



Maine Seacoast Mission

June 26 – July 2, 2010

A senior high school mission program sponsored by
Second Congregational Church of Boxford

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General Information

Why Cherryfield, Maine?

After our experience with the Seacoast Mission group last year we have decided to return to the same site. This is unprecedented with the church and we look forward to renewing friendships and continuing with this program in the lives of those living in the Washington County area.

Through our mission program we continue to:

- Provide experiential education programs that empower and inspire people to take action to create a sustainable, socially just, economically viable and environmentally sound world;
- Provide insight into another culture and community different from our own; and,
- Provide a work project that will make a substantial difference in someone's life.

How Much Will This Trip Cost?

The cost of the trip is \$375 for youth/\$325 for Jr. Chaperones/\$225 for Adult Chaperones. This fee will cover all *trip expenses (food, lodging, transportation, entertainment, supplies) except food on travel days and souvenirs.

What is the Trip Location and Dates?

We meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 am on Saturday, June 26th and return very late on Friday, July 2nd.

What Will We See, What Work Will We Do and What is the Trip Itinerary? – We may be working on roofing, window/door replacement, drywall, light construction projects or a new build. Part of the serving experience is realizing that we need to be flexible so that we can quickly respond to needs as they arise. As we get closer to the mission dates a schedule of our projects and activities will be provided to the volunteers.

Who is Invited to Participate?

- The “Senior High Mission trip” is open to ALL students who will be in grades 9 – 12 during the 2009-10 school year who are willing to be active in a year-long mission trip program.
- Jr. Chaperones are out of high school and between the ages of 19 – 26.
- Adult Chaperones are older than 26 years of age.

What are the Components of a Second Church Mission Trip?

Our trips include the following three components: service to others; cultural and educational; and spiritual. Participants are asked to consider their willingness to be involved in all three of these aspects before deciding whether or not to go.

One point that is important to understand is that this mission trip is NOT a vacation. Everyone works very hard! While we will have fun along the way, the mission trip is not to be viewed as an easy week to hand out with your friends.

One of the specific intentions of our mission trip is to place students into unfamiliar circumstances by being exposed to unfamiliar places, and meeting new people. Then we seek to provide the time, the space and the structure for them to be able to deepen their understanding of the world and their own spiritual journey.

Is a Mission Trip Right For Me?

Ultimately, the decision is up to you and your family. However, here are a few questions that may help you think through your decision.

Are you willing to be open to new points of view and to meet new people? The first thing you will have to do if you decide to participate in this trip is to give up the notion that you know it all. Are you willing to be humble so that you can learn from others of lesser circumstances? Are you willing to see other points of view and to discuss them in a respectful manner?

Are you prepared to be away from your home for a week long trip? Homesickness is very real. You should be prepared to be away from home, and all that means (i.e. missing parents, friends, your own bed, computer, television, iPod, cell phones, etc.).

Are you willing to be uncomfortable? As part of a large group you will not be able to eat when you want or go where you want or do what you want. It may be too hot or too cold for your comfort level. Our planning considerations are for a large group environment – we cannot accommodate individual preferences or needs (unless health related) and you will need to adjust to these situations accordingly. Are you willing to endure these hardships for the sake of a life-changing experience?

Are you willing to grow in your faith? If you are not comfortable with this it does not mean that you shouldn't go. However, you should be accepting and respectful of the spiritual beliefs of others and willing to share your thoughts during our time of Reflection.

Can you afford the trip? I put this last because it should be the least of your worries. I like to think that every student who wants to go on this mission trip will be able to go. We have tax-deduction letters of donation available and a work/scholarship program or our youth interested in earning the cost of the trip. We will work with you to help make the trip affordable.

How Do I Sign Up?

Youth - Fill out the Registration Form, Medical Information Form, Habitat Liability Form, Church Covenant and mail the forms in with your deposit check to the address listed on the form.

Adults/Jr. Chaperones over 18 – Fill out the Registration Form, Medical Information Form, Habitat Liability Form, Church Covenant, CORI form (available in February) and mail the forms in with your deposit check to the address listed on the form.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS DECEMBER 1, 2009. SPACE IS LIMITED to 45! Deposits will be taken until all spaces have been filled. You are not registered for the trip until we receive BOTH your first deposit and forms.

YOUTH REGISTRATION
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Program: Work projects will include cultural, economic and strong community service opportunities located near Cherryfield, ME.

Service Projects: Maine Seacoast Mission. This is a construction and housing rehabilitation program, but could include some environmental or landscaping projects.

