

2012 New York City Middle School Mission Trip Info

- For current 6th-8th grade only.
- Dates are July 14-19, 2012.
- Cost will be \$950
- Space limited to 30 participants and 10 leaders.
- Required training sessions begin Saturday, March 10, 2012

Training Meetings

March 10th 9am-11am in Cornerstone Theater

April 14th 9am-11am in Cornerstone Theater

May 12th 9am-11am in Cornerstone Theater

June 16th 9am-1pm Local Outreach Project

Prayer Send-Off (TBA)

How do I register for this trip?

Go to 12stone.com/global and fill out the online application.

- This trip will close without notice when spaces are full. Registration ends February 19, 2012
- A \$100 Deposit is due March 10th. All donations and deposits are non-refundable/

How do I pay for this trip?

Raise support & ask donors to use 12Stone online giving.

- Donations are only made online, mailed in or dropped in the offering drop box.
- DO NOT give donation checks to anyone. Please use the offering drop box outside of Cornerstone Theater.

How do I know if donations have been made to my trip?

- Keep a list of names & addresses of those you sent letters to.
- Student Ministry will not be tracking you donations.
- You may make an account on the 12Stone website to view donations @ www.12stone.com/account/index.php

What will we be doing in New York?

Mercy Ministry

We will devote at least one day to ministering to the homeless and less fortunate in our city. Students will have a chance to pack "love bags" filled with toiletries, food, water, a Bible, and other necessities.* We will then go out into the city to distribute the bags, talk and pray with those we meet, and find other ways to show them the love of Jesus.

Evangelism

We want each student to leave NYC having shared his or her faith with at least one person. This is can occur in any number of ways (personal testimony, discussion of Christianity with someone of a different faith, traditional presentation of the Gospel...) and in any number of different settings (conversation on the subway or ferry to the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, street evangelism, etc.).

Students should be comfortable with talking about Jesus with others and we will provide training on how to be better equipped with this often terrifying (though it shouldn't be!) element of our call as followers of Jesus.

Prayer

We believe that Prayer is the most powerful and under-utilized tools Christians have. Students will be pushed (sensitively) to engage themselves in conversation with their Creator. We will pray over different parts of city, walk through different neighborhoods asking God to bring His Light to the darkness, pray with people walking the streets on Manhattan, and pray for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to be people devoted to a lifestyle of prayer and hope to equip and encourage your students to desire the same.

Work/Service

There are plenty opportunities to serve New York City and never enough laborers! Through a variety of friends, neighbors, and partners in the city, students have a chance to serve the Lord through work/service projects such as: painting public school classrooms, picking garbage up on the streets and in parks, amateur "construction" projects at local churches, volunteer labor for partner ministries, etc.

Children's Outreach

There are multiple parks, playgrounds, and city blocks in our neighborhood filled with children who need to experience the love of Jesus. We engage our groups in "Kids' Klubs" every afternoon to interact with the children through games, songs, stories that convey positive life lessons, crafts*, snacks, and any other fun, creative ideas **you** may have! We will visit the same site(s) each day so that participants will have a chance to really get to know and build relationships with the kids in our community.

*Feel free to bring your materials for "love bags," crafts, or any other donations you'd like to make toward those we will be ministering to.

What else do I need to know?

- E-mail will be our primary method of communication. Please check your e-mail periodically for trip/team updates.
- Emails will be sent to students AND their parents.
- Deadlines, support raising, packing and other travel info will be explained in training sessions.