the trip.
- Invitation for them to join your support team through prayer and a financial donation if possible (You can specify the amount you need to raise, and any financial support beyond that will be applied to the team.)
- Gratitude for their interest, support, and prayer.

Who should you send letters to?

- Family members
- Teachers, school counselors, coaches
- Community organizations (especially any that your parents may belong to)
- Organization leaders at school (Key Club, etc.)

What if my family chooses to pay the remaining trip balance on our own?

If you have already paid for your trip in full, we ask that you send out 10 prayer letters (rather than 15 support letters). Your letter can look similar in nature - but your focus should be an emphasis on asking them to support you in prayer. So, the support letter process will look the same, but you can adjust the wording to reflect your request - and you won't need to include a return envelope for them.

When are my support letters due?

We will have the envelopes and labels for your letters available for you to pick up at the first Team Meeting on February 18th. Letters will be mailed from church and we ask that ALL letters be turned in to Beth **NO LATER than Tuesday, March 18th** so we have as much as time as possible to receive funding for the trip.

Sample Prayer Letter

Use this as a guide, but make it personal!

Dear friends and family,

I am writing to tell you about an exciting opportunity that I have to join other highschoolers from my church on a mission trip this summer. We are traveling to the Twin Cities, MN from June 14-20th. While there, we will be joining Praying Pelican Ministries and serving at several sites throughout the Twin Cities. Our service will include a variety of community outreach/evangelism opportunities, VBS programming for local children, and light construction projects.

I am excited to be a part of this team, because I would like to make an impact in the communities surrounding the Twin Cities by offering support to those in need while sharing God's love for them. I know that God will grow me in new ways as I serve on this team.

I would like to invite you to be a part of my support team leading up to and during our time in the Twin Cities. Would you be willing to pray for me, for our team, and for the people we are going to be serving? Please pray that God would prepare hearts and cover all of the details going into this trip, and that his love would be seen through our service in the Twin Cities. I also need to raise another \$400 for this trip, and if you are able to give a financial contribution I would be very grateful. You can donate online by using my URL link at the bottom of this letter. This is the easiest way to donate. However, if you would like to mail a check, please use the enclosed donation slip with my URL link.

Thank you so much. I look forward to telling you about my experiences on this trip and about the many ways that I saw God working!

Sincerely,
(Sign your name, then type it underneath for legibility)

**** IF RAISING SUPPORT, TYPE THE ENTIRE URL FROM YOUR DONATION SLIPS. CHECK FOR ACCURACY SO DONATIONS AREN'T DELAYED! ****

Twin Cities Packing List

All team members are allowed 1 suitcase/duffle bag, 1 backpack, and 1 twin air mattress

- Pillow
- Sheet/sleeping bag
- Bath Towel
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc)
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Pajamas
- Underwear & socks (pack extra)
- Long pants and/or shorts for 4 serve days
- Shirts for 4 Serve Days
- Casual clothes for free time & free day
- Closed-toe shoes for serving
- Shoes for free time & free day
- Twin Cities team t-shirt
- Swimsuit for beach/free day (modest one-piece or tankini for girls, no speedos for boys)
- Beach towel
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Hat/visor/sunglasses
- Shoes for the beach
- Work gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Refillable water bottle
- Bible, journal, pens
- OPTIONAL** games/activities for free-time/beach day (cards, sports equipment, beach ball, frisbee, etc)
- Snacks (**must be peanut-free!**)
- Spending money- *suggested* \$75-100 (travel meals, free day activities, snacks & souvenirs)
- Medications (**in original containers, with dosage info, and given to leader**)

Frequently Asked Questions

Why short-term missions?

We believe that Jesus has shown us how to love others through his life and teaching; Jesus himself did not come to be served, but to serve. The heart of missions is an expression of this kind of life that Jesus calls his followers to live. Whether we serve our local community or travel abroad to serve those in foreign lands, we are becoming the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. As we step outside of our comfort zone and serve in new cultures, we learn more about ourselves, more about God's people, and more about God's heart. When we serve on short-term trips, we get to experience the incredible ways God works IN us as he works THROUGH us!

Why do we serve with Praying Pelican Missions in the Twin Cities?

We value our relationship with PPM, and have been continually encouraged by their heart for short term missions and their structure for supporting student teams. PPM exists to build up, encourage, and assist the local Church in serving and reaching their communities for Christ, and we are excited to serve alongside them in this work. PPM facilitates teams to the Twin Cities each year, partnering with many local ministry organizations that serve a variety of needs. We will have the opportunity to serve with some new and some familiar ministries, such as Godtown. With the help of police, businesses, churches and more, Godtown works to rebuild and transform their neighborhoods through food distribution, spiritual mentoring, community and homeless outreach and property transformation. Through these partnerships, we not only grow our understanding of the issues these communities face; we have the opportunity to participate in the transformation that is already happening.

Where will we stay?

Our team will stay at Concordia, St. Paul, MN (1282 Concordia Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104). Sessions, most meals, sleeping & team time will take place on Concordia's campus. Doors will be locked and security guards will be on duty.

Are the worksites safe?

We work alongside local ministries in areas where they have relationships with the community. Our students will always have our adult leaders and/or local ministry leaders with them at their worksites.

How are medical emergencies handled?

Our leaders will use every precaution with any illness/injury that occurs. There is a local hospital nearby. We seek guidance from our mission partners' experiences & relationships in their community in situations like these.

What if my student needs to take medications while on the trip?

Our staff team will have a copy of the allergy, medication, and medical needs based on the trip application and medication form completed by parents. Medications will be under the supervision of adult leaders and accessible to students as needed.

What is your policy on drugs, alcohol, smoking, etc?

We have a zero-tolerance policy and students who abuse this will be sent home at the family's expense.

Can students use their cell phones?

Students will be allowed to use their cell phones during travel days and during afternoon free-time throughout the week. We will collect student cell phones and put them in a secure location during the day to help increase connection to God, team members & ministry opportunities. All leaders will have their cell phones with them at all times & we will regularly post updates on our trip social media page. Students who need phones for medical reasons will be allowed to keep them strictly for that purpose.

Can you accommodate dietary Restrictions?

We will do our best to accommodate any special dietary needs. Please make this information available to Beth Miller bmiller@chapelstreetchurch.com ASAP in order to make accommodations.

How can my student apply?

Team applications are done through ManagedMissions. That application link, the scholarship link and all of the paperwork links are found on the website.