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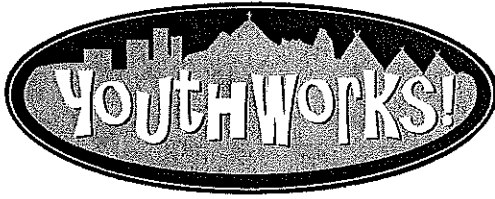
Travel to a new community this summer
and do something beautiful for God.

Grades 8-12

June 24-29, 2012

Rosebud, SD

For More Info Talk to Elizabeth, 651-777-8304 x.323



What every parent wants to know about the **Rosebud Reservation**

We are so excited that your teenager will be joining us in missions this summer. It is our hope that they will have the opportunity to serve in many ways through their mission experience. We know it can be a step of faith for you both to embark on this kind of adventure. As you wave goodbye to your teenager for their life-changing week of service, here is some information that might be helpful for you to know. The person leading your trip has received additional information should you have any questions.

Housing Location

Todd County High School Mission, SD

Participants cannot receive mail at this location.

Showers are located on site.

Facility is air conditioned.

Emergency Procedure

YouthWorks is committed to safety at all times during the mission week. Our "Rule of Three" is set up to assure that your teenager will never be anywhere alone or without a supervising adult. Additional rules and boundaries will be explained by our site staff to help meet our goal of working safely while on site.

In the event of an emergency, contact your group's leader on their personal cell phone. If they cannot be reached, call YouthWorks at **1-800-968-8504 ext. 1** for 24-hour emergency assistance.

Service Opportunities

Your teenager may serve in a variety of ways during the week. The following are examples of service sites. They may spend all week at a particular site or have the opportunity to visit multiple locations.

YouthWorks Work Projects: paint houses, perform minor home repair, clean up debris, volunteer in community gardens or do other projects in the community.

YouthWorks Kids Club: facilitate a program for community children 5-10 years old.

Evening Activities

These fun, educational events will help your teenager learn more about the community. All activities are weather permitting and subject to availability.

- Archery Presentation
- Hike at Fort Falls
- Stories and snack at Buffalo Jump Café
- Community cookout

A Typical Day

7:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	Devotions/Quiet Time
8:45am	Group Meeting and Prayer
9:00am	Depart for Ministry Sites
12:00pm	Lunch at Site
3:30pm	Leave Site – Shower Time
5:30pm	Dinner
6:30pm	Evening Activity
9:00pm	CLUB <small>* CLUB is the evening program consisting of mixers, sharing time, music and a talk by a YouthWorks staff member.</small>
10:00pm	Church Group Time <small>* This time is set aside for each group to spend time debriefing their day.</small>
11:15pm	Lights Out!

Information for Parents about YouthWorks Rosebud Reservation, SD

Who is YouthWorks?

YouthWorks' core purpose is to help the church be the church by providing life-changing, Christ-centered resources for ministry. One ministry of YouthWorks is our summer mission trips, a multi-denominational ministry that provides youth with a life-changing experience by allowing them to be the hands and feet of Christ and to see God move in a new way. The mission trip opens their eyes to both situations and relationships in different communities and allows them to serve side by side with their peers, learn from leaders and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

For the last eighteen years, YouthWorks has partnered with thousands of churches to provide week-long mission trips to communities across the U.S., Mexico, Puerto Rico and Canada. Last summer alone, over 36,000 youth and adult leaders from over 2,000 churches went on YouthWorks mission trips!

Tell me about the Rosebud Reservation, SD.

The Rosebud Sioux Reservation borders the Pine Ridge Reservation on its northwest corner and the State of Nebraska borders to the south. An act of congress established the reservation in 1889. The reservation has a total area of 1,442 square miles and is home to twenty communities with a total of 21,245 members living on the reservation. The major economic occupations here are cattle ranching and farming. Many members also work for tribal services including administration and schools. However, economic hardships abound. High unemployment (85 percent), poverty and understaffed health care facilities all have contributed to the problem of rising suicide. Working individuals on the reservation have a median household income of only \$19,046. These low wages, coupled with high unemployment, mean many families cannot afford much needed home repairs. An estimated one out of three residents on the reservation is homeless, and six out of ten live in substandard housing.

What happens during a typical YouthWorks day?

Youth will assist in meal preparations, participate in personal devotion time, work at the various ministry sites, experience fun and cultural evening activities and engage in "Club" – a time that includes worship, games, skits and a talk. The service work incorporates a variety of opportunities to serve this community on the Rosebud Reservation. Participants will have the opportunity to run a YouthWorks Kids Club and do work projects.

Safety is our top priority.

Safety is of the utmost importance to our organization! Each community we serve has four to five summer staff that lives in the community all summer. Every staff member at YouthWorks is CPR and First Aid certified. Additionally, our staff has gone through an intensive application process and has had thorough background checks completed on them. We also ask that each adult leader attending a YouthWorks mission trip also has a background check completed on them by the organization that they are attending with.

We are very aware of the neighborhoods within which we work; we have secure housing for our participants and our schedule does not bring us out late at night. Our program is conducted within very solid boundaries and in communities where we are known and loved. When groups arrive to the mission site, the staff leads orientation meetings explaining the community that they will be serving, the boundaries of the housing site, the rule of three (all participants are required to travel in groups of at least three with at least one adult leader) and other necessary safety precautions applicable to where they will be serving.

We trust that by being wise in taking the necessary steps to ensure safety, as well as by trusting in the Lord, your child will experience an amazing adventure this summer with YouthWorks!

