



THE REFUGE SUMMER MISSIONS HANDBOOK

Erasing the Lines - Small Town Missions



We are so excited about what God has in store for Summer 2021! Thank you for your interest in serving with us this summer. Please read through the information provided as we seek to answer questions, share expectations and give an overview to our missions weeks: Erasing the Lines (ETL) and Small Town Missions.

For **GROUPS**, please call the office (252-746-4766) for a setup link to pay and register online. **INDIVIDUALS** can register via our website: www.ncrefuge.org/programs/summer-camps/

Here are details to the Summer Mission Weeks

Erasing the Lines: Kinston (June 13-18, 2021)

- Participation is limited to the first **80 registered**
- Initial deposit of one-half of tuition fee per spot (**\$187.50/per participant**)
- Remaining balance due **June 11, 2021**

Erasing the Lines: Greenville (July 11-16, 2021)

- Participation is limited to the first **80 registered**
- Initial deposit of one-half of tuition fee per spot (**\$187.50/per participant**)
- Remaining balance due **July 9, 2021**

Small Town Missions - Farmville (July 25-30, 2021)

- Participation is limited to the first **80 registered**
- Initial deposit of one-half of tuition fee per spot (**\$187.50/per participant**)
- Remaining balance due **July 23, 2021**

God Bless You,

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WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

First of all, **PRAYING, PRAYING, and PRAYING!** If we want God to move in this event, we need to seek His guidance. Nothing will be done without prayer!

Youth will be divided into work groups and assigned to one or more work sites a day. Work groups are made up of students, small group leaders, and adults from all the church groups participating. Although you may not be with people from your church, it's a great time to meet others!

We will be working with several local agencies during the week to provide experiences such as: hanging out with kids in the inner city neighborhoods, feeding the homeless, and working on light construction projects around the city.

Evening activities will include time for worship, growth in Christ, meeting with your youth group, work team small group time, and listening to speakers, as well as a little free time to enjoy one another or reflect alone on the day's experience.

Time is also set aside for personal devotions and quiet time with the Lord.

At the Refuge after worksites, there is time for relaxing, enjoying some camp activities and playing together, but remember, that's not the focus of our trip.

The cost of these week-long mission camps:

Erasing the Lines & Small Town Mission

- \$375/per Participant

(After May 17, all deposits are non-refundable)

We request **GROUPS participating in mission weeks meet these requirements**

- **One adult leader chaperone for every 10 students in attendance**
(your group in relation to gender - if your group consists of ten males and four females, you would need one male adult leaders and one female adult leader)
- **Please provide 1 Fifteen Passenger Van & Driver for 10 students**
(Van Drivers are REQUIRED to stay with their group for the duration of each work day)

Check-in will begin on Sundays at 4:00pm

At the Refuge

Check-out is on Fridays at 10:00am

From the Refuge

THE REFUGE CELL PHONE POLICY

We do not allow students to bring their cell phones because:

- The sensitivity of our mission worksites & homeowners
- Give students a technology break to focus on serving others & learn about God
- Protect from temptation of misuse of social media & internet usage

Cell phones can be used from:

- Refuge staff
- Youth leaders
- Small group leaders

Cell phones brought will be taken & returned Friday



HOW SHOULD I ACT AT?

Although you are in Eastern NC and many of the cultural expectations are the same as you are used to, you are still on a mission trip and are a representative of your church and an Ambassador for Christ. Therefore, there are some general rules to follow while on this trip.

- **Use or possession of alcohol, drugs and tobacco products is strictly prohibited.**
- **You may not go anywhere by yourself.** When walking up the road, to the store or around a neighborhood, you should go in a group with an adult.
- You should always follow the adults and your counselor's instructions, even if you don't understand them.
- **You should dress modestly** whether at the work site, at the Refuge, or in town. This means AT LEAST finger-length shorts, knee-length skirts, and no tank tops, whatsoever!
- **Parents are not allowed to "sneak in" food to campers during the week.** Power bars/nabs/candy/etc are fine to bring in your suitcase

SERVE HOURS/VOLUNTEER HOURS

For students wanting verification of volunteer hours, please bring your form to registration on Sunday so we can get it completed by the end of the week.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

We will be **staying at the REFUGE** for the entire event. The Refuge is equipped with showers and kitchen facilities. Guys and girls will have separate sleeping areas that will be off limits to the other gender throughout the week. A common area will be in place for evening worship, devotions, free time, and meals.

No one is permitted to leave during the camp week. Even though we are staying in town, this is a mission trip and there will be no leaving during the week except for a medical emergency. If you leave you can not come back, all medical exceptions must be approved by the camp director in advance of the week.

For medical exception please email terry@ncrefuge.org - include campers name, church attending with, reason for medical exception, a phone number we may contact you.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

When you are packing, please remember that you are representing the Christian Community, your church and your family.

- Shorts or skirts that are either very tight or short (fingertip length or longer -no cheerleading shorts) are not appropriate—rolled down shorts.
- Lightweight cotton clothes are best for work. -- No tank tops or crop tops will be allowed.
- Don't bring clothing that advertises cigarettes, alcohol products, drugs, or displays obscene or suggestive language.
- Don't bring anything you can't afford to lose.
- Space to put your things will be very limited. Bring only what you absolutely need.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

Clothing:

- Shoes for work and evening (bring at least 2 pair).
No rainbows or flip-flops are permitted in work sites.
- Work socks (*Several pair*)
- Work pants (*Shorts are okay -- fingertip length*)
- Workday shirts - *NO Sport Tops or Tank Tops*
- Casual summer clothing for around camp - *NO short shorts, fingertip length*
- Pair of work gloves
- Sleep wear (*modest*)
- Towels and washcloths
- Air mattress or cot, Sleeping bag or sheets and light blanket & pillow
- Windbreaker or other light jacket, poncho or rain cover

Other:

- Medication (*Prescription or Over-the-counter*) you take regularly.

ALL MEDICATION MUST BE IN THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER, APPROPRIATELY LABELED AND COLLECTED AT REGISTRATION.

- Bible
- Notebook, pencil, pen
- Personal toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Sunglasses
- Alarm clock (optional - but you have to get up!)
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- Mosquito repellent

WHAT SHOULD I LEAVE AT HOME?

- Electric razors
- Curlers
- Prohibited Substances: Tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and other drugs
- Expensive items (jewelry, clothing, personal music and entertainment systems, etc.) *A good rule is don't bring anything you can't easily replace or afford to lose.*
- Clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, or displays obscene or suggestive language or images.
- A bad attitude and any expectations that you are going on vacation to relax— you are going to have different experiences and a break from your everyday routines, but you are coming to serve others and to be a messenger of Christ's love by the work you do.
- **All Cell Phones**

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WHAT A DAY MIGHT LOOK LIKE

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| 7:30am | WAKE-UP!! |
| 8:00am | Breakfast |
| 9:00am | Morning Mission Field |
| 12:00pm | Lunch and Personal devotion |
| 1:00pm | Afternoon Mission Field |
| 4:00pm | Shower time/Free time |
| 6:00pm | Supper |
| 7:00pm | Small group time |
| 8:00pm | Evening Worship |
| 9:30pm | Family Time |
| 11:00pm | LIGHTS OUT!! |