Transportation: 15-passenger Vans

Religion & Reflection: Reflection is essential to a successful service project. We will hold an evening reflection during which we will look inside ourselves to see how the service project has affected us each individually and how it will affect our future. This is also a time where we discuss our Christian responsibility to engage ourselves actively and spiritually.

Housing: Lodging is expected to be set in a church hall with kitchen facilities. Meeting rooms and showers will be offsite, or outdoors. Facilities are primitive but will provide for our basic needs.

Cost: The cost to participants is \$375 per person and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is necessary to reserve a place on the trip. This includes, for the week-long trip, all *food on-site, lodgings, programs, transportation, entertainment and supplies. *Does not include food on travel days, souvenirs and any pre-trip training opportunities.

Pre-trip requirements: There will be meetings prior to the trip. Attendance at (minimum) 2/3 of the meetings is necessary to enhance the overall experience and also to get to know the other trip participants. There are only 45 spaces available for youth and chaperones. You will be awarded a spot on the trip as soon as your \$100 deposit, covenant, contact and medical form, and registration form is returned! For additional information call, Kathie Clark, Youth Minister at (978) 887-4046. **Deadline is December 1, 2010 or when the trip spaces are filled.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Youth email: _____

Address: _____

Parent email: _____

School: _____ Grade in School: _____ Birth date: _____ Parent(s) Name: _____

We understand and agree to the requirements for participation outlined in this announcement. The trip deposit, \$100, payable to 'The Second Congregational Church of Boxford, UCC' is enclosed.

Youth Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Return forms and deposit to: Lynette Pierce, The Second Congregational Church of Boxford Mission Trip, PO Box 508, West Boxford, Massachusetts 01885

CHAPERONE/JR. CHAPERONE REGISTRATION

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Program: Maine Seacoast Mission

Service Projects: This is a construction and housing rehabilitation program, but could include some environmental or landscaping projects. Possibility for a new build.

Transportation: 15-passenger Vans

Religion & Reflection: Reflection is essential to a successful service project. We will hold an evening reflection during which we will look inside ourselves to see how the service project has affected us each individually and how it will affect our future. This is also a time where we discuss our Christian responsibility to engage ourselves actively and spiritually.

Housing: Lodging is expected to be set in a church hall with kitchen facilities. Meeting rooms and showers will be offsite, or outdoors. Facilities are primitive but will provide for our basic needs.

Cost: The cost to participants is \$325 per Jr. Chaperone/\$222 per Chaperone and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is necessary to reserve a place on the trip. This includes, for the week-long trip, all *food on-site, lodgings, programs, transportation, entertainment and supplies. *Does not include food on travel days, souvenirs and any pre-trip training opportunities.

Pre-trip requirements: There will be meetings prior to the trip. You will be asked to participate in the Pancake Breakfast, Auction, meetings in May and possibly in June based on your availability. You will be awarded a spot on the trip as soon as your \$100 deposit, covenant, contact and medical form, and registration form is returned! For additional information call, Kathie Clark, Youth Minister at (978) 887-4046. **Deadline is December 1, 2010 or when the trip spaces are filled.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

I understand and agree to the requirements for participation outlined in this announcement. The trip deposit, \$100, payable to 'The Second Congregational Church of Boxford, UCC' is enclosed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return forms and deposit to: Lynette Pierce, The Second Congregational Church of Boxford Mission Trip, PO Box 508, West Boxford, Massachusetts 01885

CONSTRUCTION & TOOLS EXPERIENCE

Please rate your experience in the housing rehabilitation areas leave the choice that best represents your skill level and delete the ones that do not:

Note: a - Very Experienced b - Home improvement project or past mission trips

1. Roofing

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

2. Installing drywall

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

3. Landscaping

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

4. Installing windows/doors

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

5. Painting

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

6. Wallpapering

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

7. Installing tile floors

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

8. Installing wood floors

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

9. Installing carpet

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

10. Basic electrical

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

11. Basic plumbing

a. Very experienced b. Some experience c. Did it once d. No experience

Name all the power tools you have used: _____

List any additional experience in construction you may have: _____

Are you first aid and/or CPR certified? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

YOUTH MEDICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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First Name: Last Name: Grade: Date of Birth:

Youth Address:

Family Telephone: Family Email:

Yth Cell Phone: Yth Email:

Father's Name: Email: Cell phone:
Parent address if different from child:

Mothers's Name: Email: Cell phone:

If person(s) named above are not available in the event of an emergency, notify:

Name: Relationship: Telephone:

Name: Relationship: Telephone:

MEDICAL

Name of personal physician: Telephone:

Personal health/accident insurance carrier: Policy #:

Date of last tetanus shot:

List Allergies: Symptoms:

Emergency measures: List all medications taken during the week:

PERMISSION SIGNATURE

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. I agree to be liable and to pay for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical or dental services rendered for my child.

