

Dear Friends:

First Presbyterian Church of Dallas has had the unique opportunity to offer the Summer Visiting Youth Ministry for the past 40 years. This week long mission experience enables high school and college age youth to see and feel the Gospel come alive through direct involvement and study of Community Ministries.

Each one week session during the summer includes daily reflection of scripture, serving at The Stewpot, serving meals at The Bridge visiting and/or participating in a number of ministries or social services such as nursing homes, the local food bank, working with children, etc. Each afternoon the youth participate as junior counselors with the inner city day camp sponsored by Community Ministries.

The minimum age for participation is 14. Please do not bring students younger than that age.

Groups stay at the church in two dorm rooms equipped with bunk beds. Showers and bathroom facilities are across the hall. A small kitchen area allows groups to prepare evening meals on site (breakfast and lunch are provided).

The cost for the coming year will be \$150 a person plus a \$200 refundable security deposit. If you are interested in participating please send an email with information about your group and your preferred date along with half of the total amount due (\$75 a person). Once you have turned in money it is non-refundable. Additional costs to the group would include supper, gas money and any miscellaneous events the group might choose. Many out of town groups choose to go to Six Flags or other local activities on the weekend. (Groups are welcome to stay the weekend after the mission trip.) Slots are usually filled by the end of January. If you are a smaller youth group, we would be glad to work with you in pairing you with another church.

Prior to attending, each group is provided the following information: Maps, schedule, clothing list, rules and guidelines for sponsors and youth, recommended pre-trip activities and appropriate study material.

I appreciate your interest in the Summer Visiting Youth Ministry. Please do not hesitate to call if I can answer any questions. My number is 214/382-5916. This program has been blessed again and again by the people who serve during the summer.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Erickson, LMSW
Director of Children & Youth Programs