

Yakama Nation Mission Trip 2022
(June 26th to July 2nd)
Application Packet

You have an opportunity to share Christ with others on this trip to the Yakama Tribal Nation in 2022 in partnership with the Mending Wings organization. We will be participating in their S.L.A.M. (Students Learning About Missions) experience. (<http://slamtrips.com/>). *The Mending Wings vision is to facilitate trips for youth groups and college-age groups to come to their reservation to learn about Native people, their lives and worldviews, and to deconstruct missiological paradigms that have historically been destructive to Native people.*

This trip will be different than any other you have experienced. This year we are asking for 100% participation. If you are unable to commit 100% to any of the events for Deputation, you need to be praying if this is the trip for you. Below are the scheduled events we have planned for the trip.

ALL DATES ARE MANDATORY

- Application Deadline Sunday, January 9th, 2022. If you miss this deadline you will be asked to meet with the Deputation Leadership team to explain why you missed.*
- Interviews Sunday, January 16th 11am HS Room Church. Lunch provided.
- Team Meeting Sunday, February 20th 11:15am HS Room Church. Lunch provided.
- Deputation Retreat, Friday, March 11th to Sunday March 13th at Ingalls Creek Enrichment Center
- Team Meeting Sunday, April 24th 11:15am HS Room Church. Lunch provided.
- Team Fundraiser Event Saturday, May 14th TBD
- Team Meeting Sunday, May 15th 11:15 HS Room Church. Lunch provided
- Team Meeting Sunday, June 5th 11:15 HS Room Church. Lunch provided
- Team Building Overnighter Friday, June 17th 8pm – 18th 2pm. Location TBD
- Trip Dates Friday, June 26th – July 2nd.
- Team Reunion Saturday, July 23rd, 6-9pm Location TBD
- Team Reunion Saturday, August 13th, 6-9pm Location TBD
- Deputation Sunday, August 14th All Services

(Please remove and keep this page with you, marking all dates on your personal calendar/s)

If you have a conflict that you know about now, please specify the conflict/s and which date/s you will miss:

Conflict 1 _____ Date 1 _____

Conflict 2 _____ Date 2 _____

Conflict 3 _____ Date 3 _____

Should you need to miss for an unexpected reason, we want to provide grace. Life happens and you can't always predict it. But should that happen and you miss a meeting that you did not clear beforehand, here is what you need to do:

1. Contact Ben and inform him of your absence
2. Set up a meeting with Ben (both student and parent/s)
3. Both student and parent/s meet with Ben to learn what was missed

Should you fail to do one of the above listed items, you will be removed from the trip.