Date: Signature of Parent/Guardian:

I give permission for full participation in all onsite and off-site church youth events in regard to the 2009 Youth mission trip. I give permission for my child to be photographed/videographed with possible publication or online use, during these church sponsored activities.

Date: Signature of Parent/Guardian:

CHAPERONE/JR CHAPERONE MEDICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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First Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Cell Phone:

If applicable, Spouse Name:

Cell phone:

If person(s) named above are not available in the event of an emergency, notify:

Name:

Relationship:

Telephone:

Name:

Relationship:

Telephone:

MEDICAL

Name of personal physician:

Telephone:

Personal health/accident insurance carrier:

Policy #:

Date of last tetanus shot:

List Allergies:

Symptoms:

Emergency measures:

List all medications taken during the week:

SIGNATURE

In the event of illness or injury , I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner selected by the adult leader in charge to act on my behalf to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, injections of medication, x-ray or whatever treatment considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon or emergency personnel. I agree to be liable and to pay for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical or dental services rendered to the undersigned adult. I give permission to be photographed/videographed with possible publication or online use, during any church sponsored activities.

Date:

Signature:

TRIP RULES AND CONVENANT

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RULES:

- No use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drug.
- No mission trip participant shall, for any reason, leave an assigned meeting place or work project.
- No physical contact or inappropriate touching or sexual contact of any kind. No degrading language or actions that are meant to demean or bias any individual. The participant agrees to be respectful and supportive to the chaperones, youth volunteers and project clients.
- Personal belongings, equipment and property will be treated with care and respect at all times by every person who uses them or who participates in any activity. Any property deliberately damaged by a mission trip participant will be replaced at his or her own expense. No person shall touch or use the belongings of others without the owner's permission.
- No profanity will be tolerated at any time.

COVENANT:

Failure to abide by these rules will result in disciplinary action, the extent of which will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. All minor problems and rule infractions will be dealt with as a community as it relates to others, or, if necessary, as a private matter between a youth volunteer and the trip chaperones. It must be understood that if any of these rules are disregarded, the volunteer will be sent home at his/her own expense. Minors: If necessary parents will be called and a credit card number will be requested in order to pay for immediate passage home.

I have read these rules and I have had a chance to ask any questions that I might have had. These rules have been explained to me in full and I agree to abide by them. It is a requirement of each member of the mission trip team to read, understand and sign-off on the following:

Parent Signature (if youth under 18): _____ Date: _____

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Chaperones/Jr. Chaperones

Chaperone Signature: _____ Date: _____

FUNDRAISING/MEETING DATES

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Friday, Oct. 23	Haunted House set-up 6:30 – 8 pm
Sat., October 24	Haunted House Fundraiser Time: 4 pm set-up Location: Park House Haunted House Hours: 6- 9:30 pm Breakdown: 9:30-10:15 pm
Sun., Nov. 15	Meeting, Parish Hall 6 pm Calendar Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast planning
Sun., Dec. 20	Calendar Sales (Also, during coffee hour Dec. 6, 13) Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Sun., Jan. 31	Meeting, Parish Hall 6 pm Sponsorship letters/t-shirt design
Sun., Feb. 7	Meeting, Parish Hall 6 pm Discuss Auction – theme, donations
Sun., Mar. 28	Mission Trip Auction breakout meetings, 6 – 7 pm All donation items posted
Fri., Apr. 9	Mission Trip Set – up, 6-8 pm Parish Hall
Sat., Apr. 10	Mission Trip Set-up, cooking. All day
Sun. Apr. 11	Mission Trip Auction, arrive by 4 pm Start-time 5:30 pm
Sun. May 9	Mother's Day Craft Fair – Individual Opportunity to raise money for your trip Car Wash – To Be Announced
June Meeting	Final Meeting
Mission Trip:	Saturday, June 26 – Friday, July 2, 2010

DISCLAIMER: Dates may change, please check the Messenger, email, Facebook and the Blog for any changes in date, time or location. Additional fundraising activities may be added to the schedule with the expectation that everyone will be an active participate in the event.