

Martin, South Dakota

Middle School Mission Trip 2010

Who Can Go?

- ❖ Middle School Youth -Grades 6th - 8th (Fall of 2009)

Dates

- ❖ June 20 - 27, 2010

How much is this trip going to cost?

- ❖ **\$425.00 per Student.** The students will also be responsible for their food to and from South Dakota. The cost does include the registration for Youth Works, transportation, gas, and 2 nights at Palmer Gulch, one meal and admission into the Water Park. Food from Sunday Night until Friday Morning will be provided for.

Chaperones?

- ❖ We will accept 20 youth and 4 adults. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please fill out a chaperone form, and turn it into Lynette by **October 7th**. Chaperones are expected to pay \$200.00.

Ministry

Students will spend two days working with children and two days doing house painting and may also serve with local ministries in the area.

KIDS CLUB: A hands-on program led by the youth offering high-energy games, crafts, skits, songs and interactive lessons all designed to help kids learn about Jesus.

WORK PROJECTS: The group will have the opportunity to do house painting and, if possible some minor home improvement. Your group's willingness to refresh a worn out exterior of a house with a new coat of paint brings real hope and an opportunity to share the love of Christ.

Because wonderful things happen when youth from different groups serve together, our groups will be mixed with youth from other congregations this week. They will be with an adult from our congregation

Evening Activities

Evening activities are designed to give participants insight into the lives of local residents and the culture of the area.

A list of activities that YouthWorks have done in the past include-

- ❖ Hike with a Community Member
- ❖ Scavenger Hunt around Martin
- ❖ Bowling
- ❖ Community Cookout

Deposits and Payments -

1st Deposit - \$100.00 due October 9th

2nd Deposit - \$50.00 due Feb 1st

Final Payment - Due June 13th

You may pay by credit card, check or debit card on the website. If you need information about that form of payment, please see Lynette or Jan in the office.

A Look at Martin, South Dakota

The town of Martin, South Dakota, is the county seat of Bennett County, bordered by the rugged Dakota Badlands to the north and the Sandhills of Nebraska to the south. Martin's terrain is relatively flat. It is a wheat-growing and cattle producing area with a population of about 1010. Martin is located between two of the largest reservations in South Dakota and parts of Wyoming and Montana for 2 cents an acre with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and the states of South and North Dakota were created in 1889. These "purchases" also brought about the forced removal and reorganization of American Indian tribes. The Pine Ridge Reservation was established in 1874. Lands were originally allotted to Indian families; after the allotments were completed, the Oglala Sioux Tribe voted to have the unalloyed land open for white settlement. The town of Martin was born. The history of the reservations and Martin are tied together. Pine Ridge has had a heart-breaking history surrounding two important incidences: the first in 1890 when the US Army massacred over 300 unarmed Indians; the second incidence in 1973 when the American Indian Movement protests led to a 73 day standoff between Indians, the FBI and Federal Marshals. The Native Americans in Marin live off the reservation; they still retain important connections with the reservation community. The city's position between two reservations has produced racial tensions between Martin residents and the Indian tribes, but the people of these communities are now making efforts to be more sensitive to one another. The area also is home to many low-income families. Nearly 25 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

Martin, South Dakota Statistics

- ❖ Population of Martin is 1010
- ❖ 49% of people over 16 are unemployed
- ❖ 24.6% of homes have no phone
- ❖ 62 of the 480 homes in Bennett County are heated by only wood or coal (No gas or electric heat)
- ❖ The median household income is \$35,698 compared to \$43,424 statewide.
- ❖ 27.7% over age 25 have no high school diploma.

Weekly Schedule

Breakfast -	7:00 - 8:00
Devotions -	8:00 - 8:30
Depart for Sites -	9:00
Shower/Dinner Prep -	3:30 - 5:30
Dinner	5:30 - 6:30
Evening Activities -	6:30 - 8:30
Evening Programming -	9:00 - 10:00
Church Group Time -	10:00 - 11:00
Lights out	- 11:30

Important Dates to Mark on Calendar

October 9th - Deposit Due

October 9 and 10- Garage Sale

December - Bake Sale

February or March - Lenten Supper

March 1st - Flower Sales Start

March 22nd - Flower Order Sales Due

March 28th - Palm Sunday Breakfast

April 24th and 25th - Pre-trip Retreat to Ewalu Bible Camp in Strawberry Point, Iowa

May 3rd - Flowers Delivered
(Also known as Lynette's Birthday - How nice to surrounded by flowers ☺)

June 14th - 50's Drive In

June 19th - Load the Vans @ 6:00 PM

June 20th - 7:00AM Leave for South
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Registration Form
2010 Middle School Mission Trip
Martin, South Dakota

Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Parent (s) Name _____

Parent (s) Phone _____ Cell _____

Student's Cell Phone _____

Parent's Email _____

Student's E-mail _____

Deposit Paid _____

Check # _____

2nd Deposit Paid _____

Check # _____