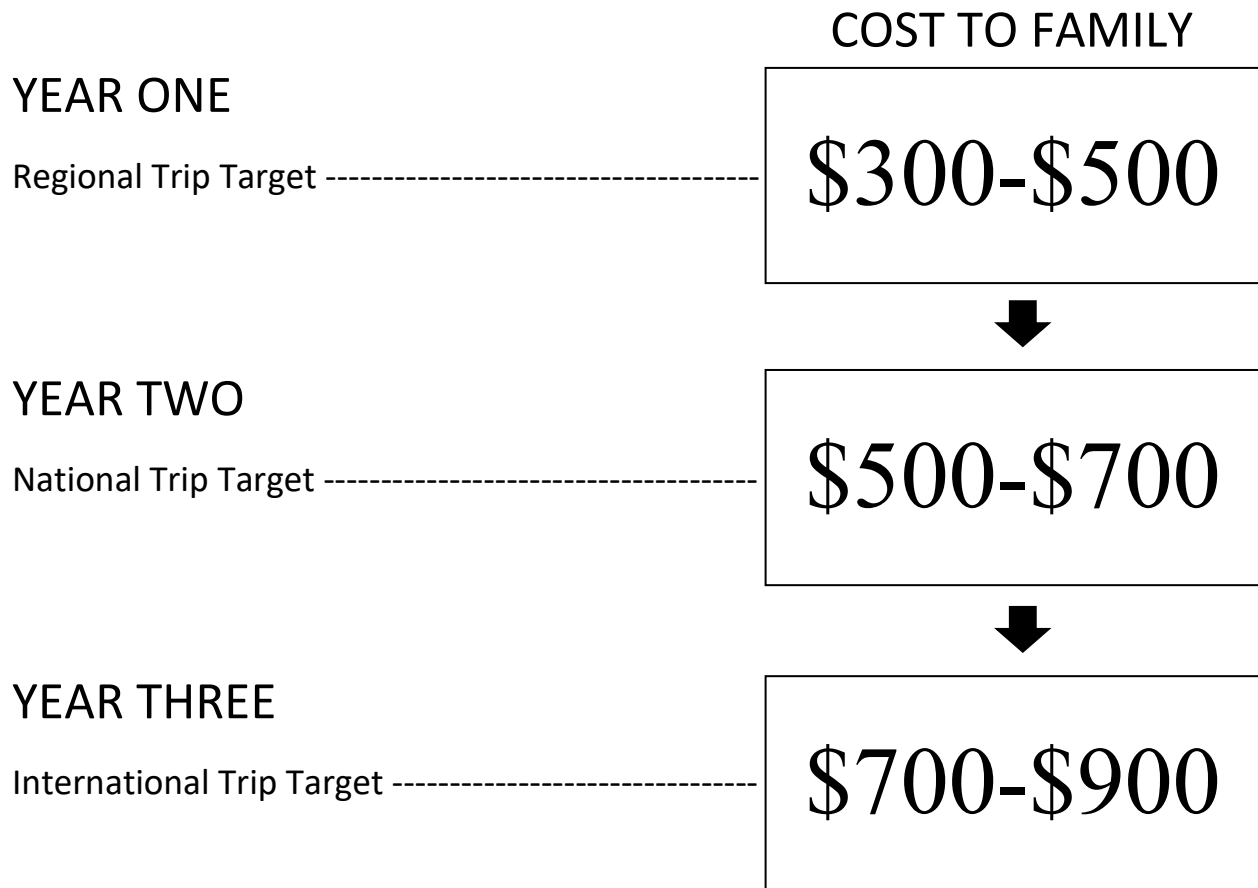
By signing below I understand and commit to attending all required Deputation Team activities, and I understand that if I miss any of the above activities my participation may be in jeopardy.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

By signing below I understand and commit to supporting my students attendance at all the above dates, and understand if any event above is missed my students participation may be in jeopardy.

Legal Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

***All dates are subject to change. As much advanced notice will be given as possible.**



This year's regional trip will cost \$350 from you as a family. We are asking that you put down a \$50 deposit with the submission of this application.

In years past, we have endeavored to write letters of support to help raise the money. Though you are free to do that this year, with the nature of the less expensive regional trip, we feel as though it is a good year to not send out support letters in order to give your donors a break. However, we still feel it is a good idea to keep informed the people to whom you would send letters so they know what is going on and how they can be praying.

We encourage you as the parents to help your student take ownership of the remaining \$300 cost. They can shovel driveways (let's hope they don't need to), babysit, mow lawns, host a garage sale, set up a lemonade stand, etc. The goal is to help students become invested in the trip, taking pride and ownership in their participation.

Cost Timeline	
Date	Amount Due
Jan 9 th	\$50 deposit
March 11 th	\$100
April 24 th	\$80
May 15 th	\$60
June 5 th	\$60

Any money that is raised for West Side missions that exceeds the overall cost of this trip will go towards future mission trips and projects. This actually helps us keep costs down for the more expensive trips in our three year rotation.

This application and a \$50 non-refundable* deposit MUST be turned in by Sunday, January 9th, 2022.

Q: Who are the onsite leaders of Mending Wings?

A: We have 4 staff (a director, and 3 interns) who are responsible for all the evening activities, food, lodging and community service sites & supplies. All interns will live on-site with you during your stay.

Q: Where is the group staying?

