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St. Paul Youth Mission Trip

Denise Wilson and the St. Paul youth spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on August 16 about their mission trip to New Orleans. They were gone June 15-22. Fifteen youth and three leaders made the trip.



The trip was arranged by Youth Works out of Minneapolis. About 70 people participate per site and there are 70+ sites across the country.

The youth participated in Excite, 2nd Harvest, Ark, and Boys and Girls Club of New Orleans. Excite is a sports camp that includes activities like canoeing. Most of the activities are at Joe Brown Memorial Park and about 150-160 youth participate every day.

2nd Harvest is working at a food pantry that serves over 250,000 people every year. The youth mainly sort and organize.

Ark is a project where Marti-Gras beads are recycled. Mentally handicapped people are employed. The youth also visited a nursing home and Boys and Girls Club. The New Orleans Saints support the Boys and Girls Club, for ages 6 to 13.

The focus of the trip this year was on building relationships. On the trip they stayed in a Lutheran Church. The church had a trauma dog to help people. While there they visited different churches, including Pentecostal church where the Duck Dynasty actors go.

Every day they had a morning devotional – Live Like Jesus. Club time was in the evening. Thursday was foot washing. Next year they plan to go to a rural town that is within a one day drive. The cost of the trip was about \$600 per person and the youth had to raise \$250 personally.

ZION Youth Mission Trip

Adam Magill accompanied 16 youth to the Summer Games in Covington, Georgia on July 5-12. This is the second year he attended this camp. The camp is for discipleship training for 5th grade through college. The trainers are college youth.

The bus picked up 50+ people from the area. They left on Saturday and returned on Saturday, with 5 days at camp. There were 300 youth at the camp.

Monday was altar call for Faith and Renewal. They form huddle groups where the leaders go to grab youth. Each huddle group is 6-10 youth. The huddle groups stay together all week, but compete with other huddle groups. The sports include football, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee.

Monday was altar call. Tuesday was pray with a friend. Wednesday was foot washing where they wrote their sins on their feet with markers. Their leaders washed off the markers.



Thursday was a crucifixion pageant. The pageant included Roman soldiers and people on the cross. It started with them singing Christmas songs. Friday was open mike.

Each day they have two huddle groups. They also have two large group worship times each day.

To raise money for the trip they used the can kennel, sold pizza cards, and donuts.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on August 16. Gary Funkhouser provided jokes. Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Judy Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Chad Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, and Keith Denton provided jokes.

Ty Castle and Emily Kudron received their scholarship awards. Ty will go to Northwestern Missouri State, majoring in physical therapy. Emily will go to the University of Northern Iowa, majoring in Elementary Education.

When asked what they like about High School in Treynor, Ty said he likes the community support. Emily likes the small size where you can participate in everything.



For auction items, peppers sold to Denise for \$2, Onions to Arlyn for \$3 and hot peppers to Judy for \$1

Keith Denton contributed to the Youth Fund because he dropped his keys in the lake and found them with a magnet. Kirk Vorthmann, Keith Denton, and Chuck Nielsen contributed for Chuck's wife having foot surgery. Judy contributed because the Iowa State Fair had a picture of 97,000 graduates and Mick was featured. She was also happy that Dee was back.

Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, and Bill Vorthmann helped the Silver Keg Feeders with can kennel sorting. The school paid the club \$288 for helping with parking for softball and baseball.

Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 drawing. Bill Vorthmann won the attendance drawing. There were 19 members and 19 guests at the meeting.