

Navajo Nation, AZ Service Trip: March 22-27, 2026

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.

Cost: \$1,525

Itinerary

March 22	Fly to Phoenix, AZ and drive to Navajo Nation Reservation
March 23	Begin work on the Reservation
March 27	Drive to Phoenix and return flight to CA

Accommodations/Food

We will be staying at the House of Joy Church on the Navajo reservation. We will bring sleeping bags and pads to sleep on the floor of the church sanctuary. Breakfast and dinner are prepared by the mission partnership team and served in the church meeting space with bagged lunches brought to the work sites. There is no running water on the reservation. We use outhouses, and there are no showers. The group has ample access to clean water for drinking and brushing teeth. Heat is provided from wood-burning stoves.

Application Process

The Navajo Service trip is open to all high school students. The preference form link will be posted in Canvas in the Grade Level Classrooms. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: **September 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** and closes on **Friday, September 19 at 11:59 p.m.**

Selection Process

The team will consist of a maximum of 25 students, plus 6 adult chaperones. After preference forms are submitted, participants will be selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a heart for missions, cross-cultural sensitivity, and a servant's attitude. All applicants will be notified of their placement on October 13.

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Please Note: Information is subject to change.