

# CHICAGO '26

## JULY 20-24

CHICAGO '26 is Granger Student Ministries' (GSM) short-term mission trip for middle school students taking place July 20-24. We have taken great steps on this trip in the past and this year will be no different! We will continue working with local ministry partners in Chicago as our students take their next step, serving God's people.

### WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

We will be connecting with several great organizations in the Chicago area. Students will have the opportunity to serve in many different ways, such as: serving at camps, taking steps to share about God with others, serving at a food pantry, volunteering at a community center and other local ministries in the Chicago area. Our desire is to meet both physical and spiritual needs of the community we are serving.

### HOW MUCH DOES CHICAGO '26 COST?

This trip will cost \$575 per person, which covers transportation to and around Chicago, hotel rooms, food for the entire trip, team shirt and team training. Students may want to have up to \$50 spending money while in Chicago for any possible souvenirs as well as snacks/beverages that they can store in their hotel room.

### HOW AM I GOING TO COME UP WITH \$575?

- Personal support letters
- Part-time jobs
- Pet sitting
- Mowing lawns
- Chores
- Babysitting

### WHAT A TYPICAL DAY LOOKS LIKE:

8 a.m.	Eat breakfast	5 p.m.	Depart for hotel/cleanup
8:30 a.m.	Quiet time	6 p.m.	Dinner/free time at hotel
9 a.m.	Small group time	8 p.m.	Debriefing/evening project
9:45 a.m.	Work at sites	10 p.m.	In hotel rooms
12 p.m.	Lunch	11 p.m.	Lights out
12:30 p.m.	Continued work at sites		

### TRAVEL & LODGING

We'll be traveling to and around Chicago via Granger Community Church vans. The team will meet at the Granger Campus the morning of Monday, July 20 and will be returning on Friday, July 24. We will attend the 5 p.m. service together as a team on Saturday, July 25. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2825 Greenspoint Parkway, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. A full itinerary including emergency contact numbers will be distributed to parents prior to the team's departure.



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## FOOD

All meals will be covered from Monday lunch through Friday dinner. Breakfasts will consist of a hot meal provided by the hotel. Lunch will be sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruit and water. Dinner will be at the mall food court, local restaurants, pizza and other group meals. Students will be able to bring snacks to keep in their room as well as any money they want for snacks from local convenience stores. Please contact [students@grangerchurch.com](mailto:students@grangerchurch.com) with specific dietary concerns or needs.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

There are no mandatory immunizations required for this trip. Students should, however, make sure their Tetanus shot is recent. Work sites are properly managed for safety, but they are still work sites. This can help alleviate any concerns for scratches and cuts that may happen.

## MEDICATIONS

Any prescribed medications will need to be brought to our attention in the original container. Each student's leader will be made aware of any medical concerns you would like them to know, and will remind your student to take their necessary medication. We will also have a first aid kit equipped with basic medical supplies.

## MANDATORY TEAM MEETINGS

- **Parents Attend:** Tuesday, February 17, 6:30–8:30 p.m. 4th-5th Grade Room
- Tuesday, March 31, 6:30–8:30 p.m. 4th-5th Grade Room
- Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Serve at #4Michiana together. Granger Campus (50% funds due)
- Tuesday, June 23, 6:30–8:30 p.m. 4th-5th Grade Room
- Sunday, July 19, 6:30–8 p.m. 4th-5th Grade Room (Team packing party)

Parents, you can attend the informational meeting on Tuesday, January 20 from 6:30–8 p.m. in the Lodge on the Lower Level of the Granger Campus to learn more about the trip and have your questions answered.

## APPLICATION

Please turn in your completed online application (which can be found by scanning the code below) and deposit by Wednesday, February 11. Once applications are received and processed, your student will be contacted by the Granger Student Ministries team with further details. Please contact us at [students@grangerchurch.com](mailto:students@grangerchurch.com) with any questions or concerns.



**100% OF FUNDS DUE: JUNE 29**

