

Frequently Asked Questions

Kids Wenatchee Trip

June 23-26, 2024

Who can go on the Wenatchee Trip? Any 4th-5th grader who has regularly attended GROW during the school year (at least 3 times) can apply online by March 17. Any 6th-12th grader who wants to serve as a Youth Leader must apply online by March 17. Kids and Youth will be notified by the end of March if they have or have not been accepted on the trip. We do have parents join us on the trip as well as some of our regular leaders (see comments below on Kids Wenatchee Team leadership).

Key Dates:

- February 14 Application Info and Link sent out
- March 17 Deadline: All Applications (Kids and Youth Helpers)
- March 24 Notifications sent out for acceptance on the trip
- May 15 Deadline for Registration and payment for the trip
- May 22 Family Meeting (at least one parent in attendance)
- June 22 All Day Training (required) 9am-5pm (Kids, Youth)-
Adult Leaders attend 2:30-5pm
- June 23-26 Wenatchee Trip-Leave after 4th service, return in the
afternoon/evening on the 26th

Applications:

Student (4th-5th) Application:

<https://canyonhills.churchcenter.com/people/forms/691338>

Youth Application (6th-12th) Application:

<https://canyonhills.churchcenter.com/people/forms/691356>

Adult Serving Interest Form:

<https://canyonhills.churchcenter.com/people/forms/691360>

What is the schedule like for the Wenatchee trip? We travel to Wenatchee on Sunday afternoon and arrive at our host church just before dinner. Students will lead an outreach at a local park that evening and then return to the church afterward. Each day, teams will serve in 4-5 local ministries for 2-3 hours at each location. They rotate to learn how each ministry is serving the community. The team eats together for all meals and we spend an hour and a half each day at the local pool to ‘clean up’ and have some fun. Each day we have devotions as well as a time of sharing and prayer.

Sample Schedule

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June 25-28

Time	Sunday	Monday and Tuesday	Wednesday
7am		Wake-up (Work clothes- Pack Swims)	Wake-up (Work clothes- Pack Swims/Towels)
8am		Breakfast Devotional, QT and Missionary	Breakfast Devotional, QT and Missionary
9am		Service Project Rotation	Service Project Rotation
10am			
11am			
Noon		Lunch at Church	Evaluations at Church Lunch at Church
1pm		Service Project Rotation	Swims (1-2:45pm)
2pm	Check-in at 1:45pm CHCC		*
3pm	Depart for Wenatchee	Swims (3-4:45pm)	
4pm	Nason Creek Rest Stop Milepost 81	Return to church	Depart for Bethel
5pm			Rest Stop - 15 min Nason Creek Rest Stop Milepost 81
6pm	Arrive/Orientation Move in to Church	Dinner at Church	
7pm	Head to Park Dinner at Park Park Outreach	Tue - Wenatchee Rescue Mission Evening Serving Opportunity	Unload to CHCC Dinner to Parents
8pm	Return to Church Debriefing and Prayer		
9pm	Assign Devotions/Journaling Bed Time	Assign Devotions/Journaling Bed Time	
10pm			

Can you give us some idea about the facilities where the team will be staying? We stay in a local church in East Wenatchee (Faith Presbyterian Church) that has been hosting us since 1999. The girls stay at one end of the church and the boys are at the other end. Since we're staying in a church, the team brings sleeping bags for nights on the carpet. Each side has their own restrooms and we meet in the middle of the church for our meals together. The church has a very large lawn where we play a bit and do some group times.

We're fairly new to the church and don't know a lot of people. Who are the folks in leadership on the Kids Wenatchee team? We want to give some of our regular leaders, as well as some parents, the opportunity to serve with us in the Kids Ministry. All of the leaders will have completed applications to serve with kids, had their references checked and a national background check will have been completed. We want to know them as we serve together. If you are interested in serving as a parent leader on the trip, please let us know. Most times we will have parent and child assigned to separate Family Groups to allow the child to grow even more while still having the same experience as their parent. However, when mom or dad is not there, we see kids step up and serve, share, and lead in a way that helps them grow and take the next step spiritually. This is a ministry trip designed for kids and looks very different than a Family Missions Trip.

We haven't done many sleepovers and our child has not been away from home much. What about their apprehension (and ours!) of being away from us for 4 days? We know how important it is for kids and parents to be comfortable with the distance and time away from each other. We encourage families to get to know the Family Group leader at our Family Meeting in May and on the Sunday before we leave for Wenatchee. We will communicate several times a day through text messages (Remind App) so that parents and family can stay updated on what we're doing.

Our child has some health issues or dietary restrictions. Can they still participate? Normally, those do not pose a problem, but you should check with the team leader or Pastor. We can do a little modification when necessary. If we know about the health issues on the child's registration, they are currently being controlled or dealt with and we have all the information we need, it shouldn't prevent them from participating.

What happens if my child gets sick or injured on the trip?

Fortunately, we're staying very close to a walk-in clinic and we also carry a good-sized stock of over-the-counter medications and treatments. Parents will sign a release form in case we need to see a doctor as well. Of course, we will also call home to get permission and advice from parents! Our team is made up of one adult for every three to five kids so there are plenty of folks ready to give care and emotional support when needed!

We have family plans near Wenatchee, can we drop off or pick up early? Each year we have several families who ask to drop their children off once we arrive in Wenatchee or pick them up before we return home. We can get you our schedule in advance so that you'll know where we'll be and at what time. It usually isn't a problem when the drop off or pick up time is at the very beginning or end of our trip but becomes more difficult when it's in the middle of our time together. Make sure you discuss this with the ministry leader or pastor.

We know the cost of the trip is reasonable, but we might need some help. Are there options for us? The trip cost for everyone, leaders, and students, is usually about \$175 and that covers everything from transportation, food, work supplies, and swimming. We encourage you to let family and friends know about this opportunity because you'll want them to be praying but some of them may also want to support you financially! You can also make some smaller payments in advance of the trip and catch up afterward. But please, don't make the decision not to participate because of finances. Let us know and we'll work with you!

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