



MISSION ADVENTURES

*Info
Packet*

YWAM GLOBAL GATEWAY

Hey! Chris here,

We are so excited that you are considering doing Mission Adventures with us! You may ask “why go to a small town like Oliver for a missions program?” Well...Jesus did his first miracle in a small town called Cana. There he turned water into wine for somebody’s wedding. Jesus could have chosen anywhere to do his first miracle. If God chose to do his first miracle in a small town for a small group of people and his first miracle was something no one would have guessed, than he can do big things in Oliver using you! On a side note, Oliver is the wine capital of Canada. Coincidence? I think not! God is on the move here and we would love for you to join us. We are located in the beautiful South Okanagan, we have serene lakes, beautiful mountains, cities close by, and a ton of opportunities for youth to get involved with for advancing the kingdom of God. Empowering youth is what we are about! God has given our youth specific gifts that they can use to be a light in the darkness. Our hope is that they will not only get the opportunity to tell others about Jesus, but that Jesus will also change them, if they allow Him to.

Our hope is that you will see God’s heart for Oliver, but more than that, that you will see His heart for your own town. We hope that when you get back home you will move outside of your comfort zone to share Jesus where you are. Like everything in life, what you put into something is what you will get out of it....So we hope to see everyone jump in with everything they’ve got!

Jesus is constantly moving in us, and through us. We’d love for your team to serve with us and to be a part of this movement!

This info packet contains information you can use to inform your students, parents and youth leaders. Please contact us with any further questions about your trip.

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1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

WHO WE ARE:

Mission Adventures is a ministry of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Global Gateway in Oliver. YWAM is an international, interdenominational missions organization. Our Mission Adventures program specializes in planning, organizing and hosting short-term outreaches for groups in the city of Oliver. Most of the groups that participate in our Mission Adventures program are youth, high school or College aged groups, however, we also host adult teams.

WHAT WE DO:

The focus of our Mission Adventures program is to give participants a taste of missions through education and experience:

Education:

We educate participants in many different areas: First Nations history and culture, Christian persecution, Hearing God's voice and Bible Meditation, Prayer and Intercession, Evangelism and how to work in teams.

Experience:

We want you to experience the full adventure of global missions. From sleeping on mats to eating different cultural food, we take you out of the comforts of North America. We provide various outreaches from working at Gleaners, a ministry that processes food to be shipped to other nations, to urban outreaches doing outdoor or indoor service projects for community members or working with the homeless. Within the program we incorporate Christian disciplines (bible meditation, prayer, etc.) and reflective activities (reflection stations, letters to self, etc.) to help participants engage with God. We also do team building/outdoor adventure activities as well as debrief times to unpack all of our activities.

THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP:

YWAM is an interdenominational organization. This means you may be interacting with other teams or people that may come from different theological backgrounds and worship styles. Therefore, we try to stick to basic theology and the basic Gospel. We ask that your team does the same. If other teams or people have different theologies or worship styles than your team is used to, we ask you to take a learning posture and discuss any conflicts with our staff. This is to protect all of our groups in our program, as well as our partners and other ministries. This is not intended to discourage your team from sharing the Gospel. We simply ask that you stick to the basic Gospel and avoid controversial theological subjects.

ROLE OF YOUR YWAM HOST:

The job of the YWAM host is to facilitate and guide your team's activities. Our hope is to take care of the majority of administrative details so you can enjoy the program elements and use this time to bond with your team. Your YWAM host will function as a guide and point person during your time with us. They will help answer any questions you have, making sure you get to where you need to be, taking care of and leading the program elements. Our desire is to give you the best missions exposure and experience we can.

“BOTH/AND” PROGRAM:

We realize short-term trips like this often benefit the participants more than those we reach out to. This is a “both/and” program. We want to see both our participants and those we reach out to be transformed by Jesus!

SAFETY:

The safety of all participants is ultimately the responsibility of the youth leader/team leaders and other chauffeurs on your team; however, our staff at YWAM Global Gateway will do everything in their power to ensure the safety of the participants and staff. Please see Safety on Page 18 for a list of Safety Guidelines.

AGE:

We suggest that youth who participate are at least 13 years of age. If you have younger students who want to participate, please contact us to discuss available options.

TEAM SIZE:

We are very flexible with the group size. Small or big we will make it work!

THE COST:

We charge a non-refundable group booking fee of \$75 dollars. In addition we charge \$75 per person per day. This covers all program related expenses including food, accommodations and all activities. The group booking fee is due upon the completion of your application and the per-person charge is due two weeks before the start of the program. The per person charge is fully refundable up until one week prior to the program. Should a team member be unable to attend at the last minute we can refund \$60 dollars per person/day within one week of your scheduled trip.

