

CHICAGO '24

JULY 22-26

CHICAGO '24 is Granger Students' short-term mission trip for middle school students taking place July 22-26. We have taken great steps on this trip in the past and this year will be no different! Last year was one of the most exciting trips yet! Our ministry partnerships with Kids Around the World and Feed My Starving Children will be anchor points for this year's trip once again.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Granger Students will be connecting with several great organizations in the Chicago area. Kids Around the World has been a great ministry to partner with as we come alongside their mission of refurbishing playgrounds for churches and communities in impoverished nations. Feed My Starving Children gives the team a huge opportunity to make an impact on world hunger by packaging meals that go around the world to fight poverty. We'll customize the trip experience more as the team starts to take shape.

HOW MUCH DOES CHICAGO '24 COST?

\$575 per person, which covers transportation to and around Chicago, hotel rooms, food for the entire trip, team shirt and team training. Students may want to have up to \$50 spending money while in Chicago for any possible souvenirs as well as snacks/beverages that they can store in their hotel room.

HOW AM I GOING TO COME UP WITH \$575?

- Personal support letters
- Part-time jobs
- Pet sitting
- Mowing lawns
- Chores
- Babysitting

WHAT A TYPICAL DAY LOOKS LIKE:

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| 8 a.m. | Eat breakfast | 5 p.m. | Depart for hotel/cleanup |
| 8:30 a.m. | Quiet time | 6 p.m. | Dinner/free time at hotel |
| 9 a.m. | Small group time | 8 p.m. | Debriefing/evening project |
| 9:45 a.m. | Work at sites | 10 p.m. | In hotel rooms |
| 12 p.m. | Lunch | 11 p.m. | Lights out |
| 12:30 p.m. | Continued work at sites | | |

TRAVEL & LODGING

We'll be traveling to and around Chicago via coach bus. The team will meet at the Granger Campus the morning of Monday, July 22 and will be returning on Friday, July 26. We will attend in the the 5 p.m. service together as a team on Saturday, July 27. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2825 Greenspoint Parkway, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. A full itinerary including emergency contact numbers will be distributed to parents prior to the team's departure.



FOOD

All meals will be covered from Monday lunch through Friday dinner. Breakfasts will consist of a hot meal provided by the hotel. Lunch will be sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruit and water. Dinner will be at the mall food court, local restaurants, pizza and other group meals. Students will be able to bring snacks to keep in their room as well as any money they want for snacks from local convenience stores. Please contact Granger Students at students@grangerchurch.com with specific dietary concerns or needs.

IMMUNIZATIONS

There are no mandatory immunizations required for this trip. Students should however, make sure their Tetanus shot is recent. Work sites are properly managed for safety, but they are still work sites. This can help alleviate any concerns for scratches and cuts that may happen.

MEDICATIONS

Any prescribed medications will need to be brought to our attention in the original container. Each student's leader will be made aware of any medical concerns you would like them to know, and will remind your student to take their necessary medication. We will also have a first aid kit equipped with basic medical supplies.

MANDATORY TEAM MEETINGS

- Tuesday, February 27, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Great Room
- Tuesday, March 26, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wild Room
- Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Granger Campus Atrium
(50% funds due)
- Tuesday, June 25, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wild Room
- Sunday, July 21, 6:30–8 p.m.
Great Room (Team packing party)

Parents, you can attend the informational meeting on Tuesday, January 30 from 6:30–8 p.m. in the Great Room to learn more about the trip and have your questions answered.

APPLICATION

Please turn in your completed online application (which can be found by scanning the code below) and deposit by Sunday, February 11. Once applications are received and processed, your student will be contacted by the Granger Students team with further details. Please contact us at students@grangerchurch.com with any questions or concerns.



100% OF FUNDS DUE: JUNE 30



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