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Navajo Nation Arizona Service Trip: March 24-29, 2024

Mission
Our team will have the unique opportunity to live and work among the Navajo as we travel with Experience Mission. We will partner with a local church and serve under their guidance to meet the needs they have identified as most important for the health of their community. Projects will primarily be related to construction and will focus on helping local families or the local church.

Goals
Students will have a truly cross-cultural experience as they spend time on the Reservation and listen to stories from the Navajo people who continue to live on the land of their ancestors. Unemployment among the Navajo is very high and alcohol and drug abuse are severe issues. For some, it is a struggle to have adequate food, good nutrition, and proper home maintenance. There is an opportunity for TKA students to genuinely impact those who are struggling by serving to meet tangible needs. Students will be challenged to grow in compassion and love for others. Students will be introduced to mission work that they may not have realized is available in the United States.

Itinerary

March 24	Fly to Phoenix, Arizona. Drive rental vans to the Reservation. Dinner and orientation at the church site.
March 25-28	Serve at worksites 8:30-4:00. Dinner followed by evening gathering. Visit the Navajo National Monument one afternoon.
March 29	Depart Reservation after breakfast. Drive to the airport and fly home.

Accommodations/Food
We will be staying at a local church and sleeping on the floor of the sanctuary. Students will bring air mattresses and warm sleeping bags. There is no running water or showers. We will use clean water that is brought in, and we will use outhouses. The church will have electricity. Meals are provided and prepared by Experience Mission staff, including dinner on arrival day and breakfast on departure day. Other meals on travel days are not included.

Cost- $1,500
The cost includes roundtrip airfare, van rental, meals at the church site, and lodging. Baggage fees for flights and food for meals on travel days are additional expenses to be paid by each student.

Application Process
The Navajo Nation Service trip is open to all High School Students. To apply, please submit the 2024 Service Trip Online Application. The 2024 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The link to this application will be posted on the Student Portal under the "Announcements." Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, September 21, through Monday, October 2. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 7:00p.m. on Monday, October 2).

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Selection Process
The team will consist of a maximum of 35 students, plus 7 adult chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a heart for missions, cross-cultural sensitivity, gifting, a servant's attitude, and previous service experience. Applicants must be open to being challenged and stretched outside of their comfort zone while maintaining a positive attitude. For the Ecuador trip, priority will not automatically be given based on grade level. All applicants will be notified by October 31st.

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Please Note: *Information is subject to change.*