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

2. SAMPLE SCHEDULES

SAMPLE A.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00am-7:45am	Traveling to Mission Adventures Program	Rise & Shine + Breakfast		Rise & Breakfast (6:30am-7:15am)	Rise & Breakfast	Rise & Packup
7:45am-8:15am		Energizer & Teaching: Lectio Divina	Spiritual Discipline: Lectio Divina		Spiritual Discipline: Lectio Divina	
8:15am-8:45am		Devo: "Called to Leave your Nets" & Worship & Prayer	Devo: "Called to the Light" & Worship & Prayer	Devo: "Called to Commit" & Worship & Prayer (7:15am-7:45am)	Devo: "Called to Go" & Worship & Prayer	The Last Breakfast & Prayer/Blessing 8:15am-9:00am
9:00am-10:30am		Outreach: Graffiti Cleanup in Oliver & Debrief	Outreach: Serving the First Nation & Learning about their Culture	Outreach: Gleaners (8:00am-12pm)	Evangelism Training & Activity	Travelling Home
10:30am-10:45am						
10:45am-12:30pm						
12:30pm-1:30pm		Lunch @ Ministry Center	Lunch with Nancy & Ron	Lunch @ Ministry Center	Lunch @ Ministry Center	
1:30pm-1:45pm		Energizer/team Building	Outreach: Serving the First Nation & Learning about their Culture	Hike to the Tower & Activity: The Cross & 6 month letter (bring gloves) & Freshen up	Spiritual Discipline: Creative Prayer & Blessing & Debrief	
1:45pm-3:00pm		Outreach: Community Cleanup				
3:00pm-5:30pm		Teaching: Hearing God's Voice (30 min) & Creative Intercession (Chalk) & Debrief	Community Night Set up & MA Team Meal Potluck Prep		Encountering NIKO Outdoor Adventure Leadership, Teamwork Training Activity & Debrief & Questionnaire	
5:30pm-6:30pm	Dinner??	Dinner @ House Outside	Community Night Potluck @ MC &	Dinner @ YWAM House Outside	Dinner @ YWAM Mountain Refuge	
6:30pm-8:00pm	Welcome, Orientation, worship, group games	Mission Emergency *Need Flashlights* & Landmine Activity	Commissioning of YWAM-DTS Students & Staff	Games, Snacks & Movie: Chosen Or Alliance Church Youth Group	Campfire, Worship, Word by Heart, DTS Drama, Testimonies, Prayer	
8:00pm-10:00pm	Open Time	Movie: Apostle Paul	Open Time		Open Time	

SAMPLE B.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30am-8:15am	Team Travel	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Preparing for Home
8:30am-8:45am		Energizer/Ice Breaker Activity			Devotional & Worship @ Center 30min	
8:45am-9:15am		Devotional on Missions & Worship	Devotional & Worship	Outreach: Gleaners & Debrief		Work Duty (House & Ministry Center) + Explanation
9:15am-10:15am		YWAM Missions Stories	Evangelism Seminar		Worship (11:30am-12pm)	
10:15am-10:30am		BREAK	BREAK			
10:30am-12pm		Teaching: Hearing God's Voice	Evangelism Activity: Treasure Hunt & Debrief			
12pm-1:30pm		Lunch & Clean-up	Lunch & Clean-up	Lunch & Clean-up	Lunch & Clean-up	
1:30-2pm		Team Building Activity (Chris)				Encountering NIKO Outdoor Adventure Leadership Training Activity
2pm-4pm		Lectio Divina, Creative Intercession & Community Cleanup	Outreach: Homeless/First Nation Ministry & Debrief	Teaching: God's Father Heart & Praying over students	Student Meal Prep	
4pm-5:30pm		Arrival @ House & Welcome & Games				
5:30-7pm	Welcome Dinner @ House Outside	*Family Night Potluck *	Dinner & Clean-up (Eat with Hand)	*Love Feast* H (Special Dinner)	Dinner & Clean-up	
7pm-9pm	@ Center: Worship, Orientation, Games & Fellowship	Camp Fire/Games, worship & Testimonies @ Word of Life	Games & Activities Night	Movie & reflection @ Ministry Center	Final Debrief	
9pm-11pm	Open Time	Open Time	Open Time	Open Time	Open Time	
11pm	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	

3. PROGRAM DETAILS AND OPTIONS

- **Indoor & Outdoor Outreaches:**

- (Outreaches depend on season & need)**

- Sunnybank Senior Care Home:
 - Here we visit the seniors one on one and/or in group settings. When in a group setting, we sing songs, play table games and visit in a common area. We have also done yard work for them in the past.
- **Community Service:**
 - Property cleanup
 - There are many seniors within Oliver who need help with yard work
 - Tidying the streets
 - Helping people move
 - Serving our First Nation (Syilx of the Okanagan Nation)
 - Serving the Homeless
 - Graffiti clean up
 - Gleaners:
 - Processing raw vegetables into a dry vegetable soup mix which is then made available to Christian organizations to help feed the hungry of the world.