A: You will be staying on the reservation at the All Nations Center in Wapato. This facility is equipped with plenty of rooms to sleep in, showers and bathrooms, kitchen and a large open play area with basketball hoops and volleyball nets. Guys and girls will sleep in separate rooms, including married adult leaders. Individuals will need to bring their own sleeping bags, pillows, sleeping pads or air mattresses that are twin size or smaller (Slam trips does not provide a pump for the air mattresses).

Q: Will there be groups other than ours there?

A: Possibly. If so, you will have the opportunity to hang out with different groups from various churches during the week. There could be anywhere from 25-75 other students on-site. We will divide up into small work party groups that are mixed and matched with students from other groups. At least one adult from your group will be with your students.

Q: What kind of community service projects will be done?

A: You could do anything from painting homes, cleaning yards of garbage and debris, chopping wood for elders, mowing, weeding gardens, working at a homeless shelter, light construction projects, or maybe even working at one of our local pow-wows.

Q: Will there be a supervisor at each community service site?

A: Whereas we will have an intern who is in charge of community service projects for your group, he/she will be running multiple work sites at once so they will not be at your site the entire time. However, they will be stopping by your site throughout the day, and you will have their phone number in case you need to get a hold of them sooner. You will also receive an orientation of your site before heading out.

Name _____

First (given)

Middle Initial

Last

Birth date ____/____/____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL School _____

Year in School _____ How long you have attended your church _____

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE & TESTIMONY

Please indicate any special skills, talents, or Christian service experience that you feel may be helpful on this mission trip:

Please list any previous missions experience:

Tell us about your faith journey so far:

What are you currently doing to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? (i.e., daily devotions, memorizing scripture, prayer, witnessing, etc.)

The candidate's Parent/Guardian are to fill out the following:

Are you committed 100% to this trip and will you ensure your student participates in all related activities?

YES or NO if **NO** please explain why?

Why do you support your son or daughter's participation on this Mission Trip?

Are there any situations or concerns that the trip leaders need to be aware of with respect to your son or daughter's participation ?

In order for this trip to be successful and God focused we need to ensure the team is a team before we go. That is why we need your commitment and your

students commitment to this trip. Please contact Ben Downey, (219) 508-3537 if you have any questions or concerns regarding your level of commitment.

I have read all the above information and have answered the questions honestly and to the best of my ability. I understand that turning in this application in no way secures my position on the Yakama Nation 2022 Team and that in good faith I am committing to completion of the entire application process and, in turn, the team training/development program.

Furthermore, I give the right to use my picture, voice and/or testimony in any form of promotional advertising materials. My enclosed signature (*and signature of my parent/legal guardian if I am under the age of 18*) signifies authorization.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Legal Guardian: _____

Date: ____/____/____

(If applicant is under 18)

WEST SIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Yakama Tribal Nation, 2022 Deputation

I give permission for my child _____
to accompany West Side student ministry throughout the mission trip to Yakima, WA from June 26th through July 2nd, 2022. Transportation will be by van and/or private vehicle, driven by West Side student ministry leaders and/or parents. I will not hold West Side church or the adult leaders or parents responsible in the event of personal injury or accidental death.

Signed _____ Phone _____ Date _____
(parent or legal guardian)

I, _____, do covenant and pledge to conduct myself according to the following standards and to fulfill, to the best of my ability, the following requirements.

My behavior will be characterized by **respect**.

Respect for adult leadership. This means that I will maintain a submissive and obedient spirit toward all 2022 adult leaders and to the rules that they implement and enforce.

Respect for a diverse team. This means that I will view others, with all of their differences, as more important than myself and treat the other team members with compassion, patience and kindness.

Respect for the city. This means that I will keep to myself any cynical opinions and negative criticisms about the people I encounter during the trip.

My preparation will be characterized by **persistence**.

Persistence in attendance of and participation in Team activities

Persistence in my personal spiritual preparation by maintaining a discipline of daily devotions and prayer, presence at all worship services and participation in all student ministries (as possible).

