

Serve Fort McMurray | 2019

Travelers	Dates	Destination
Willoughby CRC	7/5 - 7/14	Fort McMurray, AB

7/5

FRI

Getting on the Way

Langley to Edmonton

Depart

Notes

5:00 AM Langley Willoughby Church

Meet at 5:00am, leave at 5:20am

Arrive

7:00 PM Edmonton Inglewood CRC

Arrive at ICRC and stay there for the night

Travel Details

Notes

The route we will take will be the #1 to the #5 (Coquihalla) and continue on the #5 to the #16 and go through Jasper National Park, arriving in Edmonton in the evening.

During the drive we will make stops as needed for pee breaks, and a lunch break. **Each student should come with breakfast packed or already eaten and a packed lunch for the drive.** Supper will be provided I (Curtis) have BCAA and our rental vehicles come with roadside assistance. We will be staying at my old church, which allows for a lot of grace in our timeline. We will not rush this longer length of the drive.

7/6

SAT

Arriving at SERVE 2019

Edmonton to Fort McMurray

Depart

Notes

9:00 AM Edmonton Inglewood CRC

Wake up at 7:30, continental breakfast to be served and then on our way.

Arrive

3:00 PM Fort McMurray Evergreen CRC

Arrive at SERVE by mid-late afternoon to settle in.

Travel Details

Notes

Arrive at SERVE by mid-late afternoon to settle in.

From Sunday to the following Friday we will be following the SERVE itinerary which includes church, a tour of the oilsands, 4 days of service work, and one day away to a high ropes course and a local lake.

7/13

SAT

Heading Home!

Fort McMurray to Salmon Arm

Depart

Notes

5:00 AM Fort McMurray Evergreen CRC
Wake up at 4am, pack up our bedrolls, grab'n'go breakfast and hit the road by 5:00 AM. Hopefully bagged lunches can be provided by the host team

Arrive

8:00 PM Salmon Arm Cornerstone CRC
1191-22nd Street NE
Arrive at Cornerstone CRC and stay there for the night

Travel Details

Notes

This route from Fort Mac to Salmon is still being determined. We may decide to drive through Rocky Mountain House and Banff and make a picnic lunch stop at Abraham Lake, or drive through Calgary. Either way, we hope to be efficient with our driving so the stops we make can be a bit more touristy than just gas station stops

7/14

SUN

The Final Leg and a Day Away

Salmon Arm to Langley

Depart

Notes

8:00 AM Salmon Arm, BC Cornerstone CRC
Wake up at 6:30, continental breakfast, clean up and leave before the morning church service.

9:30 AM TBD
Stop for sunday morning devotions and debrief conversation.

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Along this drive home we will take a lengthy stop at a TBD location for rest, relaxation, and continued debriefing before arriving at WCRC.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided this day, we will be home for supper.

Arrive

6:00 PM Langley, BC Willoughby CRC
Arrive at Willoughby CRC for unloading and van clean, parent pick up, rental van returns.

Mission Standards (Continued)

PAIRING OFF:

You may come as boyfriend/girlfriend, and you may leave as boyfriend/girlfriend, but while you are onsite you are a member of a team, so please refrain from public displays of dating and affection as these things are distracting.

DISCIPLINE:

Students or adults demonstrating an uncooperative attitude or violating rules may be removed from SERVE and sent home at their own expense.

What to Pack

Bring modest clothes and work clothing you don't mind getting dirty. Short shorts, sports bras worn without a shirt overtop, spaghetti straps, bare midrifts or shirts that promote anti-Christian messages (alcohol, drugs, etc.) are not acceptable at any time. Bathing suits must be one piece for girls. Guys may not wear brief style Speedos. Bring towels, personal items and your Bible. **Enclosed footwear (i.e. tennis shoes) and unaltered t-shirts (i.e. no sleeves cut off) are required on the worksites.** You will receive further guidelines in the Welcome Letter from your Site.

What NOT to Pack

Do not bring weapons, firearms, alcohol, drugs, a bad attitude, etc. If you have prescription medication, register it with or turn it in to the nurse at the Site.

Covenant for Mission Participants

As a participant in this experience I realize that this is a privilege and a responsibility. While SERVE is an enjoyable experience for those who participate, it is also a Christian service ministry where work and team cooperation are needed.

