

MILWAUKEE, WI 2018

Dates: July 15–21

Ages: Students completing grades 8–12

Cost: \$600 (\$100 down payment due with application; remaining \$500 due June 3)

Space: Limited to 20 students

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 11 (\$100 down payment due)

WHY MILWAUKEE?

The city of Milwaukee is beautiful in its rich culture and diversity. Yet, many years after the battle against segregation, Milwaukee still shows signs of separation and racial oppression. This city has the highest teen pregnancy rates in the country and the highest unemployment rates among African American males. Overall, it is the fourth poorest city in the country. In the midst of these statistics, there is an undeniable sense of potential. There is also an undeniable need for the love and hope of Christ. That is where the local church in Milwaukee as well as many nonprofit organizations and ministries have stepped in.

Our team may be working on beautification and landscaping projects at a school or doing home repair at a family's house. But at the end of the week, students will have formed relationships, completed projects and grown in their understanding of prayer. Ultimately, our desire is to unite, reconcile and transform the neighborhoods in which we are serving and living, which can only happen through the love of Jesus.

WHY NEXT STEP RESOURCES?

Next Step Ministries is a non-profit organization committed to helping students grow closer to Christ through a life-changing, one-week mission trip. Students have the opportunity to work on challenging construction projects and come alongside inspiring community leaders, meeting the true needs of the community. Each project is picked with an unwavering commitment to partnering with and empowering families, schools and the local church. These projects are a part of a much larger vision of transformation producing real, sustainable change within a community. They work on these projects week after week, year after year, so students know they're part of a real change.

We chose Next Step because of their Christ-centric, long-term mission focus. We believe these values align with NHC's values and focus. NHC has a history of creating and maintaining long-term relationships with ministries throughout our country and our world and we are hoping for the same with Next Step.

WHAT WILL MY STUDENT BE DOING?

Teams participate in small repair projects, service opportunities and outreach activities all with the goal of sharing the love of Jesus and unifying a community that experiences division. Our students have the opportunity to work along-side the local church with outreach opportunities. Here's a typical work day schedule:

Monday–Thursday (work days)

7am – Wake Up

7:15am – Eat Breakfast & Lunch Preparation

8am – Morning Devotional

8:15am – Depart for Worksite & Begin Working

12pm – Lunch & Devotion

1pm – Resume Working

3:30pm – Clean Up/Return

4pm – Free Time/Leader Meeting

6pm – Dinner

7pm – Worship

8:30pm – Small Groups/Free Time

11pm – Lights Out

WHERE IS MY STUDENT SLEEPING AND WHAT SHOULD THEY PACK?

The team is hosted at a local church in Milwaukee within 15 minutes from all projects and partnerships. Here we will worship, eat meals, sleep, shower and hang out! Guys and girls are separated into different rooms for sleeping arrangements. Students will be sleeping on the floor.

Twin Size Air Mattress	Insect Repellent	Work Clothes
Bedding & Pillow	Towel	Casual Clothes
Water Bottle	Toiletries	Work Gloves
Sunglasses	Swim Suit	Work Shoes
Sunscreen		

WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS FOR FUNDRAISING?

Student Ministries wants to come alongside your family as you send your student to Milwaukee this summer.

- **Kitchen Fundraising:** Working for events in the main campus kitchen can add up. Every little bit counts!
- **Coffee House Fundraising:** Work 4 shifts [3:00-6:45pm] in our Coffee House and earn \$100 for your account. Contact Tracy Maas for questions or available shifts. On the job training provided. Can't make it by 3pm? Then you must be able to start by 4pm.
- **Talent Night:** Sunday, May 6. The free will offering taken that night will go towards a stateside trip. Must either perform, available to set up/clean up, or help during the show to receive funds. Look for more information coming in April. *[students do not have to be going on a trip to perform]*
- **Rent-A-Kid:** \$100 / 8 hours of work. Students can rent out their skills (lawn mowing, yard work, babysitting, painting, etc). Rent-a-Kid will be Sundays, May 6 & 13 in the lobby during the Sunday Worship Gatherings.
- **Support Letters:** Writing and sending support letters to your family and friends is a great way to share with them your plans for the summer and also ask for financial/prayer support. If you decide to go this route, contact Tracy Maas after you've registered and we will send out an official support-raising packet to help you with this process.

TEAM MEETINGS

The following meetings are required for students to attend on the Milwaukee team. Meetings take place in the EC Commons. Meetings are required unless prior approval has been given by team leaders.

Sunday, March 25, 12:30–2:30pm, EC Commons

Sunday, April 22, 12:30–3:30pm, meet @ EC and heading offsite

Sunday, May 20, 12:30–2:30pm, EC Commons

Sunday, July 8, 12:30–4pm, Final Planning Meeting / BBQ / Swimming @ Hubbard's Home

Commissioning Service: Sunday, July 1, 11:15am, EC Commons (during regular Sunday gathering)

APPLICATION PROCESS

There are two parts to the Milwaukee application process:

- 1) Apply at newhopechurchmn.org/milwaukee
- 2) Submit \$100 down payment (options to pay after you submit your online application)

Your application and \$100 down payment is due by **Sunday, March 11**. The remaining \$500 due **June 3**. The Milwaukee team will be announced by email.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact Tracy Maas at tmaas@newhopechurchmn.org