

kentucky 2020

July 5 – July 12, 2020

General Information about the site:

About 20 miles outside of London, KY is the small town of Manchester. Situated in Clay County, one of the poorest counties in the US, the tangible and real needs of the approximate 1,200 residents who live there are evident and great. As a state, Kentucky is the seventh poorest state in America, based on median household income. Sections of Kentucky also have high rates of poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, damaged homes, and homelessness. Through a local partnership with Manchester Baptist Church, LeaderTreks desires to strengthen the local church through partnering with them in meeting both the tangible and spiritual needs of those who live there.

Ministry:

Our team will be partnering with Pastor Ken, who has been faithfully serving the people of Manchester KY at Manchester Baptist Church for over 25 years. Through preaching the Gospel at church to caring for those stuck in addictions in addition to providing clothes and necessities to those who need them, Pastor Ken has a passion for his community and serving the Lord. We will have the opportunity to partner with Pastor Ken in meeting the tangible and spiritual needs of his community through home or landscaping projects, cleaning, or other projects for church families or families who Pastor Ken has a desire to reach out and minister to.

In addition, our outreach will also include an afternoon children's ministry that our team will be responsible for creating and producing for the children in the community. This ministry will be another opportunity for unchurched children to hear the love of Christ and the truth of the Gospel in a fun, creative, and memorable way. Our team will have the opportunity to bring more excitement into these kids' lives than they may experience all year long, and make an eternal impact in their lives.

Type of student who should apply:

This trip is open to any current 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade student who is involved in the HS Crossroads Student Ministries here at Faith Bible Church and is looking to be intentionally challenged and stretched. Students should expect challenge - physically, emotionally, and spiritually while on this trip, and be prepared to be stretched and put out of their comfort zone. This trip will require the ability to do manual labor for 3-4 hours at a time and be able to lift and move various weights and potential building materials without difficulty. Students must show evidence of no recurrent health problems that result in frequent hospitalization.

Staff to Student ratio:

This trip will be led by Eric and 2-3 other adult youth leaders, to be determined.

Accommodations:

The team will drive from Cedar Rapids to Manchester, KY. We will be staying at Manchester Baptist Church and LeaderTreks will provide all of our meals on site

(except for 1 team meal near the end of the week). Students will assist with food preparation, clean up, and household chores, among other responsibilities. Upon leaving Manchester, KY, we will travel to the Creation Museum/Ark Encounter (Cincinnati OH/Williamstown, KY area) for a short visit, then stay in a hotel and engage in a time of team debriefing, sharing, and reflecting on the past week of ministry and service. We will return to Cedar Rapids on Sunday, July 12.

Teaching:

Students will be involved in a nightly session of praise and worship, along with teaching that will correspond with their morning devotionals. During these nightly small group sessions, students will process what God is teaching them during the week, engage in a time of evaluating our activities of the day, and discuss opportunities for personal growth and accountability.

Our devotionals and teaching for the week will focus on the theme "Rooted" and look at the process of discipleship in the life of the believer. We will look at six core Gospel themes that are essential to helping our students connect their lives with God's purpose and fully live out the life God has intended for us.

To Apply:

Students must complete and turn in the following

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Mission Trip Agreement Form
- ✓ \$150 non-refundable application deposit

Deadlines:

- Applications, with \$150 non-refundable deposit, is due **Sunday, December 8, 2019.**
- A second, non-refundable payment of \$150 is due **Sunday, February 16, 2020.**
- A third, and final, non-refundable payment of \$150 is due **Sunday, April 19, 2020.**

Any payments not received by these dates may result in forfeiting your spot on the trip and forfeiting any payments already made for the trip. Additional trip forms will also need to be filled out for LeaderTreks once payments are received and will need to be completed in a timely manner. Failure to complete these in a timely manner may result in forfeiting your spot on the trip and any payments already made.

Training meetings:

There will be at least 5 training meetings that the student must attend. These trainings will be approximately 2 hours in length and attendance is required for the duration of each meeting. Meeting dates and times are detailed on a separate sheet.

Cost Breakdown:

Total Cost - \$450. This cost includes LeaderTreks registration fees, onsite lodging, transportation, work supplies, VBS supplies, 1 overnight in hotel, and all meals on site, except 1. Students will be responsible for 1 meal on site and up to 4 meals while traveling to/from Kentucky, along with any snacks, and/or personal purchases they wish to make.