

RENOVATION YOUTH – MIDDLE SCHOOL

MISSIONS TRIP

Madison, WI, June 22nd – 27th, 2025

Renovation Youth, Middle School, is excited to be going on a mission trip this summer, and we want you to be a part of changing the world with us!

Renovation Youth is excited to announce that we will be heading to Madison, Wisconsin for our missions trip. In Madison we will be partnering with a missions organization called Youth With A Mission, also known as YWAM. YWAM is a long-standing organization whose passion is working with youth to share the gospel and to develop their faith personally. YWAM conducts ministry year round in Madison, and we are very excited to have the opportunity to work alongside of them this upcoming June.

Renovation Youth will be going to love the people who live in Madison by serving them and sharing the good news about Jesus Christ. We will be doing events such as volunteering in an inner city kids club, serving the homeless, and handing out free food to create conversation and open the opportunity to share our faith. We will develop relationships throughout the week with people in the community as we serve them and share about our relationship with God.

Going to Madison with Renovation Youth will be one of the best weeks of your summer, if not your life! Our purpose for going on a missions trip is not only to help others grow in their faith, but also to see God moving in our own lives. This trip is a great way to get out of your comfort zone and to start tangibly living out your faith.

If you would like to join us in Madison, WI this summer, please return the following materials by **Wednesday, February 5th.**

Completed Application

- Signed Commitment and Medical Release Form
- \$50 non-refundable deposit (make checks out to Renovation Church)

When you have completed your application, please hand it in at Renovation Youth or to Pastor Lydia Bostrom.

The total cost of the trip \$685. This covers lodging, transportation, all of your Meals, and mission supplies. Below is the payment schedule:

- \$50 deposit paid by you and turned in with your application (due February 5th)
- \$300 due April 2nd
- \$335 due May 21st (final payment)

Fundraising Options

1. Writing Support Letters

We will provide you with training and all the tools you need to write incredible support letters. This is the most effective way of raising support for a mission trip. In the past, we have had one student raise nearly \$1000 just writing support letters! Most of our students in the past either went for free, or only paid a very small amount for the trip with the help of support letters.

2. Popcorn Fundraiser

At the beginning of April, students on the mission trip can sell gourmet popcorn for their trip. For each item you sell (depending on cost of item), you can earn \$5 - \$15 for your trip!

We know that \$685 is no small amount of money for a trip. However, we have seen over and over that if students put in the prayer and effort (along with support and encouragement from their parent), they can make a way to go on this mission trip for very little cost, and possibly even for free. Seek God, ask if it is His calling for you to go on the trip, and then be willing to do whatever it takes to make it happen!

TENTATIVE TRIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, June 22nd

12:30 PM - Depart from Renovation Church in Blaine

6:00 PM - Arrive at YWAM base in Madison/Dinner

7:30 PM - Orientation/Intro

8:00 PM - Welcome games

11:00 PM - Lights out

Monday, June 23rd - Thursday June 26th

8:00 AM - Breakfast

8:30 AM. - Devotional time

9:00 AM - Teaching session lead by YWAM

10:00 AM - Pack lunch and depart for sites

10:30 AM - Outreach 1 (will vary everyday)

2:30 PM - Outreach 2 (will vary everyday)

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM- Nightly debrief

9:00 PM - Free time/Night Games

11:00 PM - Lights out

Friday, June 27th

8:00 AM - Breakfast

8:30 AM - Ending session

9:00 AM - Clean up and packing

10:00 AM - Leave time

4:00 PM - Return to Renovation Church

Common Mission Trip Myths:

Myth: An 6- hour van ride could be the worst experience of my life!

Truth: Actually, the drive to the mission site is often one of the favorite parts of the trip for a lot of the students!

Myth: If I don't have a lot of my friends go, I won't like the trip.

Truth: 6 hours in a 15 passenger van = 15 new friends

Myth: I don't want to stay somewhere strange.

Truth: We will be staying at the YWAM base, which was originally a school that YWAM has renovated for ministry. Our whole group will stay together at the base (boys and girls separated). Each student will have a bed, which is a huge plus for a missions trip! The base also has a full size gym, which is super fun during free time!

Myth: I could never afford this trip. It's too expensive!

Truth: The vast majority of students who go on mission trips pay ZERO dollars due to support letters and fundraising! Most of them even earn their deposit back! If God is putting on your heart to go, don't let money be an excuse! God will provide, with the combination of you also putting effort into fundraising.

Myth: It is unsafe to go on a missions trip.

Truth: YWAM is a phenomenal missions organization that has been doing ministry in Madison, WI for many years. YWAM knows Madison well, and their staff will be helping lead the entire trip. Our group's safety is always a main priority for us. The YWAM base in Madison is in a very rural area, and students are not allowed to be outside of the base at night. YWAM communicates clear boundaries and expectations to students and adults, explaining safety measures such as the Three-Together Rule (all participants are required to travel in groups of three that include at least one adult). Site-specific safety precautions are also communicated and upheld. Also, Renovation Church will be sending at least 1 adult leader to every 7 students in our group.

Myth: I don't know how to share my faith and I am afraid to do so, so I shouldn't go on this trip.

Truth: God has called ALL believers to go out and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). We will train you in how to start conversations with strangers about God, and God WILL help give you the words to say! Most people who sign up to go on mission trips are afraid to share their faith, but that ends up being their favorite experience on the trip! Don't let fear get in the way of you being obedient to God!

Required Commitments for Madison 2025

Involvement:

The following requirements have been chosen carefully, to ensure a well-trained team. Your participation in them is crucial to the impact you will have in Madison, WI. All of these dates are mandatory and are not optional. These dates need to be arranged with parents, work managers, coaches, etc. We take our training seriously!

Sunday, February 16th

General Information and Fundraising Meeting – *For Team Members AND Parents*

- 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM – Renovation Church

Wednesday, April 2nd

First Payment Due – \$300

Turn in at Renovation Church or to Lydia Bostrom

Wednesday, May 21st

Final Payment Due – \$335

Turn in at Renovation Church or to Lydia Bostrom

Sunday, June 1st

Training Day – *For Team Members*

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4. What do you think are your greatest strengths or spiritual gifts?

5. What are some of your weaknesses or things you hope to improve in your life?

6. Have you been on a missions trip before?

If yes, where?

What did God teach you on that trip?

7. (if you are not a Christian): Where are you on your "spiritual journey?"

Would you say that you're interested? Not interested?

Commitment Form for Madison 2025 Involvement

STUDENTS (Please read carefully):

- I understand that the total amount I will need to raise for the trip is \$685. I commit to making payments on the following dates:
 - \$50 initial deposit, due Wednesday, February 5th

- \$300 due Wednesday, April 2nd
- \$335 due Wednesday, May 21st
- I will respect and follow Renovation and YWAM leadership.
- I will follow the guidelines and policies of Renovation and YWAM leadership.
- I have read and understand **all of the required trip commitments**, and I commit to following through with them. I understand that I need to arrange these dates with my parents, work managers, coaches, etc.
- I am excited to go change the world for Christ!

I have read and commit to all of the above guidelines for this trip.

Student signature: _____ Date: __/__/____

PARENTS/GUARDIAN:

I have read and understand the required commitments and guidelines for my child's participation in this trip. I will support Renovation's leadership by helping with the follow-through of these commitments and guidelines for my child.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____
Date: __/__/____