Persistence in completing all assignments given to me as a part of the team (i.e., memory verses, workbooks, devotionals, etc.).

My participation will be characterized by **Christ-likeness**.

Christ-like in my attitude. This means that I will seek to serve others before myself. Having an unselfish spirit, laying aside my desires, maintaining a positive outlook, willing to learn, being thankful, flexible and cooperative . . . doing all things without grumbling or complaining.

Christ-like in my actions. This means I will commit all my energies and priorities to serving God and others. I will depend on the indwelling and empowering of the Holy Spirit to grant me discernment and wisdom in all of my words and deeds.

GENERAL “NO, NO’S”

For the sake of unity, safety and spiritual growth **we ask you not to bring:**
Electronic games, tablets, illicit drugs, fireworks or weapons.

DISCIPLINE PROCESS

The following is the discipline process to be implemented for behavior that does not call for the immediate action of sending the person home:

1. **Confrontation** after first offense.
 - The person will be given a chance to explain their behavior.
 - The behavior expectation will be explained to and repeated by the offender.
2. **Explanation** after the second offense
 - The person will be given a chance to explain their behavior.
 - The behavior expectation will be explained again and a consequence for a third offense will be determined and agreed upon.
 - This will be done in the presence of at least two leaders.
3. **Dispensation** of discipline after third offense
 - It will be relevant to the offense (as agreed upon in step two) and expeditious.
 - This will be done in the presence of the same two leaders.
4. **Expulsion** from the mission trip and sent home (at the individual's expense)
 The person who is unwilling to live according to the behavior expectations outlined in this document and is in open rebellion (exhibited by their unwillingness to submit to the deputation leadership) will be sent home at their own expense.

IMMEDIATE EXPULSION

Any person caught with drugs, drinking alcoholic beverages, stealing, or involved in fornication or adultery will be immediately sent home at their own expense.

Having read the above expectations, *I do covenant and pledge, to God, to the adult leaders, to my teammates, and to the people I will serve, that I will devote myself to the task and mission of **Yakama Nation 2022**.*

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____



Student Information & Medical Release Form

June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Today's Date: ___/___/___
Student's Name: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___
School: _____ Grade [2022-23 school year]: _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Would you like to receive calendars, postcards, and other mailings from West Side Youth? *Yes / No*
Student Cell #: (____) _____ - _____ Text Updates? *Yes / No*
Student Email: _____ Email Updates? *Yes / No*

Parent/Guardian Info:
Name(s): _____ & _____
Cell #: (____) _____ - _____ Cell #: (____) _____ - _____
Text Updates? *Yes / No* Text Updates? *Yes / No*
Email: _____ Email: _____
Email Updates? *Yes / No* Email Updates? *Yes / No*

Medical Information
Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____
Allergies [including drug reactions]: _____
Regular medications: _____
Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone #: (____) _____ - _____
Additional Information: _____

Photo/Video Release and Waiver:
I hereby authorize the making of photographs, motion pictures, videotapes, recordings, or other memorializing of said events participation therein, and the publication or other use thereof. I hereby waive any right to compensation therefore or any right that he/she otherwise might have to limit or control such making or use.

Medical Release and Waiver:
I authorize my child, _____, to participate in West Side Church Youth activities, and as a condition of his/her being allowed to do so I hereby release and discharge West Side Church and its constituent organizations and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims for personal injuries or property damage that he/she may suffer as a result of his/her participation in West Side activities, whether or not such injuries or damages are caused by the negligence (active or passive) of any of the entities or individuals named or described above.

I hereby warrant and represent that he/she is physically fit and capable of taking part in such activities on the basis of advice given to me by his/her duly licensed medical doctor within the last twelve months, and I know of no change in his/her medical condition since receiving such advice that would affect the opinion of said medical doctor. I hereby give consent for medical treatment to be given to my child in the event it should be necessary.

Parent or Guardian Name (*print*) _____
Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date ___/___/___
Best Contact Phone (____) _____ - _____
Emergency Contact (other than parent/guardian) _____ Phone # (____) _____ - _____