

July 2 - 9
2011

St. Catharines
Ontario, Canada

MISSION: 360

Mission 360 is an 8 day mission trip experience for high school students hosted in the heart of St. Catharines, Ontario. We will encourage you to move beyond thinking of a short-term mission trip as a one-time service "event". We want to help you recognize that it's part of a long term strategy for teaching individuals about social justice, missional living, and God's heart for community.

What is the Niagara Region like? Weather

The Niagara Region has a population of 427,421 and is comprised of twelve different cities. It is known for its tourism, among many other things. The biggest tourism "pull" is the entire Niagara Falls area, bringing many of our 12 million visitors each year to the Niagara Region. The main geographical feature of the region is the Niagara Escarpment, running in an east-west direction. The best known portion of the escarpment is where it meets the Niagara River, creating the beautiful Niagara Falls. The region is well known for wine-making due to the fertile land. It is home to some of the best farmland in Canada. Elsewhere in the region, in the vicinity of the escarpment, there are many parks and conservation areas to be explored, many smaller waterfalls to be seen, and many great views to be found.

There is a high rate of poverty and homelessness in the Niagara Region. 15% of the adult population and 16% of the children live below the poverty line, much of this stemming from the fact that the working people of the Niagara Region have the lowest average income in all of Ontario.

- On average, the warmest month is July and the coldest month is February.
- September is the wettest month with an average of 34 inches of precipitation.
- The average temperature in the summer is 24C.
- The average temperature in the winter is -7C.

What will we be doing?

We will be serving the Niagara Region by participating in light construction projects at different organizations in the area. We will also be serving the elderly, developmentally disabled and homeless that are living in our region, as well as assisting with community outreach programs.



"The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve" -Albert Schweitzer



Where will we be staying?

We will be staying in classrooms at Southridge Community Church.

How much does it cost?

The total cost of Mission 360 is \$300.00, and is due May 1st, 2011 with all the attached forms entirely filled out. This price includes lodging, food as well as all extra curricular activities.

What about some R&R time?

We will be going to Sherston Shores for a half day of water slides, swimming in the quarry, mini put, beach volleyball, and food!

Who can I contact?

For any questions concerning Mission 360, please contact Sophia Attema at, sattema@southridge.cc

All costs are directly related to registration, food and lodging, therefore we do not give out tax receipts for the trips or for donations made toward any participant's trip.

Please put payments in an enclosed envelope marked "Mission 360 Attention: Brad Gesch". Make cheques payable to Southridge Community Church. Drop off your filled out application form and deposit at the welcome centre or mail to:

Southridge Community Church
201 Glenridge Avenue
St. Catharines, ON, Canada
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southridge.cc/mission360

Schedule

Saturday, July 2, 3:30-5pm - Registration, Welcome, Orientation

Sunday, July 3 - service at a local church & Jamaica Dinner

Monday - Friday

6:30am-Wake-up

7:00am-Breakfast/Prepare Lunches

7:30am-Worship & Personal Devotions

8:30am-Leave for Worksites

12:00pm-Lunch on site

4:00pm-Arrive back at Southridge/Free Time

5:30pm-Supper

6:30pm-Chores

6:30pm-Leaders meeting

7:00pm-Session/Worship

8:00pm-Small Groups

10:00pm-Snack/Free Time

10:30pm-In Rooms

11:00pm-Lights Out

Monday - Bus Tour Thursday - Dinner at Pine Trail

Friday, July 8 - Sherston Shores in Afternoon & Talent Show in evening

Saturday, July 9, 10:30 - Pickup & head home

All Parents welcome to join us for our worship and debrief on the last evening, Friday, July 8 at 7pm.

Can I help out?

This year at Mission 360, we really want to include our entire community in the experience. We have a few different volunteer options, that we would love for you to consider!

Kitchen Volunteer

Prayer Partner

Set Up

Clean Up

Registration Assistant

If you're interested, on the registration form, there is a spot to fill out in regards to volunteering. Just get this in to Southridge as soon as possible, and Sophia Attema will contact you!