
2017 WORLD CHANGERS YOUTH MISSION TRIP

What is World Changers?

World Changers is a hands-on missions experience through LifeWay Student ministry, engaging students in meeting the needs of people in communities across North America. Students are able to put their faith into action by serving others and sharing the message of the gospel to see lives impacted and commitments made to Christ as crews spend time in the neighborhoods where they are working.

World Changers serves a city through construction and community evangelism. Participants serve on crews with students and adults from other churches. Throughout the project participants are equipped and challenged to serve the residents at their worksite and share their faith with those they meet. At The Gathering worship service each night, students are taught Biblical truths that build upon their experience serving in the community throughout the day.

- World Changers project manual

Our youth ministry has enjoyed several World Changers mission trips in its history, with the most recent stint occurring since 2015. There are a few key reasons why we choose World Changers for our summer mission trip each year:



Challenging projects – students actually do hard work, learn skills, and make a difference on their project sites.



Great spiritual training – the trip is combined with excellent sessions for youth to enjoy and grow in their faith.



Gospel-oriented – the goal of the trip is to help students share the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Who Can Go?

World Changers is open to all youth, grades 6-12 (must have completed 6th grade up through graduated seniors). Parents of students with physical, dietary, or other considerations are welcome to ask about any particular issue. To date, there have not been any limitations that have prevented anyone from going.



Trip Schedule

Dates: July 9-15

New for 2017 – in addition to our time on the specific World Changers trip, we are adding a day at the beginning of the trip for sightseeing in New York City. July 9 includes travel, 9/11 Memorial, and the overnight in a hotel. July 10-15 is the actual World Changers trip, which is in Neptune, NJ. Our ministry projects will include clean up from Hurricane Sandy.

Schedule (subject to change)

Sun, 7/9 Attend 8:30am worship & Sunday School. Depart after Sunday School.

9/11 Memorial tour

Stay overnight in hotel

Mon, 7/10 Statue of Liberty tour

Travel to Neptune, NJ

Mon-Sat World Changers trip!

Sat, 7/15 Travel home (est. early afternoon arrival)

Lodging

For the *first night* of our trip (July 9) we will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn (50 Raritan Center Pkwy, Edison, NJ 08837). For the *second part* of the trip, Accommodations are provided by World Changers. We sleep on the floor (sleeping bags, air mattresses, etc.). Showers are on site and are individualized to be private.

Trip Costs and Discounts

Total projected cost is \$350

What is included?

The youth ministry budget and spring missions offering defray the cost of transportation, chaperone expenses, and group project supplies. Your cost covers participant expenses. This includes the following activities:

- 9/11 Museum
- Statue of Liberty
- Included additional meal
- World Changers
 - o Lodging at the church
 - o Meals at project sites



- World Changers (cont'd)
 - o Project preparation materials
 - o T-shirt for each participant
 - o Secondary accident insurance
- o Program materials
- o Experienced leadership at project
- o Pre-project planning logistics.

What isn't included?

During the trip, youth would be responsible for the following:

- Sunday travel lunch
- Saturday travel lunch (return trip)
- Souvenirs, spending money for on-site shop
- Missions offering

\$20 could cover the meals. Souvenirs could be another \$20-\$60.

Discounts/Extras

We have a few ways to make the cost more affordable.

Early registration & sibling discounts or fees

Register online by December 31: \$40 off || by January 31: \$25 off || February 1 – March 15: regular rate || March 16 – May 1: \$25 late fee || No registration after May 1 (rare exceptions granted)

Second and subsequent siblings are \$25 off each registration (first registration is the going rate).

Fund raising opportunities and ideas

All youth are encouraged to help pitch in to help raise funds for others. Our Sponsorship Fund enables those with financial difficulties to attend trips like this one. Fund raising can include:

- **Work projects for members** – youth do yardwork (or other housework needs) at no cost, and the member is encouraged to donate to the Sponsorship Fund if they choose.
- **Youth dinner/variety show** – meal provided by students, plus youth testimonies, special music, and other items for a “show” for guests, who may donate to the fund if they choose.
- **Youth teaching Sunday School for Adults** – we already want to do this, but this could be a great way to highlight the youth ministry and make people aware of the Sponsorship Fund.

The awarding funds will take into consideration not only the need of the student but also their participation in helping to raise funds. My hope is that we will be able to collect enough to both allow everyone to go and lower the total cost for all.

Payment schedule

Online registration does not include payment options. Payment will need to be made by check or cash.

Checks may be made out to RBC with youth mission trip in the memo line. The following schedule is designed to help you space out your payments. Alternate payment schedules may be arranged.



by February 5:	\$100 (this is the registration deposit – pre-trip meeting)
March 5:	\$75
April 9:	\$75
May 7:	\$75
June 4:	\$75
June 25:	Balance

Requirements

Meetings and Training

January 29 – Informational meeting for parents and students

This is a **mandatory** pre-trip meeting will be held in the Barn during the youth Sunday School hour (9:40am). Students who wish to attend the trip must be there with at least one parent. Forms will be available, and deposits may be made at this meeting. Please also bring a photocopy of the student's health insurance card.

Pre-project studies and mission event

There will be four studies and a local ministry project. These are **required for trip participants**. The goal is to get them thinking about the mission trip, to learn together as a team, and to prepare our hearts to serve. That way our trip will have maximum impact.

Dates: Tentative dates are March 18, April 22, June 2, 16, and 28. Times are not yet set, but most should be in the evening. These will be available to all youth but required for World Changers participants. One of these will be the mission project.

June 25 – final meeting

This meeting will be held to cover any final details or information (perhaps distributing snack lists, etc.) prior to the trip. It will be held in the Barn during the Sunday School hour (9:40am).

Forms and Documents

Each participant will be required to have the following forms and documents:

- Notarized RBC Health and Consent Form that is less than a year old from dates of the trip
- Notarized World Changers forms – this usually includes a medical/photo release waiver
- Photocopy of student health insurance card

These forms will be made available leading up to the February 5 meeting, and we expect to have a notary present.

