



TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

This schedule is an example of what you might expect on a YouthWorks site. Because every community is different, the schedule may vary at some sites and on certain days.

SUNDAY

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: PREP

4:30–6 PM GROUPS ARRIVE

Staff will do final preparations and begin making dinner during the afternoon. As groups arrive, staff will help participants move in and get settled, while the Site Director will confirm paperwork with Trip Leaders.

6–11 PM SUNDAY EVENING

Once all groups have arrived, staff will serve dinner. After cleaning up the meal, both Adult Leaders and students will have separate orientations, led by summer staff, where they will learn more about what to expect during the week. Staff will then facilitate a large group time called The Gathering. After this, staff will have their own meeting and continue to prepare for the next day while churches meet individually in Church Group Time. Finally, staff will assist groups as they prepare for lights out.

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

6:30–8:15 AM MEAL PREPARATION & CLEANUP

Staff will lead crews in the preparation, serving and cleanup of meals. During breakfast, students will also put together bag lunches to take with them to their service sites. Staff and assigned crews will arrive at least 30 minutes early to prepare breakfast & lunch. Other staff are assigned to make sure participants will be on time for breakfast, and they also will lead building clean-up.

8:15–8:45 AM MORNING DEVOTIONS

Every morning, students will have time to connect with God and process the week. Staff will set this time up each morning with a brief introduction and will participate in their own personal devotions alongside students.

8:45 AM – 3 PM MINISTRY DAY

The ministry day starts with a brief circle-up time and thorough orientations, led by summer staff. These orientations will help students and adults better understand how they will be serving the community each day. Then, crews of youth and leaders will depart for ministry sites. Staff will facilitate and join in the ministry day, with specifics depending on their hired role.

3:30–5:30 PM SHOWERS / FREE TIME / DINNER PREP ADULT LEADER MEETING (These times may vary by site.)

After the service day, groups will have the rest of the afternoon to shower and unwind. Staff will still be present during free time, and some staff will begin dinner prep, along with an assigned crew. Site Directors will lead daily meetings with Adult Leaders. This time allows the Site Director to hear how things are going and communicate what happens next. It's also a great time of processing and sharing. (At some sites, this meeting time may occur before or during breakfast instead of the afternoon).

5:30–6:30 PM DINNER

A crew of students will help prepare and serve dinner each night, and a different crew will help clean up. Staff will facilitate this entire process, similar to breakfast.

6:30–8:30 PM *EVENING ACTIVITY & SNACK

Evening Activities will help students interact with the community through cultural, educational and fun activities that will engage the whole group. While the MSC facilitates this time, the staff team will support in various ways. Staff will also provide a snack for groups during this time.

8:30–9:30 PM THE GATHERING

The staff will host a large group time of processing the day, worship and reflection. Along with morning devotions, The Gathering will further develop the week's theme, with the purpose of connecting students' mission trip experience with God and with life back home. Staff facilitate the entire upfront event, including a time for sharing from their personal faith story.

9:30–11:00 PM CHURCH GROUP TIME, STAFF MEETING & LIGHTS OUT

After The Gathering, each church group will get together in their own space to process the day and discuss the day's theme. YouthWorks considers this the most important programmatic aspect of the day. While groups are meeting, the staff will also meet and prep for the next day. Finally, staff finish the day with some building tasks and making sure lights are out.

**Some sites include one option night during the week, where scheduled events end around 7 p.m. and church groups can choose between additional free time or options in the community provided by YouthWorks staff.*

FRIDAY & WEEKEND

Although Friday departure varies by site, groups will typically pull away between 8 and 9 a.m. Before departure, staff will lead groups as they load their vehicles, help clean the housing site, eat breakfast and have a short send-off time to close out their week. Once groups have left, staff will read feedback and evaluate the week, finish up paperwork, go shopping for the next week and prepare for the upcoming groups. Friday is generally a full workday, with staff typically finishing late Friday afternoon or early evening. While teams usually have the majority of the weekend off, some tasks may need to be completed on Saturdays or Sundays.