

MSMISSION WKND 2022

WHAT ARE THE DATES?

Friday, November 18 - Sunday, November 20.

WHERE IS IT?

Fredericksburg, VA.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Any middle schooler (6th-8th) who is a part of Spotswood's Middle School Ministry and wants to serve people around Fredericksburg.

WHO WILL SERVE WHERE?

MSMission WKND attendees will be divided into groups of roughly 8 students and 2 adult leaders. As much as possible, we will group students together based on the Connect Group they attend. If a student is not a part of a Connect Group, we will assign them to a group based on their grade and gender. Each group will consist of exclusively guys or girls. We will assign groups to projects based on what is most age and gender appropriate.

WHAT ABOUT LOGGING?

All MSMission WKND attendees will go home each night. This is to ensure that the cost of the trip can remain low and make it so that as many middle schoolers can participate as possible.

TRANSPORTATION?

Each group will be assigned a vehicle (either borrowed or rented) that will fit the needs of the size of the group. One of the adults in the group will be responsible for transporting the group to and from the project site.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

Early Bird: \$50 (through October 26)
Regular Rate: \$75 (through November 9)

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Friday night, all MSMission WKND attendees will meet at the Student Building for a session of worship and training.

Saturday morning, attendees will meet at the Student Building and head out to their service projects. Each service projects will meet one of the following criteria:

- serves one of our local school partners <*
- serves one of our local community ministry partners <*
- serves one of Spotswood's widows <*
- serves one of Spotswood's community ministries <*

Projects could include painting, yard work, organizing storage, cleaning, writing encouraging notes, filling backpacks for newly pregnant mothers, light construction, etc.

That night they will meet back at the church for a session of worship, teaching, and celebration.

Sunday morning, students will meet in their groups to talk about what God did and then head to the Sanctuary for worship at the 11:00a service.

WHY DOES IT COST?

Despite it being a local event, there are still a number of expenditures that necessitate a cost for participants: meals, project supplies, rental vehicles, gas, shirts, water, etc. We want to be a blessing to these organization, some of which can't afford the supplies needed to execute these projects. The cost of the trip is another way we can love on these people and organizations.

WILL WE BE FEED?

All MSMission WKND participants will be provided the following meals: Lunch (Sat), Dinner (Sat), Breakfast (Sun), as well as snacks and water throughout the day. Please note that participants will need to eat dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday before arriving for check-in.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

We ask that all attendees specify their dietary restrictions when they fill out the online registration form. All meals will be nut free. Accommodations will be made available for gluten and dairy free participants upon request. If you require any other accommodations, we ask that you provide your meals for the event in order to maintain the safest situation possible.

CAN WE MISS ANY OF IT?

MSMission WKND is designed for attendees to participate in the entire event. That being said, we understand that middle schoolers may need to step away for prior engagements. If this is your situation, you may request a time away form by emailing Karin at msm@spotswood.org. Parents/guardians will be responsible for picking their middle schooler up and dropping him/her back off according to the times specified in the time away form.

WHO ARE THE VOLUNTEERS?

In most cases, one or both of a middle schooler's Connect Group Leaders will serve as a group's primary volunteer(s). In some cases we will supplement these groups with other student ministry volunteers and/or key parents of middle schoolers in that group. If you would like to volunteer as a leader for your middle schooler's group, please email Karin at msm@spotswood.org.

WHAT IF WE CAN'T PAY?

There are a limited number of partial and full scholarships available for those students who can't afford to participate otherwise. The amount of each scholarship will be determined on a case by case basis. If you would like to inquire about a scholarship, please email Karin at msm@spotswood.org.

MEDICAL NEEDS?

It is Spotswood Students' policy that middle schoolers are not allowed to administer their own medication. We ask that any prescription medication students will or might need to take while participating in this event be specified on their registration form (please specify the dosage). When participants check-in, they will need to turn in that prescription in the original container.

Medication and any needed first aid will be administered by the participant's group leaders.

Exceptions are provided for medications that require the student to administer the medication (epipens, insulin, etc.). If your student is in this situation, please alert student ministry staff. We also think it would be wise to provide back up medication with instructions to the student ministry just to be prepared in case of emergency.

In case of emergency, we will seek medical care based on the information you provide in the registration form. We will also contact you to coordinate that care.

WILL THERE BE SWAG?

Participants will be provided with an exclusive "Be Light" Student Ministry shirt. While other "Be Light" shirts will be produced throughout the next couple of years, this particular design will be exclusive to MSMission WKND.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Visit spotswood.org/students and click on the MSMission WKND Banner to access the online registration form.

WHAT'S THE SCHEDULE?

FRIDAY

6:15p	Check In	Student Building: Patio
7:00p	Session #1	Student Building: MS Auditorium
9:00p	Hang Out	Student Building
9:30p	Check Out	Student Building: Patio

SATURDAY

7:00a	Check-in	Student Building: Patio
7:30a	Depart for Projects	Student Building: Parking Lot
8:00a	Morning Projects	Designated Sites
12:00p	Depart for Church	Designated Sites
12:15p	Lunch	Student Building: Patio, Warehouse Café, Lobby
1:00p	Depart for Projects	Student Building: Parking Lot
1:15p	Afternoon Projects	Designated Sites
6:15p	Depart for Church	Designated Sites
6:30p	Dinner	Student Building: Patio, Warehouse Café, Lobby
7:30p	Session #2	Student Building: MS Auditorium
9:00p	Hang Out	Student Building
9:30p	Check-Out	Student Building: Patio

SUNDAY

8:45a	Check-In	Student Building: Patio
9:00a	Breakfast	Student Building: Warehouse Café, CG Rooms
9:30a	Small Group	Student Building: CG Rooms
11:00a	Morning Worship	Spotswood Sanctuary

CHECK IN / CHECK OUT?

A parent/guardian is required to check his/her middle schooler in and out from the event every time. Please come in with your middle schooler to check-in. Please also come in and officially check your student out with our Engage team.

WHY LOCAL?

Because of the Pandemic, Spotswood's middle schoolers have been unable to have any kind of mission trip since the summer of 2019. That was the summer that our current 9th graders were in 6th grade. That means that none of our current middle schoolers have had the opportunity to do missions with Spotswood's Student Ministry. In addition, the current economy has made it difficult for us to put on a cost effective trip elsewhere and for participants to be able to afford it. Doing a local, weekend event gives our middle schoolers an easier, more cost-effective opportunity to get their missional feet wet. An added benefit is that our middle schoolers will be able to learn about all of the ways Spotswood is ministering to people around our community.