

We are so excited that you are interested in serving the people of the Lakota Indian Tribe in Allen, South Dakota. As you consider going on this trip, there are just a few items we want you to understand. Take time to carefully read through this registration packet. We look forward to partnering with you to bring glory to God in Allen, South Dakota.

Our Purpose

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Jesus)

What We Value

- That the lost become found
 - The excluded become included
 - The prodigals return home
 - The hopeless find hope
 - The weary find strength
 - That God receives all glory for everything
 - That there is excellence in ALL we do
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Our Mission

To help people SEE, FIND, and FOLLOW Jesus

In South Dakota we will be holding VBS for the children of the Lakota Indian Tribe in the Allen area. There may also be construction projects available. The evenings will be spent with Lakota teens playing games, sharing testimonies, just hanging out, and getting to know each other.

You need to understand that our goal is to demonstrate what it's like to be a Christ follower and share the love of Christ and the gospel through VBS and testimonies, as we develop relationships with the students and complete construction projects.

You also need to have realistic expectations. We will not make dramatic changes in a week. We will be a small piece of what God is doing in the Lakota Tribe. Pray that God will use you and your talents in a significant way. Be encouraged as you commit yourself to God's work. It is an honor to serve God in whatever capacity He would desire. Make it your purpose to bring Him glory, and you can be sure that He will work in you and through you, blessing you and those you are serving.

Dress Code

We need to be sensitive to the people we are serving and the God we are representing. The Lakota dress basically the same way we do. We do not need to have specific guidelines for dress, but we do need to have some general guidelines.

- Please be conservative in your dress. Do not wear extremely short shorts or crop tops that would show your abdomen.
- Make sure there are no holes on the back side of your shorts or pants.
- If you are wearing spandex, please make sure your backside is covered with a shirt or dress.
- Do not wear anything with questionable sayings or advertisements of alcohol or tobacco products.
- For men doing construction, bring work gloves, a hat, and shoes that provide some protection.
- During VBS and Teen Nights, the mission requires closed-toe shoes. No sandals or flip-flops.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will we stay?

We will be staying in the bunkhouse at the mission site. There is a men's side and a women's side. Each side is stocked with bunk beds for 20 people. Bed linens and towels are provided, or

you may bring your own. Bringing your own linens will save having to wash them there, or you may leave them for use there. All beds are twin size.

We will be staying at a hotel one night on the way out and one night on the way home.

Where and what will we eat?

We will be eating at the mission site. There is a kitchen and dining area in the bunkhouse, as well as in the fellowship room and outdoor pavilion. We will be supplying our own food and preparing it there.

On our travel days, you will be responsible to buy your own food at fast food restaurants wherever we stop. (If you have any food restrictions or allergies, be sure to let us know.)

You may also bring your own snacks and drinks if you desire.

Is there an age restriction for the trip?

Yes. You must be 14 or older to attend, but the top end is strictly up to you!

How much will the trip cost?

The trip will cost **\$550.00**, plus you will need to buy meals on our travel and sightseeing days.

Payment Schedule:

- \$75.00 deposit to hold your spot
 - April 5, 2026 – \$150.00
 - May 3, 2026 – \$175.00
 - May 31, 2026 – \$150.00
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Medical Release Form

Release / Hold Harmless and Indemnity

In an emergency, I give my permission to a licensed physician to hospitalize, anesthetize, or perform surgery on me. I understand that every effort will be made to inform my emergency contact before these actions are taken.

On behalf of myself / my child, I further authorize leaders of the mission trip to release any and all other medical information or records to any party deemed necessary.

I release and agree to indemnify all participating congregations and leaders for any and all damages, liability, or costs resulting from the authorizing of medical treatment of myself / my child under the terms of this consent.

I am aware that serious illness or injury may occur on a mission trip and that such injury or illness may result in incurring costs, expenses, and any damage for which I am solely responsible. I also understand that mission trips may be associated with risks of bodily harm, death, and/or damage to or loss of personal possessions resulting from, without limitation, inclement weather, transportation accident, or terrorism. On behalf of myself or my heirs, I assume all such risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen.

I release and hold harmless all participating congregations and leaders from all liabilities for personal injury, as well as property damage or loss arising out of participation in this trip.

I give / do not give participating congregations and leaders the right to use my / my child's picture, voice, and/or testimony in any form of promotion or advertising material.

Statement of Faith

As we commit ourselves to serving the people of the Lakota, it is important that we all understand the foundation that we stand on. Our foundational beliefs influence every decision we make as a group and should affect each of us individually in our conduct and motivation in all things.

We believe that the Bible is the infallible Word of God, that the Bible was given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoken from God (2 Peter 1: 20-21).

Salvation makes us members of God's church. We believe that the church is composed of every person who has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. We enter in to the life of the church, not by joining a denomination or a human organization, but by committing our lives to Christ (John 3:1-7).

There is one Lord, who is God's Son Jesus Christ, over the church. Christ is the ultimate authority over the church on all matters (Acts 2:36).

We believe that Christ will come again at God's appointed time and that He comes to take his church home to be with Him at the end of all things.

We believe that followers of Christ have been called to live a life of love, purity, and godliness. We are called to live like Christ, taking on a new nature (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The Holy Spirit equips believers with unique gifts that enable us to carry out the mission of Christ in the world. At the same time, the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in every believer (Galatians 5:22-23), which demonstrate the Spirit's presence within us.

I understand that decisions are made based on the word of God and its teachings. I am willing to comply with the statement of faith while on this mission trip.
