

Connect 2024 Packet & Application

June 25 - 30, 2024

Connect is a locally-based mission project open to all students in 6th through 12th grade, including those entering 6th grade this fall through seniors who have just graduated from 12th grade, but is geared towards students with no previous mission experience. Connect is specifically designed to help introduce students to various needs around York while partnering with families from York Alliance Church (YAC) and Mosaic City Church (MCC) to grow relationships in the community.

We will begin on Wednesday afternoon with a time of orientation, preparation, training, team-building, worship, and prayer. That evening, entirety of Journey students will be invited to participate in a pool party.

Students will spend the night Tuesday - Sunday. **All meals will be provided beginning with Tuesday night's dinner.** Wednesday through Saturday, we will eat breakfast together, have a time for morning prayer, a student-led devotion, and a daily briefing for the projects head. Then, we will load up our supplies and tools and head out to serve our neighbors in both the YAC and MCC neighborhoods (ie. yard work, painting, cleaning, hauling, etc.).

We will gather back at the Student Center for lunch, rest, and a little free time before heading back out for our afternoon projects.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, we will partner with others from YAC and MCC and spend time promoting, organizing, and facilitating block parties (one evening in the MCC neighborhood and one evening in the YAC neighborhood). These block parties serve as connection opportunities for the churches as we reach out in neighborhoods together. There will also be valuable experience gained as students work with adults during the block parties.

On Saturday evening, we will celebrate another successful year with a pool party with amazing food, great worship, and opportunities to share all that God has done! Students will spend the night again on Saturday, and the week will conclude with a big breakfast on Sunday morning and gathering with the church for worship at 10:30am on June 30.

The deposit for Connect is \$50/student. The final cost will be determined after the collection of Delicious Donations Dinner. The deposit (check made to 'York Alliance Church' memo line - 'Connect deposit') and application will be due **to the church office by April 24th.**

The full payment will be due by Wednesday, May 22nd to participate in Connect. If finances are the reason your student is not able to participate, please contact Taylor to discuss financial support. We want every student, who is willing, to participate in this event.

By filling out an application, students are asking to be considered as a team member on this mission team. While the application doesn't guarantee a position on the project, it is the first step in communicating your heart. Submitting this application means you are ready to commit to the following.

- Actively investing in all team activities and events.
- Beginning to pray now, leading up to, and during the trip.
- Encouraging fellow team members.
- Talking and praying with your parents about this trip.

Connect Student Leaders Information

- If you have completed 9th grade and have participated in Connect previously, you are qualified to apply to participate on the Student Leadership Team for Connect.
- If you are interested, be sure to fill out the Leadership Team section on the Connect Application. There are limited leadership spots available. Therefore, application for leadership doesn't mean you are automatically on the SLT. If you fill out the leadership section, you will be contacted.
- This team will also need to be available **the morning of Tuesday, June 25** for preparation and training prior to the other students arriving that afternoon.

Questions? Contact Taylor: 717.501.2222 or tsharp@yorkalliance.org.

Connect Application

Due Wednesday, April 24, 2024 to Taylor Sharp

Before you start filling this out, please take time to pray asking God to help you. Ask him to show you how he wants you to be involved in this trip. Pray that he would build this team according to his plans, not ours. Ask him to give us hearts that love and are willing to serve others. Prayer must be our first work. Stop and pray before beginning to fill out the application.

Name: _____ 2024-2025 Grade: _____

Current Age: _____ Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy): ____ / ____ / _____

Favorite Snack Food: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Student Cell #: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____

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Parent's Phone #: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Please take your time answering these questions honestly and completely. If you need more paper, feel free to staple additional sheets to your application.

Why are you applying to serve during Connect?

What do your parents/guardians think about your desire to participate in Connect? (If you don't know, ask them!)

What is a specific way you want to see God use you this summer?

How do you feel about sharing your faith with other people? Have you ever shared with someone about Jesus?

If you have participated in Connect in previous years, what are you hoping will be different this year?

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Leader Application

(Must have completed 9th grade. Requires previous Connect experience.)

Why would you like to have a leadership position during this work?

What skills / gifting do you have that will aid in your ability to act in a leadership role?

Parent/Guardian Commitment

I have read this application and the information sheet containing the details of the mission trip. I have discussed this trip with my student and we understand the preparation and financial commitments. I will pray for and with my child regarding their involvement and I support their participation in this mission work.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____