



PRELIMINARY PLANS

WHEN: July 8-13, 2018

WHERE: Asheville, NC

WHO: Students rising 6th-8th grades and adults

Parents are welcome to participate with their children.

COST: \$250

\$50 deposit is due by January 31

Asheville Youth Mission offers "Mission Immersion" experiences for students and adults. We will be participating in a Sunday evening to Friday morning program that includes volunteering at 4 to 6 worksites and debriefing programs that include Bible study, group discussion, and art projects as a means of reflection. Towards the end of the week we will be led in an urban awareness walk, discernment of a plan on how to "take the experience home" with us, and a closing worship.

LODGING

We will sleep at First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC. Everyone is asked to bring a single sized air mattress, sleeping bag or sheets and a pillow. Boys and girls will have separate rooms. Showers are offsite, so everyone will need to bring a smaller bag to take to the shower facility.

FOOD

Most of our meals will be provided by AYM and others will be covered by our church.

MISSION PROJECTS

AYM has a long term partnership with dozens of agencies in the greater Asheville area, and they want groups to experience and participate in the work of a lot of them. They believe it allows youth to see a system of agencies and ministries working together to meet the needs of the community. Likewise, they realize that youth have a variety of gifts, and they like to give them a chance to explore those gifts in their work. Some work assignments will be physical in nature, such as cleaning, landscaping, or sorting donations. Other assignments will be more relational in nature, such as leading recreation events for children who are living in subsidized housing neighborhoods, or providing hospitality to the clients and guests of some of Asheville's local homeless ministries. We hope that every youth participant will experience some service that uses their strengths, and also opportunities to be challenged and to grow.

FREE DAY

There are no AYM activities planned on Thursday afternoon, so our group will choose how to spend the afternoon in Asheville and where to eat supper.

REGISTRATION

Add your name to the list outside the youth room. \$50 deposit is due by January 31 to reserve a spot.