

2023 SWEETWATER STUDENTS MISSION TRIP

Week Overview

MISSION TRIP/CHURCH CAMP HYBRID

Our partnership with *TeamEffort* allow us to make a sustained and significant impact in the name of Jesus. After this summer, TeamEffort and its partners will continue to follow up with the people we serve—in grace & truth. The interactions we have with the people we serve will last well beyond us.

We'll be serving with other youth groups, as well. Our week, is the largest program that *TeamEffort* runs, so expect to meet other students from all over the country who are equally excited to serve and love others. In the mornings we'll gather with other youth groups for breakfast and devotions. Downtimes are a great opportunity to connect with students from other groups. In the evenings, after dinner, we'll gather for worship and a message (similar to youth group, but bigger).

WHAT WE'RE DOING

We'll be doing service projects that benefit families and organizations in the Smokie Mountains. Parts of this region of the country are economically depressed. Our help will provide much needed relief to families in the area. Expect to paint, clean, hammer, saw, shovel, and sweat as we serve.

OUR THEME

This Year's Theme is "Mountaintops." We will focus a few different mountaintop moments in scripture. Throughout the week, we'll be reminded that we need to "fill up" in order to "pour out."

ACCOMMODATIONS

We'll be staying at Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens, TN. The rooms are dorm style, with 2 students to a room. Genders will be housed separately by floor. In one building, the bathrooms are shared at the end of the hallway with individual stalls for showers and toilets. The other building has jack and jill-styled restrooms. Each person must bring twin sized bedding.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday are pretty simple. [See the student brochure for a basic description.](#) Thursday is a half day of work. Our group activities for Thursday afternoon will depend on energy levels. Friday is a full free day. We're going WHITEWATER RAFTING!!! and exploring Gatlinburg, as time permits. (Click here to let us know if you (or your student) will participate in our rafting expedition or would prefer an alternate activity. Expenses for our rafting expedition have been covered! You'll need funds for food & incidentals.)



Pray for those we serve. Our hope is that they will experience the love of Jesus and ultimately trust him as Lord & Savior. Pray for their hearts to be open as we serve them.



All students need a completed online contact form prior to departure. [Click here to fill out the form.](#) Keep in mind that phone reception may be spotty in some rural areas.

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