## The Gathering Mission Trip June 23- June 30, 2018 Mescalero Indian Reservation, New Mexico

## Hello Potential Missionaries!

Welcome to The Gathering's summer mission trip. Below are some quick hits on what we are doing and where we are going. We have chosen Indian Reservations for the past 5 years as our summer mission trip based on the tremendous need we have found right in our own back yard. I hope you will take the time to view our promo video online. It will tell a better story of the poverty at the reservations as a whole.

**Where:** Mescalero, New Mexico. It is an Apache Indian Reservation in North Western New Mexico. It will be our second time going to this particular location.

**Hosting Organization:** Group with the Missions has been operating hundreds of camps for 40 years now. Back in '02 they reached over 20,000 participants. Our particular week will have close to 300 participants from all over the US. It is a very well-run organization.

**What do we do?** During the day you will be repairing and, in some cases, building structures. At night we have large rallies and youth group time afterwards.

**Cost:** \$700.00 The Gathering will be running fundraisers to help differ the cost. You may also start a payment with us (it is available online). Finally, we will be meeting to discuss how to do separate fundraising.

**Who Can Attend?** High school aged teens and those entering High School (graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcomed). We need drivers, chaperones, and people who have some experience in construction. If you are a young adult or adult we welcome you on the trip if you are able to help.

**Spending Money:** You will need to pay for your meals on the way up and back. The Movie is our treat in Tucson. There is also a 'Fun' day when the camp takes a break. We are planning on going to the nearby town of Ruidoso Downs to shop, play, and eat. 7 meals total and one day shopping. The camp also has a store with t-shirts etc.

**Info Meeting:** Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> will be an information meeting for parents and teens. We will meet after the 10am Mass at St Charles in the Window Room. Or email Bob at Bob@GatheringMinistry.com.

**Over 18:** Whether you are a senior in High School who turned 18 or and adult volunteer you will need to have a background check done. We will assist you in this.

**Registration**: Go online and register today. Put a deposit of \$50.00, you may also choose a payment plan which is already et up and ready to go.

**Brief Itinerary:** 

Saturday, June 23: Leave from Saint Charles 8:00am

Arrive Tucson 4pm – Dinner and Movie

Sunday, June 24: Leave Tucson 5:00am –

Stop for breakfast/early lunch at Las Cruces, NM

Arrive Mescalero by 12:30pm

June 25-29: Work Camp (1/2 day fun day Wednesday)

June 30 Leave Mescalero 9:00am. Arrive back in La Jolla approx. 9:30pm (will call

on our way for a more exact ETA)

**Forms:** The Gathering Consent form will need to be handed in and equally as important there is an online registration form with Group from the Missions. Once you sign up with us we will send you that link and password to complete the registration.

**Information Meeting:** Please contact Bob at <u>Bob@GatheringMinistry.com</u> or call his cell phone at 858-336-8203.

**Scholarships:** At the information meeting we will go over various fundraising ideas that you will be able to join. Most people can raise at least 1/3 - 2/3 of the entire cost prior to leaving.

**Can I make Payments?** Yes, of course. The website has been modified to accept monthly payments.

**Additional Money:** You will need to pay for your own meals on the drive up and back (2 meals up and 3 back). We also have a ½ day off and you will need to purchase your own lunch. We will take care of the activities such as the Movie on our stopover in Tucson and the Fun Center on our day off.

## **Contact Us:**

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Our Theme: "The greatest among you will be your servant". Mathew 23:11