



Transformation Mission Trip KFPC High School Youth Application for 2017



July 18-22, 2017

Location: Portland, Oregon

DUE: Feb. 26, 2017 with \$25 deposit

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____ Age: _____

Year in School: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Phone (work) _____ (home) _____

Email: _____

What's the best way to contact you *and do we have this information?*

Text phone call _____ Facebook message email _____

Why do you want to go on this Mission trip?

Briefly explain what you hope to see the Lord do in and through you on this mission trip?

What strengths will you bring to the team?

Do you have any concerns about the trip?

In order to participate in this mission trip, you must attend the mandatory trainings/team building and group fund raising activities. Are you willing to attend these meetings? ___ Yes ___ No

I understand the financial commitment to participate in the mission trip. ___ Yes ___ No

I have included my \$25 deposit. ___ Yes ___ No

Signature

Date

Parent, if under 18

Date

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Important Dates for *Transformation Mission Trip*:

*Roll Out of Information on Transformation Mission Trip:

Sunday, Jan. 29 at LYFE; Wednesday, Feb. 1 for incoming freshmen

*Youth and Parent Mission Trip Meeting:

February 12, 3 p.m., Room 109 First Pres Center.

*Application Deadline with \$25 Deposit

February 26, 2 p.m., Kennewick First Pres

*Help with Barnabas Mission Auction

March 4, 4:30 p.m.

*Team Planning Meeting

March TBD. Group bonding, Fundraising planning, etc.

*First Team Fundraising Event

April TBD

*Second Team Fundraising Event

May TBD

*Third Fundraising Event, if needed

June TBD

*All money in

June 15

*Final Team Meeting

July 9

*July 18

Leave for trip

*July 22

Return from trip



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KFPC High School Youth

July 18 – 22

Portland, Oregon

Bridgetown, Inc.

<http://bridgetowninc.org/>

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It's a week of Passion.

The trip will focus on serving marginalized populations in Portland (such as the homeless) but is also designed to be very much a learning/serving experience. In other words, it is designed to help students grow in compassion and awareness (awareness of issues surrounding poverty, homelessness, need, etc.) and to grapple with these issues. Bridgetown uses the story of the Good Samaritan as a primary text/means of talking through what the kids are experiencing.

It will be challenging. It will be life changing. It will be fun!!!

Our Passion Week Schedule

Tuesday, July 18

We will leave Kennewick and arrive in Portland Tuesday evening.

Wednesday, July 19

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

Prayer walks for the city and its people by learning to see through the eyes of Faith. We will participate in focused, active prayer through the streets of Portland, praying over the city and those who live here.

Scavenger Hunts: You will become familiar with Portland's history and culture through this activity of discovery. It is through thorough understanding and knowledge of our environment that we can better love the people who live within it.

Thursday, July 20

Urban Plunge Details of this event are revealed upon the day.

WalkABOUTs: You will travel to outlying areas within the city core to seek understanding and renewed perception through relationship. Groups take basic items such as food, coffee, and socks to those living on the streets and are encouraged to learn the names and stories of the people they meet.

Night Strike: You will participate in BridgeTown Inc.'s NightStrike where participants have the opportunity to cultivate understanding, passion, and love for people through service and engagement with Portland's homeless. Taking place under the Burnside Bridge, students serve dinner, wash feet, hand out basic necessities, cut hair, and participate in conversation with guests.

Friday, July 21

REAL. LIFE. Exhibit Students travel to Medical Teams International to view the REAL. LIFE.

Exhibit to learn what it means to be aware and compassionate on both the local and global levels. The exhibit focuses on concepts such as poverty, disaster, and conflict, and groups learn the importance of attaching action to compassion.

Service Project: You will apply compassion through action by engaging in service projects around town. Projects include activities like graffiti removal or basic maintenance at BTown Kids apartment complexes (sweeping doorways, painting red curbs, etc.). Youth learn that compassionate actions aren't necessarily grandiose in size, but that even small acts can have a huge impact.

Love Feast: To cultivate and encourage love for others, our team invites honored guests (the homeless & hungry) to an elaborate "invitation only" dinner. We will create and hand out invitations to whomever they choose to invite; they dine and engage with their guests over the meal while leaders serve.

Saturday, July 22

BTown Kids Students participate in BridgeTown Inc.'s BTown Kids program helping Portland's diverse group of inner city kids feel loved and encouraged.

Week Recap including a discussion going over the week's experiences and applying them our area. We will be reminded we have a choice to come and learn; upon returning home, how we choose to live will illustrate how we've chosen to respond to what we've learned. We will be encouraged to understand that we have within us the power to change our own environments.

We will return to Kennewick on the 22nd.



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Trips begin by BPM staff sharing stories of beginnings. We share the story of Because People Matter, the creation of life, love, and rest, as well as the two stories we so often face in the world:

Self-Preservation and Production VS. Self-Sacrifice and Rest

Trips then move into interactive learning environments that start on the surface and slowly step further and further into understanding. We introduce participants to our city, allowing them to orient themselves before going a little deeper, past the shallow experience of tourism to embark on experiences that will teach them to see and hear through a new perspective. We lead them toward authentic relationships so they can hear the stories and learn the names of the marginalized in Portland. It's in these authentic relationships that participants experience the humanity of individuals who live in a vastly different reality than their own.

Participants learn about the reality of houselessness and debunk common myths through very hands-on activities before stepping into Night Strike and serving, by which point they are open wide open for growth and discovery. For the remainder of their time, we lean into radical acceptance, raw love, and explore purpose. Our final time is spent together in a call to action. Every city, suburb, and town has a different need or injustice. We found Portland's need and responded. We challenge our participants to listen to the pulse of their own communities and provide a response that will creatively meet that need.

Over the course of the trip, students learn first-hand what it means to be people who live intentionally. Our hope is that students:

1. **Embrace the Story:** Students engage and recognize their part in this story of radical acceptance and love.
2. **Become Aware:** Students open their eyes to see, their ears to hear, and let their hearts break for people.
3. **Seek Understanding:** Students gain personal perspective and understanding by engaging with Portland's marginalized populations in new ways.
4. **Build Relationships:** Students learn that in order to make real change they must go beyond the surface of philanthropy.
5. **Respond:** Students understand they can be agents of change simply by living differently and partnering with others

Financial Component of the Mission Trip

We have tentatively reserved 15 spots (which includes two chaperones).

We anticipate that the total cost of the trip will be \$6,000. Costs include fees to Bridgetown, housing, meals on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, travel including gas and 12 passenger van rental + plus one car.

The cost will be split three ways:

\$2,000	Barnabas Mission Auction Funds (we must assist the night of the auction)
\$2,000	Group Fundraising Efforts (everyone is required to participate)
\$2,000	Individual Fundraising

Cost per person: \$400

\$133.33	Barnabas Mission Auction Funds
\$133.34	Group Fundraising
\$133.33	Individual Responsibility (\$25 of which has already been paid)

Kathy Owen will keep a ledger of both the group fundraising and the individual fundraising for each student. Your participation in the group fundraising is required.

We will help with both group and individual fundraising. We have ideas and tools to help.

Do not let this hold you back, but you must understand it is part of the commitment to the trip. Remember raising support is not about raising money. It's about sharing the excitement of God's call and the opportunity He has set before you. It's about giving others a chance to participate in God's plan for this mission trip.

We also believe that the group fundraising activities are important. They will build our team and support each other's work to attend.