

Pittsburgh Project

Saturday June 30—Sunday July 8, 2012

Get on the road and join HSM for an urban mission trip in Pittsburgh. Crazy cobblestone streets and soaring steel bridges connect neighborhoods dotted with elderly, isolated residents who need help now.

Our group will spend an awesome week doing minor home repair in the city. We will bear witness to God's great love, and we'll see God in action throughout our visit.

Since the TPP launch in 1985, they have deployed over 34,000 people from 35 states and four countries. Last summer, 15 students and 4 leaders took on God's call to go to from Shueyville UMC to The Pittsburgh Project and help those who are the most vulnerable in the fifth poorest city in the United States.

After a hard day's work, students will come back to the TPP campus and the entire work camp participates in some special evening activities, which include an awesome Club time with lots of singing, worship and Bible study.

YOUR LIFE WILL FOREVER BE CHANGED!!!

This summer has the potential to be one of the best ever. Participating in The Pittsburgh Project will help you grow in your faith and help put your faith into action. In order to get everything ready and a budget set we need to know who is going to participate in the trip, but space is extremely limited, **SO SIGN UP NOW!**

Start by filling out the attached form and turning it in to Ben, along with your deposit check to secure your place on the trip!

There will be many fundraising opportunities, and scholarships are available, talk to Ben for more info.

Greater things are yet to come,

Greater things are still to be done in this city

The Pittsburgh Project 2012

Student Requirements

The Pittsburgh Project is open to all current high school students who have completed 9th-11th grade, and those who have just graduated high school with the class of 2012. All students must maintain a 50% attendance record between church and HSM (or WAVE for freshmen). Students must attend at least one of the fundraising events, as well as one local service project during the year.

Trip Costs and Due Dates

Overall trip costs:

Before Jan 1, 2012 (early bird rate)—\$590

After Jan 1, 2012- \$615

**Cost of trip is subject to change based on number of participants and fuel prices

1st Deposit—\$100 Due when signup form is completed and turned in

2nd Deposit—\$200 Due March 7, Financial Commitment Date.

After this date, students are responsible for the entire trip cost.

Deposits are refundable only if another student fills a spot, or if there is a waiting list

Remainder of trip costs and all forms will be due Sunday June 24th

All fundraising money will be applied to final trip costs.

Costs include: Tuition, construction materials, tools, most meals, a t-shirt, transportation, and tickets for special events (which may or may not include tickets to Cedar Point or other amusement parks, Pirates tickets, or tickets for the Gateway Clipper)

Fundraising

There will be opportunities to fundraise part of the overall cost of the trip. Last year several students were able to fundraise roughly half of the cost of the trip. There are also scholarships available, please see Ben for more information.

Tentative Trip Itinerary



Sunday June 24 - Pre-trip Meeting (attendance is required)

Friday June 29- Load vehicles/final meeting

Saturday June 30—Head to Pittsburgh

Sunday July 1—Go to Church, eat Brunch, Check into TPP

Monday July 2-Friday July 6—Work and Play at TPP

Saturday July 7- Leave Pittsburgh and go to Cedar Point

Sunday July 8— Return Home

*A more detailed itinerary will be handed out closer to departure date.

Pittsburgh will be called a city of truth, where once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets each with cane in hand because of age, and where the city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there. (Adapted from Zechariah 8:4-5)

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Frequently Asked Questions from The Pittsburgh Project:

WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

The Pittsburgh Project is located in a three-story converted school building, a renovated former church, and a new three-story dormitory, all nestled in a residential neighborhood on Pittsburgh's North Side. We are in a bi-racial residential neighborhood called Perry South, across from a city park. Many of The Project's staff members live here on the North Side, in close proximity to the building. Much of our 80-member summer staff lives on-site.

WHERE DO WE SLEEP AND SHOWER?

In 2005, we opened a three-story dorm building located in what was formerly our back parking lot. There are separate floors for each gender's sleeping area as well as a first floor recreation space. There are also adequate shower and bathroom facilities on each floor. Shower shoes are recommended. You are required to bring your own towels, sleeping bag, and pillow. The rooms are ventilated, but they are not air-conditioned. You are free to bring additional fans.

WHO STAFFS THE PROJECT'S CAMPS?

We have over 50 staff members who work year-round at The Project. In the summer, we hire an additional 80 summer staff. 18 college-aged students assist our full-time staff in facilitated all components of Service Camp. These folks work under the supervision of our Director of Homeowner Services and our Service Camp Coordinator. In addition to Service Camp, we also run day camps for neighborhood kids grades K-12 throughout the summer.

WHAT IS YOUR SAFETY RECORD?

Praise God, our record is quite good. We take safety seriously and we need you and your leaders to take it seriously as well. You will be the supervisors at the work sites so it will be essential for you to monitor the activities of the young people working with you. Please bring first-aid kits for your worksite leaders to take to their sites. We will provide a list of nearby hospitals and emergency telephone numbers in your worksite notebook. There are also two hospitals within eight minutes of The Project's headquarters.

DO WE NEED TO GET TETANUS SHOTS?

An up-to-date tetanus shot (within last 10 years) is required for all participants.

If you have any additional questions before you register, please contact Ben in the church office at 848-7213 or by email bhalsch@shueyvillechurch.org

Pittsburgh Project 2012 Registration Form

****Please complete all fields!****

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Cell Phone Provider _____

(Used for updates for the trip, especially flamingo project)

Email Address _____

Current Grade (fall 2011) _____

Camp Mens: Small Medium Large X -Large XX -Large
T-Shirt Size: Womens: Small Medium Large X -Large
(circle one)

By signing this form I _____ understand that I am committing to attend The Pittsburgh Project with Shueyville Church. I have read and agree to all of the information in this packet. I understand that my deposits are non-refundable unless I find someone to fill my spot. I understand that I am responsible for the full tuition amount of \$600 or \$625 on March 7th, 2012. If I must back out of the trip after that date, it is my responsibility to either find someone to replace me, or pay the full amount of tuition. I also know my responsibilities for attendance, fundraising, and service before the trip. I agree to have an amazing time on this trip to Pittsburgh in July, and to help make it an amazing experience for all of those I am going with from The Shueyville Church.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Parent Email Address _____

As a parent, I agree to help and support _____ on this mission trip to Pittsburgh. I too have read and agree to all of the information in this packet. I also understand the financial responsibilities my son or daughter is undertaking, as well as the attendance and fundraising pre-requisites for this trip. I too am excited for my student to have an amazing experience in Pittsburgh, and I will do all that I can to help support my student. I also agree to allow my student to participate in the Flamingo fundraiser, knowing that my son or daughter will be leaving the property of The Shueyville United Methodist Church. I do not hold The Shueyville United Methodist Church liable for any injury my son or daughter may receive during fundraiser activities.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

**Please make all deposit checks payable to Shueyville United Methodist Church with
Pittsburgh Project or TPP on the memo line. Initial Deposit Cost: \$100
Please send this registration form and deposit check to the Shueyville Church
Attn: Ben Halsch 1195 Steeple Ave Swisher, IA 52338**

Questions? Call Ben @ Church: 848-7213 or e-mail: bhalsch@shueyvillechurch[dot]org