

JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Youth Group Summer Mission Trip

This 7-day, 6-night Mission Trip will be to Boston, Massachusetts from Saturday, July 31st to Friday, August 6th.

The Youth will help with various service projects around the greater Boston area. More information about these projects and our exact location will be available soon. There will be morning and evening devotionals, free time, and of course, time to put our faith into action by loving people in meaningful ways.

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Please plan to RSVP by Sunday, May 16th for planning purposes.
You can text, call or email Hannah to RSVP.

In this packet you will find pertinent information and permission forms. Please read it in its entirety and fill out and submit all permission forms and fee to Hannah Duclos (Director of Children's and Youth Ministry) by

Sunday, June 20th

OVERVIEW:

Each Summer, our youth group participates in a Summer Mission Trip! COVID-19 impacted our world in many different ways, including our usual Summer Mission Trip in 2020. This year, we are excited to be trying something new! We are going to go to Boston with Praying Pelican Missions to serve the residents there. While I know our students are sad that we will not be going back to Mechuwana, I am excited for them to be able to experience something new!

Recently, our students filled out a survey that will help me and our Praying Pelican coordinator determine what service projects will be best for our group! As our trip date gets closer, we will be given more information about what kind of work we will be doing and where we will be doing it. Throughout the week, we will complete over 25 hours of service work!

Mission Trips are an awesome opportunity for our students to get out of their comfort zone and put others above themselves. Serving is frequently mentioned in the Bible. In 1 Peter 4:10, Peter, a disciple of Jesus says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace." Peter was reminding us that God has given us gifts, and we should use our gifts to serve others and show them the love and grace of God! All of our youth have unique gifts and we will use all of these gifts to serve those we will encounter in Boston.

We look forward to exploring this idea further with you before, during, and after the trip. I hope you'll consider praying in advance for our time together and the people we will interact with. And know always that we're praying for you.

Peace, Hannah

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

We are aware that COVID-19 is still present and active in our community. Because of this, Praying Pelicans Missions and John Wesley UMC have developed several COVID-19 guidelines that all students and chaperones will be expected to follow.

- All participants will be required to take a COVID test 5 days prior to our trip (July 26th). After the test, all participants are asked to limit outside exposure.
- All participants must complete a 10-day health log prior to their trip
- Masks are required at all times except when eating, drinking, sleeping, showering, or outside while maintaining 6 feet of distance.
- There will be at least 6 feet of distance between beds, and most likely it will just be our group in the sleeping space (separated by gender)
- Temperature screenings will take place twice a day.
- All lodging, transportation, and ministry sites will be sanitized.
- Food service people are required to wear gloves and masks when preparing meals.
- Handwashing stations are available at all sites.
- Hand sanitizer is available at all times.

FINANCIALS & DEADLINES

Open to ALL Youth going into Grades 7 and up!

Youth can and are encouraged to bring friends along on the Summer Mission Trip.

Important Dates & Times:

Sunday, May 16th: RSVP deadline for planning purposes

Sunday, June 20th: Last day to turn in Fee and Permission Slips (will always welcome before)

Sunday, Jun 27th: Team meeting 1 (any youth or adult attending is required to attend 1)

Sunday, July 18th: Team meeting 2 (any youth or adult attending is required to attend 1)

Saturday, July 31st : Youth will meet at John Wesley UMC (time TBD)

Friday, August 6th . Parents/guardians pick up your youth (time TBD)

Cost:

Cost is \$100 per person (sponsorship available)

This **does** include: t-shirt, lodging, all meals and transportation

Fundraisers:

Fundraising information will be available soon. We will have at least two fundraisers in which students are required to attend at least one of them (as money raised goes directly to keeping costs as low as possible for families).

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

A more complete schedule will be provided as our trip date gets closer.

	Morning	Afternoon	Night
Saturday	---	Meet at the church/drive	Team meeting
Sunday	Church service	Free time	Church service
Monday	Service Project	Service Project	Youth Night
Tuesday	Service Project	Service Project	Bible Study
Wednesday	Service Project	Service Project	Church service
Thursday	Recreation day	Recreation day	Recreation day
Friday	Drive home	---	---

PACKING LIST (will be updated as trip gets closer)

- Mask (6, at least 1 per day!)
- Dress clothes for church (2-3 sets, see dress-code)
- Work project clothes (3-5 sets)
- Free time clothes (4-6 sets)
- Lightweight sleepwear
- Undergarments
- Swimwear (2) (one-piece for ladies)
- Socks
- Closed toe shoes
- Dressier shoes (sandals)
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, watch
- Bath towel, wash cloth
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, soap, shampoo, deodorant, hair brush, etc.)
- Bible, pen, notebook
- Water bottle
- Individual hand sanitizer
- Pillow, blanket
- Air mattress
- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Medications (will be turned into Hannah for safe keeping)

Please **do not** bring:

- Skateboard and other bulky sports equipment
- Excessive snack food
- A lot of money (some is allowed for snacks and souvenirs)

Dress Code Policy:

