

MADISON, WI - General Information

Dates: July 16-22

Ages: Students completing 9th – 12th grade

Cost: \$575 (\$100 down payment due with application; remaining \$475 due June 4)

Space: Limited to 20 students

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 5 – Must include a \$100 down payment. Team announced by 3/9 via e-mail.

WHY MADISON?

Madison is an incredible city filled with vibrant college life, a growing economy and thriving art community. However, amidst this beautiful city are pockets of poverty, homelessness, division and hopelessness. Madison faces the same struggles that larger “inner-city” communities face like segregation, oversight, and poverty. On this trip, we’ll partner with local churches who are involved in unique outreach opportunities such as: Habitat for Humanity, homeless shelter support, downtown outreach, transitional housing organizations, sustainable food banks and many others. It’s an awesome opportunity to give up our comfort and bring comfort to those in need, just as Christ as done for us.

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. We are excited to see where and how God uses us this summer.

WHAT WILL MY STUDENT BE DOING?

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

MONDAY – THURSDAY (WORK DAYS)

7:00 am – Wake Up	12:00 pm – Lunch & Devotion	6:00pm – Dinner
7:15 am – Eat Breakfast & Lunch Preparation	1:00 pm – Resume Working	7:00 pm – Worship
8:00 am – Morning Devotional	3:30 pm – Clean Up/Return	8:30 – Small Groups/Free Time
8:15 am – Depart for Worksite & Begin Working	4:00 pm – Free time/Leader Meeting	
11:00 pm – Lights Out		

WHERE IS MY STUDENT SLEEPING AND WHAT SHOULD THEY PACK?

This trip will be hosted at a local church in Madison within 15 minutes from all projects and partnerships. Here we will worship, eat meals, sleep, shower and hang out! Guys and girls will be 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	Safety Glasses
Sunscreen	Work Shoes	Hammer

WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS FOR FUNDRAISING?

The Student Ministries department wants to come alongside your family as you send your student to Madison 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 on the Madison team. Team meetings will take place in the EC Commons. Meetings are required unless prior approval has been given by team leaders.

Sunday, March 12	12:30-2:30pm (light snacks provided)
Sunday, April 30	12:30-2:30pm (light snacks provided)

Sunday, June 25 11:15 am – EC Commons (Commissioning Service) – during regular
Sunday gathering
Sunday, July 9 12:30-2:30pm (light snacks provided)

APPLICATION PROCESS

There are two parts to the Madison application process:

- 1) Apply ONLINE (beginning 1/23) at
<http://www.newhopechurchmn.org/childrenstudents/grades-912/>
- 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 \$475 will be due **June 4**.

Please contact Tracy Maas tmaas@newhopechurchmn.org with any questions!