- **Adventure/fun activities:**

- A Taste of NIKO
 - A full NIKO program is 5 days but within Mission Adventures, we give the participants an afternoon that incorporates several elements of the original program
 - NIKO is a 5 day wilderness leadership training program where participants are in the outdoors developing their leadership, teamwork, surrender and servanthood values.
 - We partner with YWAM Mountain Refuge which is 15 minutes away from us as we run the program under them
 - Hikes
 - Floating the Penticton Canal (Outside of program time)
 - Other Team building Activities & Team games
 - Campfire (depending on season)

● EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

- Learning about Human Trafficking and/or Christian persecution
- Classroom teaching on hearing God's voice
- Guided Bible Meditations/devotionals
- Evangelism (training and practice)
- Religion Tour (This is purely an educational experience, Religions we may learn about:
 - Syilx of the Okanagan Nation (First Nation)
 - Bhav Sagar Taran Sikh Temple
 - Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
 - Christ the King Catholic Church
- Creative prayer & blessing Activity
- Reflection Stations
- Worship, devotions, testimonies
- Debriefs (After each activity we unpack and discuss our experience)
- Connecting with Youth @ Alliance Church Youth Group

● EXPERIENCING CULTURE

- Ethnic meals
- First Nations cultural experience

HOW TO MOVE FORWARD FROM HERE

If you want to participate in our Mission Adventures program, please contact us for availability. In order to secure your spot, we will need you to fill out our online Registration Form (accessible through our webpage) and pay a one-time Registration Fee of \$75. When we have received that we will email you to confirm the dates of your program with us.

We ask that you make travel plans to Oliver only after we have received your Registration Form and Fee and have sent you an email confirming the dates of your trip. If you need to make special arrangements regarding your arrival and departure times we require that you contact us BEFORE making travel plans.

Health and parental consent forms will be sent to you and will be due two weeks prior to your scheduled trip

4. THE LOGISTICS-WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Arrival Time:

We are flexible on your time of arrival. This can be further discussed.

Departure Time:

Please plan to leave after breakfast and final clean up is completed. If you require an earlier departure time please contact us to make arrangements.

Accommodations:

Depending on the size and makeup of the team, you will either be hosted at our Global Gateway Ministry Center (for smaller teams) or at a local church. All participants can expect to sleep on the floor. Please plan to provide your own pillow, sleeping bag and sleeping mat unless communicated otherwise. We arrange to have guys and girls sleeping in separate areas but it is the job of the team leaders (ie. you and your youth leaders and chaperones) to make sure guys and girls are not in each other's areas.

Changes to Team Size:

For scheduling purposes, we ask that you talk to us as soon as possible with any changes as we may not be able to accommodate more participants than originally discussed.

Free Time:

There is not a lot of free time during your program. We may schedule some free time, but it is a few hours here and there. If you want to do some tourist activities in Oliver we suggest planning to do them either a day or two before or after your scheduled time with us.

Testimonies:

Participants may have opportunities to share their testimonies while they are here. We ask that you prepare your team members to share a 5-minute testimony, should the opportunity arise.

Insurance:

We ask that all participants obtain travel insurance while partnering with YWAM Global Gateway in our Mission Adventures program. Please make sure that each participant carries the necessary documentation in case a trip to the clinic is needed.

Safety:

As YWAM Global Gateway, we do everything in our power to ensure the safety of our participants and staff. However, it is important to note that you and your team leaders are ultimately responsible for the safety of your team. We will give you safety briefings before activities. For the safety of your participants we suggest that participants never go exploring alone and suggest staying in groups of three.

Crossing the Border:

If you are a team from the US, we will send you more information on crossing the border once your team is approved. If you have further questions about this please feel free to ask.

Transportation:

You will be responsible for all transportation for your team; vehicles and related costs. Our staff will be able to take care of their own transportation to and from activities

Food:

We will provide three meals each day as well as snacks for movie nights/campfires etc. Please let us know in advance if there are any food allergies or special diets we should be aware of. We will do our best to provide diet friendly options but we ask that individuals with dietary restrictions also be prepared to supplement their meals.

5. Parent/Guardian Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We understand that it can be difficult to let your teenager leave home and go to the unknown. We want to start by thanking you for allowing your teenager to participate in this mission trip. It is important to us to make sure you are well informed about what your teenager will be doing while with us. The info outlined below is to help answer any questions you may have.

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is an international, interdenominational, intergenerational missions organization. It was started in 1960 by a man, named Loren Cunningham, who had a dream of sending young people from every nation to every nation with the Gospel of Jesus. Our Mission Statement is: "To Know God and Make Him Known." Our hope is that during this trip your teen will get to know God more and make Him known to the people of Oliver. Beyond that, we also hope that your teenager will take home what they learned, that they will see God's heart for Oliver, and through that, also see God's heart for their own hometown.

Mission Adventures (MA) is a ministry of YWAM where teams come and partner with our full time staff for a missions trip. We provide food, housing, and arrange outreach opportunities. Information is given before any outreach activity, including safety guidelines. Our heart is our participants to get a taste of missions and for their lives to be touched by Christ.

Outreach Activities: Our outreach activities involve learning about issues such as Christian persecution, homelessness, First Nations Culture and reaching out to people of different faiths.

Safety: YWAM Global Gateway will do everything in our power to ensure the safety of our participants and staff. We do this through giving participants safety guidelines, educating participants on what to do in unsafe situations and suggesting that youth pastors and leaders do not allow their students to go anywhere in groups of less than three.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to direct them towards the leader of the trip as they may already have the answers. If you want to know more about who we are as YWAM Global Gateway you can look us up online at www.ywamglobalgateway.org
We look forward to hosting your group!

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