BECAUSE OF THIS I HAVE AGREED TO:

1. Cheerfully participate in all assignments and activities and abide by the decisions and schedules set by the Youth Unlimited Host Team.
2. Show respect for authority and refrain from abusive language, manipulative behaviors and violations of site policies. Failure to comply with behavioral expectations may result in my being sent home at my expense. I understand that any use or possession of alcohol, firearms, weapons or drugs (not prescribed by a physician) will automatically result in my being sent home at my expense.
3. Represent Jesus Christ, my church youth group and Youth Unlimited while on this mission trip and conduct myself appropriately at all times.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

If you have any questions or comments regarding your upcoming mission experience, please feel free to contact Youth Unlimited at 616.241.5616 or missions@youthunlimited.org.

Please review the Youth Unlimited website for insurance information and crossing the border. It is your responsibility to have the correct documentation if you are crossing a border.



SERVE STUDENT HANDBOOK



Welcome and Thank You!

Participating in SERVE is an exciting adventure! As part of this mission team, you'll be serving God and helping reach a community in need.

Be flexible, put others first and be willing to learn. You will make discoveries about yourself, others, and, most importantly, your relationship with God. The time you spend on this mission experience will change you and benefit others.



TO MAKE THIS A GREAT EXPERIENCE:

- Try to make things easier and not harder for the Host Team and Adult Leaders. Keep a positive attitude, and remember that you came to serve.
- Work hard, and grow in the ability to give thanks for everything.
- Handle conflict and disappointments in a mature way. Listen first. Talk with the leaders if things get out of control. (Matthew 18:15-20)
- Don't compare this experience to others you may have been on. Come excited and prepared for a whole new experience.
- Be safe. If something seems dangerous to you, stop what you're doing, and ask a leader for advice and guidance.

Mission Standards

These are general rules that apply to all SERVE Sites. There will also be some specific guidelines at the experience you are registered for. Your Host Team will send out a Welcome Letter with those guidelines and also cover them when you arrive.

PUNCTUALITY:

Please arrive and depart at the times stated in your confirmation letter as activities are planned from the time you arrive to the time you leave. If you have questions about this, please contact your Host Team Coordinator.

VISITORS:

Visits from family and friends while onsite are discouraged since they disrupt the continuity of the experience.

FREE TIME:

Free time is scheduled into the daily experience. There will also be a half or whole-day away planned.

LODGING AND MEALS:

At a SERVE Site you will typically be housed and eat in a local church or school. You may be involved in meal preparation and/or cleanup. Unless told otherwise by the Host Team, bring a sleeping bag and a foam/air mattress.

Remember, you are a guest. Do not assume open access to the entire facility. You will be expected to keep your area neat and clean and be considerate of others.

USE OF ELECTRONICS:

The use of iPods, MP3 players, radios or cell phones is discouraged since these things can distract from what's important for the week (i.e. working and growing in Christ together). Some SERVE Sites allow you to use these things during free time. Others ask that you turn off or even turn in your electronics for the week. Be sure you see the Welcome Letter and understand their rules before you go.

Youth Unlimited is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged. Ask the Host Team Coordinator for a secure place to store valuables.

NON-SMOKING SITES:

Smoking is prohibited. This means there will be no smoking at the worksites, at the church/school where you are staying, in the car/van while traveling to/from worksites or on the day away. This applies to both students and adults.



Although it is true every generation grapples with cultural tension, the past few years have presented Christian communities with a complex challenge of economic, political, religious and cultural strain. Every Christian has been occupied with the question: “How can I be faithful to Jesus in a time like this?” We can avoid those who do not agree with us, we can avoid cultural conversations and simply hide until it all passes by or we can just shrug our shoulders and let someone else take care of the problems “out there”, but those routes create fierce divisions within households, schools and communities.

We see a different disposition in Scripture. The people of God knew God loved the world and expected them to dwell among its pain with a redemptive demeanor. The early church leader (Paul), while writing to a younger leader (Titus), suggested God dreams of making a people who are his own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:14) Eagerness is a key attribute of God’s people and a value that we will seek to instill within our SERVE participants this summer. Throughout each SERVE week, our morning devotions, nightly worship sessions and small group times will carefully examine the eagerness themes that are mentioned in Titus 2:11-14.

This summer of SERVE is a special one for us at Youth Unlimited. We celebrate 100 years of ministry in Jesus’ name. There might be opportunities at different SERVE sites for many to share their favorite memories from SERVE, Live It and Convention. Our prayer for this summer’s SERVE program is for past memories and present ministry to give us faith and hope and love for God’s future.