

Los Angeles Service Trip: April 1 - 7, 2023

Mission

The Los Angeles Service Trip works through an organization called Union Rescue Mission (URM), whose mission is to embrace people with the compassion of Christ, and whose ultimate vision is helping men, women, and children experiencing homelessness to get off the streets and find their way home. As a team, the King's Academy will partner with URM to serve the needs of inner-city communities, both materially and spiritually. This can take on any number of forms, but generally, the types of needs remain fairly consistent - all people need food, water, clothing, and Jesus - and URM transforms lives through meeting these material needs and ministering through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no doubt about it - the depraved landscape of the inner city is significantly different from most other service trip locations. But God is still powerfully at work there. Nineveh, that great city of many years ago, was turned completely around by the eventual obedience of just one person - Jonah - fulfilling his calling to bring God's word to the city. Los Angeles is another great city where God's message is truly needed today, and where even one person from TKA can help share that Good News.

Goals

Students will provide service to inner-city residents alongside other leaders and participants. Team members will likely experience settings that may be uncomfortable, and they may be around others who may make them feel uncomfortable. This is not an opportunity for team members to compare levels of bravado, but to bring love and compassion where there has been mostly emptiness and disdain. Team members will be challenged to grow new eyes for service, new ears for compassion, new thoughts for responding, and new hearts for people living in the city.

Itinerary

April 1	Depart TKA and drive to LA; set up camp
April 2 - 6	Various Service Projects
April 7	Return to TKA

Housing

For four nights, we will sleep in sleeping bags in tents atop the URM main building site in Skid Row, with girls in one area and boys in another. For two nights, we will sleep in sleeping bags on the floor of a local church. There is one adult leader among each group of five (5) students. Limited showering is typically available.

Food

While staying at URM, most meals are available through their cafeteria. Some lunches will be self prepared sack lunches. While staying at the church, we will be responsible for preparing our own meals. Meals on travel days are not included.

Cost - \$800

This covers food, lodging and transportation. Food on travel days (April 1 and April 7, 2023) will be a required additional expense.

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Please note: information is subject to change.