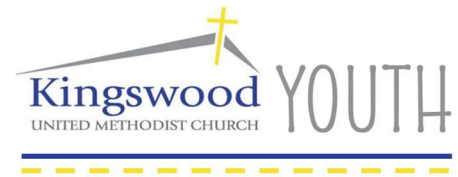


Youth Mission Trip Summer 2026



INITIAL DEPOSIT DUE= JANUARY 25, 2026

Through: TEAMeffort

- Learn more by exploring teameffort.org for details and overviews!
- *“TEAMeffort provides youth group mission trips filled with opportunities to put your faith into action and return home with lifelong memories and a renewed excitement for Jesus Christ.”*

When: Sunday, July 12 to Saturday, July 18, 2026

- Depart from BG campus on Sunday, July 12 around 4:00 am
- Returning to BG campus on Saturday, July 18 around 10:00 pm
 - **Friday Free Day...** TEAMeffort provides a day for adventure before we leave and space for us to determine what we want to do—more details are coming soon!

Where: Altoona, Pennsylvania

- **Lodging Details:** Altoona's housing is at the PennView Suites. This is an off-campus housing location for Penn State University. PennView Suites in apartment-styled dorms. There are XL twin mattresses, Full-sized mattresses, and air mattresses between the apartments. Each apartment houses 8 to 14 people with a living room and bathroom with a shower. Genders will be housed separately. Meals will be on site.
- **Partnerships:** Altoona's Contractor Harry with the help of Lighthouse Ministries provide us with mission sites. These are generally smaller construction projects for low income families as well as the elderly.
- **Types of Projects:** Construction-based projects include painting, landscaping, ramps, decks, roofs, drywall, framing, sheds, or insulation. You will have staff on-site leading you through the projects, with skilled help available as needed.

Who: All youth who have completed 6th grade to those who will graduate 12th grade in 2026 from both the Buffalo Grove and Deerfield campuses

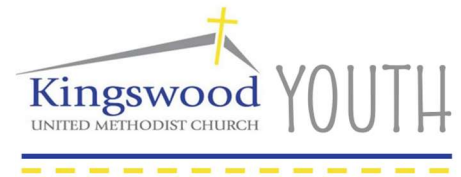
- 18 and older (participants and chaperones) must have a current Safe Sanctuaries certification on file—please reach out to Jenn Sawyer (jsawyer@kingswoodumc.com) to start this process or confirm (it takes about 1 month to complete all of the steps)
- Are you 20 or older? Join us as a volunteer!

Participant Cost: Please review the cost breakdown below.

- \$400 per youth (for the first child)
- \$75 discount for each youth after the first, within the same family
 - For example:
 - Child 1= \$400
 - Child 2= \$325
 - Child 3= \$250
 - Child 4= \$175
- \$200 for adult volunteers
- Plus, any optional spending money for the trip.
- The Friday “Adventure Day” costs should be covered by fundraising.

Financial Support: We would like all youth to participate in this trip! If you would like to attend this year's mission trip but are unable to because of financial reasons, please contact Kate Lapetino to discuss our mission trip scholarships.

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Payment Timeline: It is essential to secure our space that TEAMeffort has all initial deposits by January 25, 2026 .

- A deposit of \$100 per person (all youth and adults no matter the discount rate) is due by January 25, 2026...this acts as your trip confirmation!
- The final payment amount per person (varies depending on your specific rate listed above) is due by April 1, 2026.

Fundraising Plan:

- We are working on some fundraising ideas which will help to offset the cost for all participants.
- The total money raised while fundraising will go towards transportation and any other extra expenses. The cost to you only includes most of the amount required by TEAMeffort.

Cost Breakdown: The cost to attend TEAMeffort is more than what we are charging. Kingswood and any fundraising efforts will help offset all family costs, reduce adult volunteer costs, as well as the transportation costs. Scholarships are available through Kingswood UMC for families who have financial challenges that prohibit them from attending.

- Costs include:
 - Housing
 - Tools and materials
 - Chapel programming
 - Majority of meals (excludes 2 lunches and 2 dinners—which fundraising should cover)
 - Staff on our site

Overview of Important Dates (tentative—additional dates and information may be added)

**Fundraiser dates and times will be shared as they are determined!*

- January 25, 2026= Initial deposit of \$100 per participant is due (including chaperones)
- April 1, 2026= Remaining balance per participant is due
- May 24, 2026= Required Participant meeting, 12:00 pm @ BG campus
 - All forms must be notarized according to TEAMeffort. A notary will be present at the meeting. If you cannot make it, you will need to get it notarized on your own.
- June 28, 2026= Send-off Sunday at the Deerfield Campus
- July 5, 2026= Send-off Sunday at the Buffalo Grove Campus
- July 12, 2026= Leave Kingswood
- July 18, 2026= Return to Kingswood
- August 2, 2026= Mission Sunday Luncheon

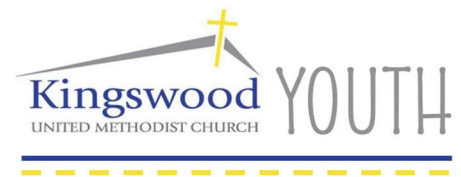
How to register:

Registration information at
www.kingswoodumc.com/youth



Questions? Feedback? Contact Kate Lapetino (klapetino@kingswoodumc.com)

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SCHEDULE & PACKING LIST



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Sunday:

- 5 PM to 7 PM: Check-In
- *Dinner Not Provided
- 8:00 PM: Chapel
- 9:00 PM: Group Discussion Time
- 10:30 PM: Lights Out/In Rooms

