

ALASKA MISSION TRIP 2022

YOUTH LEADERS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

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VEHICLES- 2 - 15 passenger vans, Tom-Truck and Church Trailer, Arlyn & Carla Zoet, Eriks mini-van to O'Hare.

SATURDAY:

Be at Zion at 8:00 AM, Saturday, June 11.

- Wear your Alaska T-Shirt for group photo and in airports

10:45-11:15 AM (Chicago time) arrive at O'Hare

Alaska Airlines 1013 Flight leaves at 1:15 PM (2:15AM Michigan time) arrive in Seattle 3:45 PM (3 hour time difference - 6:45 PM in Michigan)

Alaska Airlines 105 Flight from Seattle 6:35 PM Arrives in Anchorage at 9:09 PM (4 hour time difference - 1:09 AM Sunday in Michigan)

Eaglecrest Vans will pick us up at the airport. Travel to Eaglecrest (Sutton) is 1 - 1 1/2 hours from Anchorage.

Sunday

- Orientation, Worship, Afternoon Activity, Campfire

Monday

- Work Teams, Mountain Hike, Campfire

Tuesday

- Work Teams, Evening Off, Campfire

Wednesday

- Day Off - Glacier or Day in Seward

Thursday

- Work Teams, Afternoon Swim/Camp Activities, Campfire

Friday

- Work Teams, Community Cook-out, Campfire

Saturday:

- Wake up & pack
- Leave for Anchorage at 10:45 am
- Shops/Market in Anchorage - Souvenirs/Gifts
- Dinner in smaller groups in Anchorage
- Head to airport in Anchorage by 8 PM
- Flight (Alaska Airlines 722) leaves 10:20 PM

Sunday:

- Arrive in Chicago 7:30 AM (8:30 AM Michigan Time)
- Arrive back at Zion around 12 PM

Daily Schedule	
7:30-8:30 am	Devotions / Quiet Time
8:30-9:15 am	Breakfast
9:15-9:45 am	Prepare for work/ make lunches
10:00 am-3:30 pm	Work Teams /VBS/ Day Camp/Lunch at worksites
4:00-5:30 pm	Free Time / Showers
5:30-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30pm.-11:00 pm	Evening recreational activities/campfire

Housing Site -

We are staying in rustic bunk houses. Bath house for restrooms and showers are separate from bunk houses.

We are renting sleeping bags from Eaglecrest & they are providing pillows.

If you can't sleep with daylight, you might want to bring a sleep mask.

Money:

Students will need to bring money for the following (I suggest \$60-120 depending on how much you eat and how many souvenirs you plan on purchasing) and will be responsible for keeping track of their money all week:

- Airport food 1-2 Meals heading to Alaska, Snacks/Meal on the way back
- Items you plan on purchasing when we arrive in Alaska (snacks, toiletries, etc) - Monday we will be going to a large grocery store. Across the street from Eaglecrest is a general store that has snacks, drinks, ice cream, and other items. Eaglecrest has a camp store with apparel for sale.

- Saturday in Anchorage - 2 Meals (Meals are 20% higher in cost than lower 48 states). Souvenirs/Gifts

Commissioning Service-

Sunday, June 5, the students and leaders that are going on the Alaska mission trip will be commissioned during morning worship. Students are to sit in the front rows together and will be presented as a group. **Wear your mission trip t-shirt.**

PreTrip Devotions-

You must read all devotions, pray for the person who wrote it, and text them that you prayed for them. If you miss a day, then get caught up and text them the day you catch up. You must have texted everyone that you prayed for them before you get in the van to leave or you'll be spending some alone time when we arrive texting or writing prayer notes to the people you missed. If you lost your packet, it's on our website on the youth page. www.zionreformed.org

Shareholders -

One of the ways we fund our mission trips and keep the church connected to the youth program is through our shareholder's program. People from our church purchase shares for \$40 (some give as much as \$1,000). That money is used to subsidize the cost of the trip for all students. We raised about \$5,000 through this program.

Shareholders then receive 5 things from us.

1. A Student info card for their refrigerator.
2. A phone call (or face to face conversation) from a student before we leave.
3. A postcard from the same student during the trip.
4. An invitation to the shareholder lunch after the trip to talk with students during dessert.
5. Our pre-trip devotional packet.

Mission Emphasis Sunday-

On Sunday, July 10 the youth will share about their mission trip experience in the morning worship service and students who agreed to preach to fundraise \$25,000 for Alaska will take turns preaching short messages. **Wear your Alaska T-shirts. Attendance is mandatory.**

Shareholder lunch -

Sunday, July 10 directly following the mission emphasis service we will have a lunch in the basement for the shareholders, you, and your family. **Each student is expected to bring**

a 9X13 equivalent salad and dessert. This meal is to thank your shareholder for supporting you. When the dessert is served students are to sit with their shareholder to tell them about the trip. **Attendance is mandatory.**

T-Shirts Recap –

All students are to wear their mission trip t-shirt on June 5, our departure day (June 11), as well as Mission Emphasis Sunday (Shareholder Dinner) July 10. I suggest not wearing your t-shirt casually until after the mission trip.

Luggage -

Checked baggage fee of \$30 each way will be covered by Zion.

Each student is allowed:

- One checked bag (**under 50 lbs**) and **62 linear inches** (length + width + height).*
- One Carry-on bag (max size 22" x 14" x 9")
- One personal item such as a purse, briefcase or laptop

***If a checked bag is overweight or oversized the cost is \$100 each way and will be the responsibility of the student so make sure to check weight and size at home.**

- We will be adding bright tape to all checked bags before putting them in the trailer at Zion so that we can help each other at baggage claim and avoid mix-ups with people who have similar luggage.
- It is suggested that you label all of your bags with identification tags.
- TSA 3-1-1 Rule: Each passenger is allowed to carry-on one - 1 quart resealable bag with liquids and gels that are no larger than 3.4 oz each.
- You cannot take bug spray on your carry on or checked bag.
- All prescription medications must be in original pharmacy containers with passenger name on them. Keep medications, valuables, etc. with you in carry-on bag or personal item.
- Remember you will need room for any souvenirs you buy on your return flight.
- See Alaska Airlines Website for more specific information

Identification:

If 18 or over, bring your driver's license. If under 18, bring your student I.D. or something to show who you are (in your carry on or pocket). Students under 18 don't need this, we are bringing it for that "just in case" moment. **Our travel agent and Alaska Airlines**

website told me that if you are under 18, you don't need any I.D. or special permissions.

Other random info:

- Cell service isn't very good at the camp.
- Parents (and students) remember there is a 4 hour time difference - 5 PM in Alaska is 9 PM in Michigan.
- Students will be matched with leaders in the airport. You don't go anywhere far without your leader. You always tell your assigned leader where you'd like to go before leaving. Jeremy will check in with leaders to do head counts.
- Go to www.eaglecrestalaskamissions.org >About >Campus for more pictures of the camp.