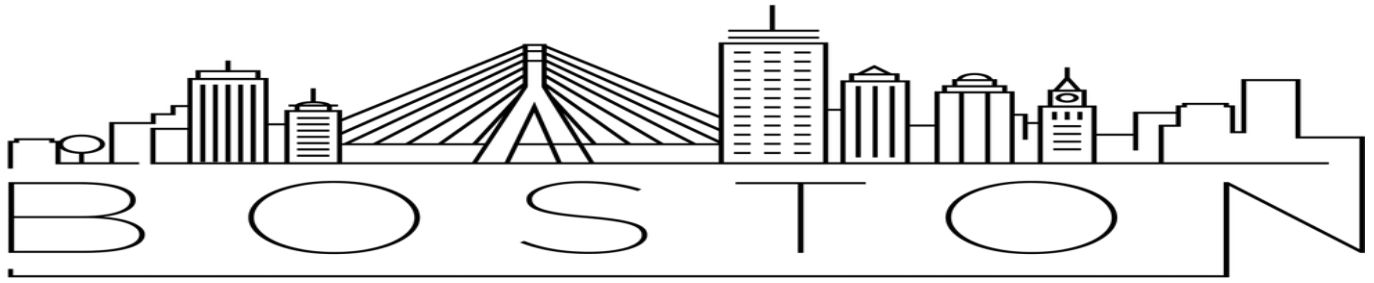
Youth are representing God and JWUMC and should avoid clothing with inappropriate sayings. Do not wear very short shorts and/or shirts that expose midriff or cleavage.

Per the dress code of Praying Pelican Missions, sleeveless shirts, tank tops, and leggings are not permitted. Praying Pelican Missions also asks that ladies wear one piece bathing suits and shorts/dresses that are an appropriate length.

Cell phones and electronics should NOT be brought to the worksites. There is usually no safe place to store these items and they frequently get lost or left behind. Consider taking a "break" from electronics during the trip. Laptops and Tablets are not permitted.

It is ok for youth to bring books or cards for the drive up to Boston. If games involve playing with others, all must be invited to participate. Once we arrive at the camp, there will be restrictions to gaming/electronics.

*If possible, please pack in soft luggage (such as a backpack, duffle bag, etc.) as this will make it easier to pack a lot of stuff into a trunk.



2021 Mission Trip Permission Form

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ DOB _____ Grade _____ M / F
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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

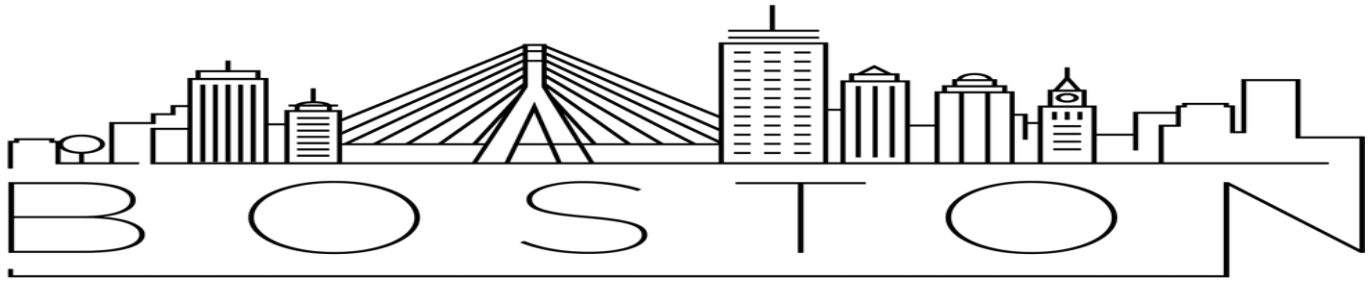
Parent/Guardian Name _____
Address _____
Street City State Zip
Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Relation to Student _____
Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Email _____
Name _____ Relation to Student _____
Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Email _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Any known Food or Medicine Allergy _____
Medical/social conditions we should be aware of _____
Current Medications _____ Instructions _____
Insurance Provider _____ Policy Number _____
Anything else we should be aware of _____



2021 Mission Trip Code of Conduct

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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be courteous, polite and respectful – you are representing yourself, the group, John Wesley UMC and God
- Be thoughtful - this is a great opportunity to serve God's Kingdom
- Observe the posted rules and those verbally communicated
- Will clean up after myself and leave the area better than we arrived
- Respect authorities/leaders, including John Wesley UMC staff and volunteers
- Respect other students in our group and at the camp
- Pay for damaged and/or destroyed property
- Stay with the group at all times
- Refrain from the use and possession of alcohol, cigarettes and/or drugs
- All participants will respect others' physical boundaries. Inappropriate behavior (i.e. harassment, bullying, rough housing, etc.) is not permitted
- No profanity by adults or participants
- In case of an emergency, parents will be notified. The chaperons will do everything in their power to make sure each participant is safe and will receive proper medical attention at the time of any incident
- Failure to comply to this code, may result in notifying your parent/guardian, early dismissal and/or not being able to attend future social events/overnights
- Parents are responsible for picking student(s) up if they are sent/have to go home

Student Name Printed: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Cell Phone: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

By signing, I am stating that I agree with the Code of Conduct (above). I understand that reasonable precautions have been taken to ensure the safety of my child(ren) and waive any and all claims against John Wesley United Methodist Church, and its agents, servants, employees, and/or volunteers due to any injury, accident, illness or mishap to my child. I understand if my child gets removed from the event, I am responsible for transportation of my child home. I authorize treatment by an accredited hospital and/or physician as needed for my child.

- It is OK for my child(ren) to be photographed/recorded and for those media to be shared on the JWUMC website, other social media, FCTV public access channel and printed promotional materials. Their names will not be shared.
- It is NOT OK for my child to be photographed/recorded.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____