

Navajo Nation, Arizona Service Trip: April 2 - 7, 2023

Mission

Our team will have the unique opportunity to live and work among the Navajo as we travel with Experience Mission. We will partner with a local church and serve under their guidance to meet the needs that they feel are the most important for the health of their community. Projects will primarily be of a construction nature and will focus on helping local families or the local church.

Goals

Students will have a truly cross-cultural experience as they spend time on the Reservation and listen to stories from the Navajo people who continue to live on the land of their ancestors. Unemployment among the Navajo is very high and alcoholism and drug use are severe issues. For some, it is a struggle to keep adequate food and nutrition, and proper home maintenance is at times unattainable. This is an opportunity for our students to genuinely impact those who are struggling by serving to meet tangible needs. Students will be challenged to grow in compassion and love for others. Students will be introduced to mission work that they may not have realized is available here in the U.S.

Itinerary

April 2	Fly to Arizona; drive rental vans to the Reservation; dinner and orientation upon arrival
April 3 - 6	Serve at worksites 8:30 - 4:00; dinner and evening gathering each night
April 7	Depart Reservation after breakfast; drive to the airport and fly home

Housing

We will be staying at a local church, sleeping on the floor. Students will bring air mattresses and warm sleeping bags. There is no running water or showers. We will use clean water that is brought in and we will use outhouses. The church will have electricity.

Food

Meals are provided and prepared by Mission Experience staff including dinner on arrival day and breakfast on departure day. Team members will bring their own plate, bowl, cup, and utensils for meals (not disposable; you will wash them after each meal). Other meals on travel days are not included.

Cost - \$1500

This covers roundtrip airfare, van rental, meals, and lodging. Baggage fee for flights and food for meals on travel days (April 2 and April 7, 2023) may be a required additional expense.

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Please note: information is subject to change.