

East White Oak
Junior High Youth Ministries

2021

Mission 2 Michigan



Dear Parents and Junior Highers,

We have an exciting opportunity coming our way in just a few short months. Our Junior Highers can participate in our annual Mission 2 Michigan while working with a Christian ministry called Encouragement Link near Felch, MI (For the location see the "star" in the M2M logo on the cover of this packet) in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, June 19-24, 2021.

The purposes of the trip are several:

1. To draw students closer to Christ through time spent with Him and other believers in personal devotions, Biblical challenges, and times of worship.
2. To be a blessing to the Encouragement Link staff and the people of the communities where they minister.
3. To build community and teamwork within our group.



This is not your average summer camp experience – it is even better! Each year is a little different, but generally we will be camping in tents, using a port-a-potty, and taking bit of a hike to the showers next door.



This means that we will not have all the luxuries of home, but we will be staying in a safe, although "rustic", atmosphere. This year, for the first time our tent site will be located right at Bible Camp Elijah where we will be primarily working, so we won't have far to go on work days.

Elijah was given to Encouragement Link several years ago and continues to be used to provide an affordable Christian Camping experience for hundreds of students living in the U.P. over the past many years now.



Some of this year's projects at the camp will include cleaning up, weeding, painting, staining, light construction, siding cabins along with other work. It is also possible that we may send a crew off-site to help some of the locals with various jobs. Most of the tasks which we work on are "get dirty" types of projects, so "old clothes" will be the order of the day most of the time.

All of this will be centered on great times of worship, prayer and Bible studies around the campfire, at Metropolitan Hall and or at the Camp – sometimes even over smoothies from Alex's Place Coffee House!





The cost of the trip this year is \$175 with a non-refundable deposit of \$75 due by May 5th if you'd like to go. The other \$100 will be due June 9th. (Scholarships are available if you need help. Please talk to Pastor Walt (walt@eastwhiteoak.church) if you need some help.

We are expecting a team of 20-25 students and leaders to be going. We will be traveling to the U.P. in our church shuttle bus(es) and/or vans.

Please find enclosed a student application form, a parent form (for you to fill out about your child), and an East White Oak Medical Release form. Please return these along with your deposit for the trip. Also included is a packing list for your use.

With COVID being a problem this year, we will be spreading out into many extra tents to give some extra physical distancing between students/leaders. Please see the extra East White Oak COVID waivers in the packet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 309-824-4009.

Thank you for prayerfully considering the trip! I look forward to seeing your students sign up!

Serving Christ together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Walt".

Associate Pastor – Youth
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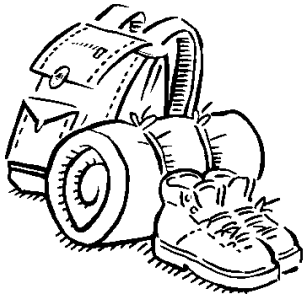
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2021 Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change):

Saturday	Travel to the U.P.	Leave at 7:00 am Enjoy God's Creation as we travel through Wisconsin to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan
	Evening	Arrival, Set Up Camp then: Welcome, Worship, and Testimony time at Met Hall or the camp.
Sunday		Worship at Camp Fun adventures in the area in the afternoon and evening!
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	Mornings and Afternoons	Working at Elijah Bible Camp and/or in the community.
	Evenings	Worship Together and do some exploring of the U.P. Culture
Thursday	Travel Day	Travel back to East White Oak with a stop near Bay Beach Park in Green Bay for some quick go cart races (included in the price and barring unforeseen weather issues)! We are usually back to EWO by 9:00 p.m., but we'll call you as we get closer and know a firm arrival time.

Jr. High Mission to Michigan June 19-24, 2021

Info at a glance



Leaving East White Oak

Saturday, June 19 7:00 AM

Returning to East White Oak

Thursday, June 24 at approximately 9:00 PM

PACKING LIST:

***Bring \$\$ for lunch and supper on the way up
and on the way back from the U.P.***

Other items to bring:

- ✓ Facemask & Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- ✓ Bible & notebook
- ✓ Sleeping bag & pillow (Remember we will be sleeping in tents)
- ✓ Sleeping pad/air mattress (Helps sleep on possibly rocky areas)
- ✓ Water bottle (A good one, not a disposable)
- ✓ Work Clothes (that you don't value too highly)
- ✓ One set of clothes for church and adventures on Sunday! (Jeans and shorts are ok. Just not ripped up/dirty)
- ✓ Work Gloves. REALLY! (preferably with suede or leather palms)
- ✓ Swimsuit
- ✓ Hiking or work boots, athletic shoes with a good tread are ok
- ✓ Hat/bandana
- ✓ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, towels (2), washcloths, deodorant, etc)
- ✓ Sunglasses, bug spray & sunscreen SPF 30+
- ✓ Rain poncho/jacket (Really!)
- ✓ Jacket/sweatshirt
- ✓ Flashlight!! (Once we turn out the lights on the buses, it is *really dark*. You need a good flashlight)
- ✓ Medications, camera, spending money

QUESTIONS? Call Pastor Walt (309-824-4009)