

This summer at Group Mission Trips your group will experience a fresh look at the idea of worth through the parable of the prodigal son.

Through each powerful, transformational mission trip experience, your group will see how Jesus wants each of us to know we are valuable, loved, accepted, and worth it to him.

# **ERIEPENNSYLVANIA – JUNE 27-JULY 3 \$468**

# \$50 non-refundable deposit due 10/28

(Deposit will only be refunded if unsafe to travel)

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#### **Area Activities**

Enjoy the breathtaking views of <u>Niagara Falls</u>, just a two hour drive from Erie. Don't forget your poncho!

Hit the beach or explore the lagoons at <u>Presque Isle State Park</u>, located right in Erie on an arching, sandy peninsula that juts into Lake Erie.

For more outdoor adventure, visit <u>Waldameer Water World</u> or the <u>Erie Zoo</u>.

Take a short walk from the school to the beach in the evening and see what the locals boast as one of the best sunsets in the world!

The boroughs adjacent to Erie, PA have seen a cultural change over the last several years as major industrial businesses have left and caused the community to rely on tourism for the foundation of their economy.

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grape jelly or juice! However, the same weather that makes Erie perfect for growing delicious grapes creates harsh winters along the south shore of the lake that boasts the "Best Sunsets in the World."

Nonetheless, tourism is slight during the harsh winters and many businesses have struggled to survive during the off-season. With such, residents need your assistance to help preserve the beautiful community of homes in the city. We can guarantee your week of service will greatly impact the residents of Erie and you will not regret taking a week off to be around the amazing city and people of Erie.

## How You'll Serve

Many elderly and disabled residents need assistance with exterior projects. Your group will improve homes replacing gutters, helping the house-bound access to the community with the aid of a wheelchair ramp, and sprucing up many weather-beaten homes with paint and siding—all while enjoying the beauty of this great lake community.

### **Our Partner**

Our amazing Cosponsor in Erie has impacted surrounding communities for several years. The return to Erie will again establish a strong presence of Group Workcamps and the impact we have together with locals dedicated to their hometown.

#### **Schedule**

A "typical" day at Group Workcamp involves serving others, "God Sightings," daily devotions, and interactive worship programs. Your schedule will look similar to this:

Sunday	
	12-2pm

Check-in 3pm

Welcome program followed by an adult meeting 5-6:30pm

Dinner

Evening program. Meet your crew. Project assignments.
8:30pm

Youth group devotions

Lights-out 11pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Wake-up call 7-7:45am

Breakfast. Gather tools. Fill water jugs. Pack coolers with lunches

Morning Program

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3:30pm

Return to lodging for clean-up and free time

5-6:30pm

7pm

6:45am

8am

Dinner	
Evening program	7:30pm
Youth group devotions	8:30pm
Lights-out (midnight Friday)  Wednesday	11pm
Same schedule as Monday until 12pm	6:45am
	12:30pm
Check-in at lodging facility. Youth group free time. Dinner on your own	7:30pm
Program with variety show	8:30pm
Youth group devotions	11pm
Lights-out	
Saturday	7-8am
Breakfast	<b>7-9</b> am
Room check-out. Groups depart	