



The Center for Student Missions – Nashville, TN

Dates: July 10-17, 2027

Ages: Students completing grades 6–12

Cost: early bird registration: \$900 /// registration after December 31: \$950

(\$50 down payment due with registration/remaining)

Spending Money will be needed for four lunches on travel days. Any additional snacks and souvineers are your responsibility. Transportation, lodging, food while at CSM is included in the cost.

WHY A WEEK SERVING WITH CSM IN NASHVILLE?

As a Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus & taking others with us, we want to give students opporunitites to tangibly live out their faith and experience a variety of cultures. Ministry trips are common in student ministry. But why serve? What's the point? We go on ministry trips because we follow the example of Jesus coming to Earth to do the ultimate good deed, saving us. A ministry trip can be an example of us displaying that love to the world -- building poverty awareness and showing compassion for our neighbors. We find our example of what it means to do a ministry trip well in Jesus and this is where we start.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

LEARN

Arrive with humility and a posture to learn. CSM full-time staff live in the neighborhoods we are serving, and have built trusted relationships and understand the city's challenges. A hallmark of CSM is the Prayer Tour: your City Host guides your group through the neighborhood while sharing stories of community and resilience. Every group leaves with a deeper understanding of urban life and faith-based service.

SERVE

Service is at the core of what CSM does. After learning about the city, you have daily opportunities to serve somewhere new. Instead of creating work, they proudly partner with dozens of organizations already seeking to meet specific needs in Nashville. They listen to their needs each day and provide the help to get it done.

IMPACT

CSM believes that God is at work before, during, and after our ministry trip. The trip is designed to help you process what that looks like. While you're there, you're part of a solution for the city, but you're not the sole solution. Despite much work still to be done, a significant portion wouldn't be possible without your willingness to learn and serve in the city. The hope is that you leave feeling impacted and return home seeking to make a positive impact in your community.

A Typical Day

Each day includes devotions, meals together, hands-on service with local ministry partners, guided reflection, and time to process what students are learning about God, the city, and their neighbors.

How will NHC and CSM keep my student safe on the trip?

We commit to prioritizing your student's safety. CSM's experienced team has built relationships, knows the area, and will keep you safe. This is how we ensure this:

- Your student will always be serving with a community organization who CSM knows and trusts and that is known in the neighborhood.
- Each serving group will be assigned a trained City Host who knows the neighborhood and will manage the trip logistics. Your City Host will be with your group for the duration of your trip.
- We maintain a strict 5:1 student to adult ratio. We do not break up groups from different churches/ministries/schools, so your students will always be serving under the care of at least 2 adult leaders/chaperones from your group. A background check is required for all adult leaders and chaperones.
- All group sleeping areas are locked at all times and only accessible to CSM groups. Additional locked storage areas are provided, as needed.
- Specific dress requirements in order to prioritize safety at service sites will be sent to the group leader in advance of the trip (e.g. long pants for gardening). Additional protective gear will be provided as needed (such as work gloves, reflective vests, etc).

Where will my student's housing accommodations be?

We partner with a local church to house your group. Typically, groups sleep on bunk beds or air mattresses in classrooms with shared restroom facilities. Housing sites abide by local ordinances regarding fire code and are insured by CSM.

What are meals like on a CSM trip? Are accommodations available for students with food allergies?

A self-serve cold breakfast (e.g. bagels, cereal, fruit) is available each morning at the housing site. Participants will pack a sack lunch each morning to eat at their morning service site. Dinner each evening is at an international restaurant, such as Indian, Thai, Puerto Rican, Lebanese or food local to the city where they are serving (e.g. BBQ in Kansas City). Gluten and dairy free options are available at each restaurant.

Food Allergies: We are happy to make the necessary accommodations if your student has a food allergy.

WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS FOR FUNDRAISING?

Student Ministries wants to come alongside your family as you send your student to Week of Hope this summer.

- **Support Letters**
- **Bake Sale – Dates TBD**
- **Impact Card Sales – Dates TBD**

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Ministry Trip 2027 registration process:

- 1) Registration Opens October 1
- 2) Register at **newhopechurchmn.org**.
- 3) Submit \$50 down. To pay online you must make the down payment at the time of registration.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Tyler Bakker: tbakker@newhopechurchmn.org.