

## **CHICAGO, IL - General Information**

Dates: July 16-22

Ages: Students completing 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Cost: \$650 (\$100 down payment due with application; remaining \$550 due June 4)

Space: Limited to 20 students

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 5 – Must include a \$100 down payment

### **WHY CHICAGO?**

In a heavily urbanized city of almost 3 million people there is a great need for Christ. While the suburbs and downtown business districts are some of the richest places in the country, there are many needy communities throughout the 237 square miles. Partnering with a local church we get to meet physical needs in the community which open the door to addressing the spiritual needs of the community. Chicago is an amazing city with great need and even greater Kingdom potential if people would see their need for Jesus. We get the opportunity of meeting some of these needs as we make Christ known in this overlooked community.

### **WHY LEADERTREKS?**

LeaderTreks does an amazing job of meeting students where they are at, challenging them to own their faith, and challenging them, physically and spiritually, at an age appropriate level. LeaderTreks provides a context in which we get to put our faith into action. While engaging in work projects and relational ministry students are also intentionally stretched outside of their comfort zones and taught valuable leadership skills along with practicing different spiritual disciplines.

### **WHAT WILL MY STUDENT BE DOING?**

Chicago is a service-based trip that includes elements of relational ministry. The majority of the day is spent serving someone in the community by working on their home (light construction—no experience needed) while the evenings are spent connecting with the local community around the church we'll be staying at. The major focus of our team time is leadership. We'll challenge students to not only take on different roles and responsibility during the week, but to grow in their own spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible reading, etc).

### **WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS FOR FUNDRAISING?**

The Student Ministries department wants to come alongside your family as you send your student to Chicago this summer.

- 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. Once the team is announced, we will send out sample support letters, tax-exempt donation forms & labels to help you with this process.

- Kitchen & Coffee House Fundraising: Working for events in the main campus kitchen or in the Coffee House can add up. Every little bit counts! Next Kitchen Training night will be Thursday, March 16 7-8pm in the main campus kitchen. Minimum of 10 people. One parent required to attend with student.
- We also encourage parents to sit down with their students and come up with a plan of how your family will fund this trip. We have had parents join together to sell coffee, students who have mowed lawns/babysat, students who have paid their whole way from working food service at church! There are many ways to raise support for a trip like this – so be creative!

## TEAM MEETINGS

The following meetings are required for students to attend unless prior approval has been given by Jon Kimmel.

Wednesday, March 8            5-6:30 pm (EC Conference Room)

Wednesday, May 3   6-8 pm (EC Classroom A & B)

Wednesday, June 7   6-8 pm (EC Classroom A & B)

Sunday, June 25            11:15 am – EC Commons (Commissioning Service) – during regular Sunday gathering

## APPLICATION PROCESS

There are two parts to the Chicago application process:

- 1) Apply ONLINE (beginning 1/23) at  
<http://www.newhopechurchmn.org/childrenstudents/grades-68/>
- 2) Submit your \$100 down payment (options to pay after you submit your online application)

Your application and \$100 down payment is due on **Sunday, March 5**. The remaining \$550 will be due **June 4**.

Please contact Tracy Maas [tmaas@newhopechurchmn.org](mailto:tmaas@newhopechurchmn.org) with any questions!