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Next year we are going to Minneapolis, MN on our You Are Here summer mission trip.

Like previous trips, we will be taking the day off Friday to talk about the week's events. All meals while travelling (including Friday's) are up to you.

The trip is from July 15—July 21, 2012.

We expect you to be preparing for this mission trip as you would any serious act of God. You should be praying for God to work through you, for Him to prepare you for the work and for Him to prepare those who you will minister to. We expect you to be at all training and information meetings. They are:

Apr. 11, June 13, June 20, June 27 & July 11

We expect you to be an active member of this student ministry, meaning we expect you attend at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of all student ministry events (Sunday School, Drink Deep, Home Bible Studies, etc.). We expect everyone who comes to have a good attitude, one that reflects Christ and the ministry we are doing. Likewise, we expect you to think of others first, putting them ahead of yourself on this missions trip.

If at any time you do not meet one of these requirements we reserve the right to ask you not to attend this trip. If for some reason you cannot be at an event it is your responsibility to have a parent talk to Troy about it.

**About Minneapolis, MN:** Minneapolis is located in southeastern Minnesota, on the banks of the Mississippi River. The population of Minneapolis is 372,811, and along with its “twin” city, Saint Paul, and their surrounding suburbs, the region has 3.2 million residents. From the 1880s to the 1930s, St. Anthony Falls—the only waterfall on the Mississippi—fueled the lucrative flour milling industry, making Minneapolis the milling capital of the world, and establishing many of today's largest corporate employers. Visitors and residents enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, from fishing and boating on the city's 22 lakes, to walking or biking on the many trails throughout the city. Indoors, people flock to the nearby Mall of America—the largest enclosed entertainment and retail complex in the country. The Twin Cities also boasts the largest theater district outside of New York City, with more than 25 venues and over 50 theater companies. The “City of Lakes,” as Minneapolis is often called, is also a city of diverse economic backgrounds. On any given night in Hennepin County, including Minneapolis, local homeless shelters house about 3,000 people. An additional 400 people sleep on the streets each night. Equally disturbing is the fact that 40 percent of Minnesotans experiencing homelessness are children. In total, nearly 17 percent of Minneapolis residents live below the poverty level, including 25 percent under age 18 and 11 percent over age 65. Come explore this beautiful city and enjoy a life-changing experience as you minister with and to the people of Minneapolis.





**What You Will Be Doing:** Participants serve in a variety of ways during a YouthWorks mission trip. Students may spend all week at one ministry or switch between ministries during the week. Our goal is to partner with local organizations and programs that seek to address the very basic needs of residents. Students may serve at places like: Children's Programs, Elderly Centers, Soup Kitchens/Homeless Shelters and Thrift Stores. We cannot confirm until all groups arrive exactly what ministries your students will be a part of during the week. We ask that you come with a willing and flexible spirit!

I, \_\_\_\_\_ commit to serving God on the You Are Here 2012 Sr. High Missions Trip to Minneapolis, MN. I have prayerfully considered this and feel that God is calling me to be a part of this experience. I commit to attending all meetings, fundraisers and training meetings leading up to the trip. I understand that committing to serve God will require me to prepare myself prior to leaving for the trip by attending Church, Sunday School, Drink Deep and a Home Bible Study on a regular basis. I understand that by signing this I am also financially responsible for my portion of the trip.

Student signature & date

As the parent of \_\_\_\_\_ I commit to helping my child prepare for this mission opportunity in every way possible. Our family will assist our student in making this mission trip a priority by seeing that he/she attends meetings, fundraisers and training meetings leading up to the trip. I realize that part of the spiritual preparation is regular attendance at Church, Sunday School, Drink Deep and a Home Bible Study. I also agree to help my student meet the financial requirements of this trip.

Parent/guardian signature & date  
(God bless you!).

 As a parent, I am stepping out to be a member of the adult team for this trip.  
 \$175 is enclosed.  
 I have paid the \$175 at the church office with a credit card.  
 Please take \$175 from my student's account.