

4Cs Youth

# Chicago Mission Trip

**-info at a glance...**

**Who:** High school students (class of 2017-2020) and 4Cs Youth Leaders. Also, a small number of 4Cs Youth college-aged alumni may participate.

**When:** July 23-30, 2017

**Where:** Chicago's Uptown Neighborhood

**What:** A trip to serve God by coming alongside the Jesus People USA Covenant church ("JPUSA), who has been serving poor urban people in Chicago for decades. See [jpusa.org](http://jpusa.org)

**Travel:** Road trip! In our shuttle bus and 8 passenger van

**Lodging & Meals:** In JPUSA's guest housing apartments and dining hall

**Cost:** \$349.00 per student. (save \$20 if you register by 2/26!)

**But wait! Look how to drop that to \$150 or less:**

- Our Pancake Brunch participants will likely reduce their cost by \$100.
- Through SCRIP, you could raise \$200 or more just by buying your normal groceries & gas.
- We have scholarship funds if you need additional help.

\*this cost is already reduced by \$100 per student thanks to your giving and the 4Cs Missions Committee.

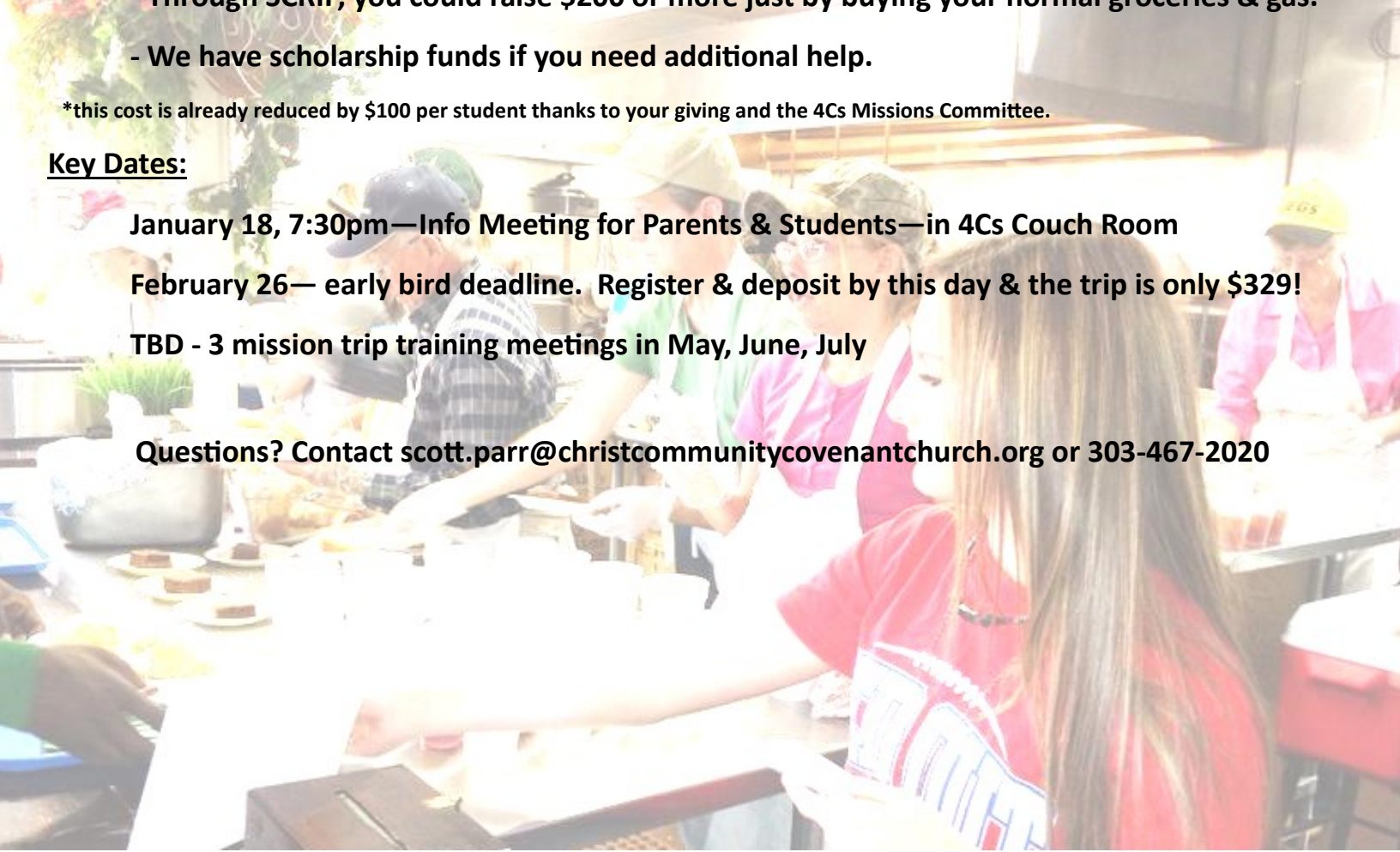
## **Key Dates:**

January 18, 7:30pm—Info Meeting for Parents & Students—in 4Cs Couch Room

February 26— early bird deadline. Register & deposit by this day & the trip is only \$329!