Monday-Wednesday:

- 7:30 AM: Breakfast, Prep Lunches
- 8:30 AM: Leave for Mission Site
- 12:00 PM: Lunch on Mission Site
- 1:00 PM: Back to Work
- 4:00 PM: Head back to the Housing Facility
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 PM Chapel
- 9:00 PM: Group Discussion Time
- 10:30 PM: Lights Out/In Rooms

Thursday:

- 7:30 AM: Breakfast and Devotion
- 8:30 AM: Work at Mission Site
- 12:00 PM: Break for the Day
- Free Half-Day
- *Lunch and Dinner Not Provided
- 8:00 PM Closing Chapel
- 9:00 PM: Reflection Time, Always Runs Longer
- 10:30 PM: Lights Out/In Rooms

Friday:

- Continental Breakfast at a time you chose
- Free Day
- *Lunch and Dinner Not Provided
- 7:00 PM Optional Friday Night Fellowship

Saturday:

- Continental Breakfast at a time you chose
- Check Out by 10 AM

**WILL CHANGE
BASED ON
LOCATION**

PACKING LIST

- ☐ Work Clothes (will get dirty)
- ☐ Athletic/Work Shoes (closed-toed)
- ☐ Clothes for Free Time and Chapel
- ☐ Bathing Suit (one-piece only)
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sleeping bag or Twin-Sized Linens
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Bible, Pencil or Pen
- ☐ Refillable Water Bottle
- ☐ Toiletries and Bath Towel
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Work Gloves
- ☐ Flashlight



THEME DAYS

Monday: Merica Monday

Tuesday: Tie Dye Tuesday

Wednesday: Work Shirt Wednesday

Thursday: Tropical Thursday

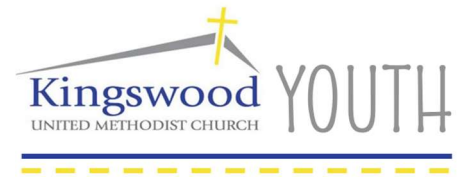


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Youth Mission Trip Tentative LEAVING Plan

- **Route:** Kingswood UMC, Buffalo Grove, IL → Penn State, Altoona, PA
- **Total Distance:** ~520 miles
- **Time Zone Change:** Central → Eastern (+1 hour)
- **Estimated Travel Time (with stops):** ~12–13 hours
- **Departure:** 4:00 AM CT
- **Target Arrival:** 6:00 PM ET (5:00 PM CT)

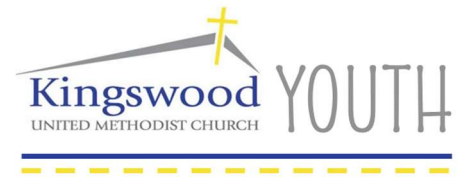
Tentative Travel Itinerary

Leg	From → To	Est. Drive Time	Suggested Stop	Approx. Arrival (ET)	Notes
1	Buffalo Grove, IL → Toledo, OH	4.5–5 hrs	Breakfast + Gas	9:30 AM ET	Great first stop — plenty of food and fuel options near I-80/I-90.
2	Toledo, OH → Youngstown, OH area	2.5–3 hrs	Bathroom + Fuel	12:00 PM ET	Quick stop at service plazas or exits around Youngstown.
3	Youngstown, OH → Grove City / Mercer, PA	1.5 hrs	Lunch Stop	1:30 PM ET	Towns just inside PA border have fast-food and sit-down options (Grove City Outlets area).
4	Mercer, PA → Bedford, PA area	2.5 hrs	Bathroom / Stretch + Optional Snack	4:30 PM ET	Short break along I-76 / PA Turnpike rest areas.
5	Bedford, PA → Penn State Altoona	1 hr	—	6:00 PM ET	Arrive on campus, unload, and settle in.

Key Timing Notes

- Total driving (vans): ~10 hours
- Total stops: ~2–3 hours
- Remember: once we cross into Ohio, **we'll be on Eastern Time** .

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Youth Mission Trip Tentative RETURN Plan

- **Route:** Penn State, Altoona, PA → Kingswood UMC, Buffalo Grove, IL
- **Total Distance:** ~520 miles
- **Time Zone Change:** Eastern → Central (–1 hour)
- **Estimated Travel Time (with stops):** ~12 hours
- **Departure:** 8:00 AM ET
- **Target Arrival:** 8:00 PM CT (9:00 PM ET)

Tentative Travel Itinerary

Leg	From → To	Est. Drive Time	Suggested Stop	Approx. Arrival (ET)	Notes
1	Penn State Altoona → Bedford, PA	1 hr	Bathroom + Coffee	9:00 AM ET	Quick wake-up stop before getting on I-76.
2	Bedford → Mercer / Grove City, PA	2.5 hrs	Fuel + Snack / Brunch	11:30 AM ET	Rest area or Grove City food stop.
3	Mercer → Youngstown, OH	1.5 hrs	Bathroom / Stretch	1:00 PM ET	Quick stop as you re-enter Ohio.
4	Youngstown → Toledo, OH	2.5–3 hrs	Lunch + Fuel	4:00 PM ET	Combine meal and refueling here.
5	Toledo → Buffalo Grove, IL (Kingswood UMC)	4.5–5 hrs	—	8:00 PM CT / 9:00 PM ET	Arrive safely, end of trip.

Key Timing Notes

- Total driving (vans): ~10 hours
- Total stops: ~2 hours