

# TLC YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE VENTURE

## TEAMeffort Disaster Recovery: Joplin, Missouri July 8 – 14, 2012

We're excited to announce the TLC Youth Summer Service Venture! All current High School Youth are invited to join in a week of mission, service, fellowship... and an adventurous road trip.

Our trip is schedule for July 8 – 14 and we will be serving with an organization called TEAMeffort (the same fantastic organization we served with last summer☺). This year, we will journey to Joplin, MO to be part of the coordinated efforts to help the city recover after a massive EF5 tornado leveled much of the city in May of last year.

Since May, many mission/relief organizations have settled in Joplin to cooperate in the long-term recovery efforts (best estimates suggest that \$2.5 to \$3.0 billion in damage was done to this city of 50,000 residents). TEAMeffort's established presence in Joplin and their experience in youth missions provides us with a prime opportunity to minister to people whose lives looked much like ours just six months ago, but since then have been drastically altered!

We hope that our partnership with TEAMeffort will provide for an unforgettable experience in the faith that includes hands-on mission projects (new and remodel construction), meaningful worship opportunities, and some intriguing group-building activities (it's a road trip, so it's gotta be fun☺)!

We can't wait to share more details with you at our **interest / registration meeting on Sunday, January 29 from 6:00–7:00pm in the Youth Room**. If possible, we ask interested youth to be accompanied by at least 1 parent / guardian. This will start us out on the same page and allow us to discuss any questions pertaining to **REGISTRATION, WHICH IS DUE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 25**.

Please see the attached sheet for more general information about this fantastic opportunity. If you know for sure that you want to attend, please submit the registration and deposit to the Youth Office as soon as possible and no later than Sunday, March 25☺. **If you have any questions, please contact Nate at 419.651.3956 or nate@trinityashland.org.**

(Return to Youth Office by SUNDAY, MARCH 25)

## TLC Youth Summer Service Venture Registration

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_

◇ I have a medical release / behavioral covenant on file.

◇ I am enclosing a medical release / behavioral covenant.

◇ \$75 non-refundable deposit enclosed (Office initials to verify receipt \_\_\_\_\_)

I agree to abide by all rules and expectations of the TLC Youth Staff and Volunteers while on this trip.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# TLC Youth Summer Service Venture: General Information

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TEAMeffort Ministries (<http://www.teameffort.org/>)

## Organization Overview

TEAMeffort is an inter-denominational Christian youth mission organization dedicated to providing opportunities for youth and adult leaders to reach out to others through Christian service and live out a passion for God, in the context of "putting our faith into action." The mission trips are designed to be a mixture of hard work, spiritual growth, and adventurous fun. Mission trip work focuses on home repair and renovation; however, it is the relationships formed with those served that will be remembered forever. TEAMeffort hopes that at the end of each mission trip the groups will return to their churches in more cohesive relationships, sharing memories that will last a lifetime and enjoying a renewed excitement about what Jesus Christ is doing in all of their lives.

## Location and Logistics

**The Joplin site** is located in the southwest corner of Missouri, near the Kansas/Oklahoma boarder. TEAMeffort established a presence in this location in response to the EF5 tornado that devastated Joplin in May of 2011. Groups will be housed in a local church (with meals served by the members of the congregation). Bath facilities will be provided at a local YMCA.

**The TEAMeffort staff** will handle all of the details such as food (except meals during free time), lodging, worksite materials, and the evening worship services. Their staff also provides skilled and helpful supervision on the mission sites to assist each group with the technical and practical aspects of each work project.

**The weekly schedule** is as follows. Groups check-in on Sunday. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and a half-day on Thursday, groups work on the mission site during the day and participate in worship and recreational activities in the evenings. Thursday afternoon and Friday are reserved for groups to participate in free-time activities of their choosing. Saturday is group check-out.

## The Trinity Team Commitment

**We will provide** a team of male and female leaders with at least a 1:6 adult to student ratio. Our leadership team will partner with TEAMeffort and with our youth to prepare for and plan a trip that will be a blessing to those we serve and to all who attend. Parents of participating youth will be provided with clear and timely information concerning the details and logistics of this trip. Finally, you can expect a leadership team from Trinity filled with folks who care deeply about the faith and lives of teenagers, and who are committed to praying for them and modeling for them attitudes and lifestyles that reflect the grace and love of Christ Jesus!

## Cost to Participate

**We are offering this amazing service venture for \$225\* per participant!** This registration fee covers travel, lodging, meals (M-Th at camp and a group dinner), building materials, tools, all project coordination, and free day activities (pending choices determined by our group)—an unbelievable value!!! (Participants will need to bring additional money for travel meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc.)

\* The actual total price of this trip per participant is estimated at over \$400, depending on the free day activities that our group chooses. Because of our congregation's generous giving, a substantial contribution from the mission fund of the youth budget will be made to the overall cost of our entire group. Group members will need to participate in a couple fundraisers and individuals may also decide to do additional fundraising to further curb the cost☺. (Please see Nate if further financial assistance is needed.)