TBD - 3 mission trip training meetings in May, June, July

Questions? Contact [scott.parr@christcommunitycovenantchurch.org](mailto:scott.parr@christcommunitycovenantchurch.org) or 303-467-2020



## *More info from Jesus People USA from [jesuspeoplemissions.com](http://jesuspeoplemissions.com)*

### **Introduction to Jesus People Missions:**

We offer a perspective on urban missions and social outreach that is forged out of 4 decades of living and working alongside the poor. Groups of all ages and backgrounds have come from all over the world to work with the homeless and to experience intentional Christian community.

We partner with Cornerstone Community Outreach: one of the largest homeless shelters in Chicago, serving over 300 people daily. Work projects at CCO include serving meals to the residents, unloading trucks, assembling food bags, sorting donations at the Freestore, painting and fixing up living areas.

Wilson Abbey, JPUSA's newest addition, offers opportunities to engage the neighborhood of Uptown through art, music, and theater. There are break-out rooms for meetings or to conduct seminars.

Come to serve—go home revitalized!

### **What is a typical day?**

Group Missions coordinates volunteer opportunities depending upon the size and time commitment of the group. A day might start with breakfast and then a time of worship led by a community member. After that, a walk to the shelter about 2 blocks away. Lunch is either at the shelter or back at the community's dining room. Afternoons might include continuing your work project, exploring the city, classes or meetings at Wilson Abbey. Evenings, there is always something going on in the city. Check out activities at [Wilson Abbey](#) or [Everybody's Coffee](#). There are also our legendary dodgeball games!

### **What is the neighborhood like?**

Jesus People is situated on the northside of Chicago in what is easily one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in the city. Uptown has been slowly gentrifying since the mid-1980s—that said this is urban ministry and there are still pockets of the city that might feel unsafe at certain hours. Big groups generally have no problem going back and forth between service sites and the dorms.

### **Where will the group stay?**

Visiting groups stay in private dorm facilities located on the first floor of an apartment building located directly behind our main building. There is bunk space for 27 in 4 separate rooms, with three bathrooms containing showers. There is a living room, as well as an enclosed porch. Your group will be the only people staying in your dorm. Meals are included. There is no kitchen available, but there is a fridge and microwave.

**Tentative Schedule:**

Sunday, July 23 – Drive after church, stay near Omaha in a church or motel

Monday, July 24 – Omaha to Chicago, arrive by 6pm for dinner and orientation

Tuesday, July 25 – Serve; worship and team time in the evening

Wednesday, July 26 – serve; worship/team time in evening

Thursday, July 27 – serve; fun in the evening at Claire's family Lake Michigan house!

Friday, July 28 – serve; worship/team closure in evening

Saturday, July 29- Fun time; drive to Omaha church or motel

Sunday, July 30 – Omaha to Denver (9a-5p)

## *A letter about safety in Chicago on this trip...*

Scott,

This is Debbie Baumgartner and I am part of the summer staff for JPUSA group missions.

Chicago has made the news a lot this past year with regard to violence, and I am sure that you have concerns bringing your teens to the city.

We have been in the Uptown neighborhood for decades and have some good practices in place to assure the safety of our visiting groups. We want participants to feel safe throughout the entire week, and we want parents and church leadership to know that we take every precaution in order to ensure their safety. With that said, we do rely on the adult leaders and youth to help our staff to maintain the safety policies and procedures for their visit.

These include

- no student is to be unsupervised at any time; at least one of the leaders that comes with your group is to be with your students at all times.
- if your group is out after dark, you should stay together. small groups are not encouraged to go out after dark (it stays light until almost 9pm in the summer)
- during your visit, our staff is available 24/7 for questions/concerns. We will plan as much/as little free time into your schedule as you would like and we have great advice about places to go in the city and how to get there and back safely.
- if any medical emergencies arise, we are 2 blocks away from a hospital (hasn't been needed yet, but it's good to know)
- all of our staff have gone through background checks and training specific to working with youth, we encourage the visiting group leaders to do the same as per their own church policy.

We have had decades of successful trips and many of our visiting students point to their time serving in the city as a time when their perspective was changed and they became more aware of the needs of others.

I hope that this information is helpful. Please let us know if you have further questions or concerns.

Blessings,

Debbie

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# 2017 4Cs Youth Mission Trip Application

*Please submit this application with \$25 deposit (check or cash to 4Cs) to Scott, Heather, Claire, or the drop box outside the 4Cs office copy room.*

Full legal name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names & Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you desire to go on a mission trip?

Tell us about who Jesus is to you.

What do you think you could bring to this mission experience?

## **Parent/Guardian Questions:**

As your child expresses interest in being a part of our mission experience, we want to help you to walk beside your child throughout this process. Our desire is for you to be a voice in the application process and we encourage you to read your student's application before filling out this part. We value your honesty and welcome any personal feedback.

Why do you think your student wants to be a part of a mission trip?

What do you hope your student will gain by being a part of a mission experience?

What most concerns you about having your student participate in a mission trip?

## Financial Worksheet:

Trip cost: \$349

**How I'll reach my goal:**

If I register by 2/26, I'll save \$20—enter in this blank -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'll participate in the pancake brunch fundraiser (if so, put \$100 in blank) -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Through scrip, I plan to raise -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

My family and I plan on using this much of our own money -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I hope 4Cs Scholarship fund can help me with this much:- -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Signed Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (trip participant name) hereby commit to preparing well for this mission trip. I will attend the 3 mission trip trainings in May, June, and July to the best of my abilities, or make them up if I have to miss. I will be a positive and respectful participant of this trip, seeking to honor God and my teammates in my words and actions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

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