

NY09 Trip Overview:

Thank you for your interest in New York City! We are excited to have you join us for a short-term outreach. Below is a lot of information on what your week will look like and details you will need to prepare. Please look over this packet and if you have any questions, feel free to contact Cody Mummau (moose@frontlinestudent.com)

Housing

YWAM Metro New York operates from a beautiful campus in Smithtown, Long Island. Our dorms are furnished with wooden bunk beds and dressers and newly renovated bathrooms. The cafeteria is patterned after an Italian trattoria, and food is prepared in a full industrial kitchen. Meetings will take place in our large theater equipped with projector, soundboard, and large stage. In the back of the theater are pool tables and in the lobby are flat screen computers for free time.

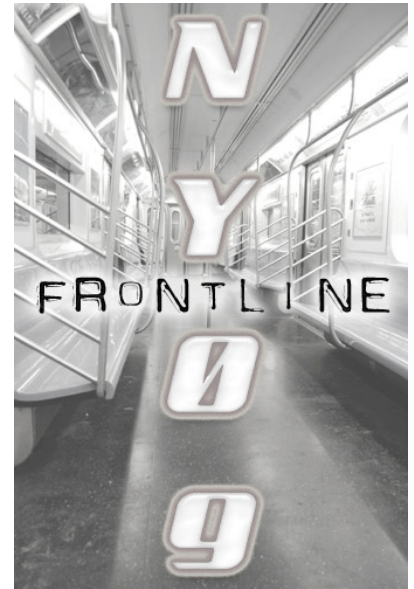
Meals

Breakfast will be provided every morning by YWAM staff at the Smithtown base, along with a packed lunch. Dinner will be included in your registration costs and will vary ethnically each night. Lunch and/or dinner meals on the team's free day will not be provided in registration costs, but YWAM staff will advise on places to eat and make reservations for your team if necessary.

Breakfast will consist of hot & cold cereal, fresh fruit, different bakery items, and juice. Packed lunches will consist of cold cuts, cheese, and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, chips, snacks, granola bars, fruit, and bottled water. We do want you to eat healthy and eat enough, so you will have energy to serve the Lord during your week here.

Drinking water is also very important, especially during the summer months. It is a great idea to bring a refillable water bottle with you. Tap water in New York is very clean.

If any team member has a food allergy, please let us know before your the time of travel, and we will be happy to accommodate for you.



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August 1-8, 2009

Transportation**Arrivals/Departures**

We will be traveling by Amtraak from Burlington, NC to New York City and then on the Long Island Railroad to Smithtown.

Ministry Travel

We are purchasing Long Island Railroad tickets for our team to take the train each day straight into midtown Manhattan and take the subway from there. This is covered in your registration cost.

Each team member will also receive a 7-day subway pass with their registration.

Chaperones

We will be arranging for 1 chaperone for every 5 students under the age of 18.

YWAM Hosts

YWAM staff will accompany us to lead and direct your team in all aspects of your trip. Since we are staying at the Smithtown campus, they will be on sight with us in the staff housing facilities overnight. YWAM staff will be with or near the team through all ministry and activities throughout the day. All staff are full-time, unsalaried volunteers. Their expenses accrued while leading our team will be covered through registration costs, but if we have the opportunity to cover unexpected costs, it is greatly appreciated.

Deposit Schedule

March 15th: \$100 Deposit Due

April 19th: \$175 Payment

May 13th: \$175 Payment

June 14th: \$175 Payment

July 8th: \$175 Payment

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Late Payments

To ensure that we are covering costs on our end, it is very important that payments are received on time. If a payment is over one week late, a fee of 15% of the due amount will be charged to the team balance. Therefore, please make fundraising and communication with FSM Leaders on your progress a HIGH priority.

Outreach Ministry

We have a heart to offer outreach opportunities that stirs up and compliments the gifts God has placed in your team. A basic schedule will include Prayer Stations, homeless ministry, children's ministry, social awareness projects, and service projects. They are purposely varied to help each team member find their own place of ministry, and ministry locations are scattered across the boroughs to give a feel for the wide diversity of people that need the Lord here in New York City.

We want to dive into the real issues in the city, and sometimes it can get messy or even uncomfortable. God many times calls us into rough areas, and we strive to be wise without shrinking back from the work of the Lord. He always is faithful to us as we are faithful to Him. But it is advisable that a team member that has been sheltered from some of the greater hardships of life be well prepared to be stretched. Please refer to the Preparation page for our advice on how to prepare , and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call us and we will be more than happy to talk.

Inreach Ministry

We don't just desire for our team members to have opportunities to reach out to others, but also to personally grow. Active ministry is a huge way that God teaches and stretches us, and so many times during a week of outreach, we need time to process what is going on in our own hearts. Therefore, we always set aside periods of the day for our team to have in-reach times.

Since we are staying in Smithtown, each morning we will provide one hour in the main meeting room before breakfast for the team members to come for as long as they like to spend personal time with the Lord. After breakfast each morning we will have a group devotional, prayer time, and debrief for the day. The group devotionals can be lead by YWAM staff, the team leaders, or whoever might feel a particular message or encouragement from the Lord to share.

At the end of each day, the team will gather in the main meeting room for debriefing sessions so the team can share verbally what they learned or experienced that day. YWAM staff enjoys being present in these meetings, but prefers you as the team leader to direct these times and grow closer to your team.

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Currently YWAM does not have any musicians on their staff, so if there is a team member that is talented in leading worship, we would love for them to bring along their guitar or keyboard to add worship into the group meetings.

Fun Stuff

During our team's trip to New York City, we will participate in a lot of ministry, but we believe in having fun too! We love showing visitors the city, and there are always more than enough sites to see during your trip. Your schedule will be intermingled with ministry and site-seeing and will include one full free day.

After all team members have submitted a deposit, YWAM will create your team's schedule and send it to the team leader for approval.

Preparations

When you arrive in New York, the YWAM staff will provide hands on training for the specific ministries you will be involved in, but they do not provide overall ministry training. Therefore it is important for you be a part of our team training and prepare for being involved in urban ministry. Here are a few areas that we will focus on.

Prepare Your Testimony

You will talk to many people in the city and get into some great and sometimes complex conversations. Although theology is important to know, sometimes it is not practical time-wise to learn. But nothing speaks stronger than a personal testimony. Take the time to remember all the ways God has moved in your life. Let the Holy Spirit bring to remembrance things that might have even been forgotten. When they are fresh in your mind, they are easier to bring into conversation. Especially remember your salvation story.

Search Your Heart

Make you are prepared spiritually and that unrepented sin is not holding you back. Reconcile broken relationships, especially among other team members. Focus on why they are participating in this trip and move past any self-seeking reasons.

Study the Issues

Your homework assignment is to research some of the issues that you will be faced with once you are here. Some of those issues would be gentrification, homelessness, drug & alcohol abuse, gang issues, and postmodern culture. We encourage the team to move past facts and figures and let it touch your hearts.

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Pray!

The greatest way to gain a heart for a place, issue, or person and to prepare yourself is to pray. Gather the issues, concerns, fears, and excitements of the team and bring them before the Lord together. We will continue to learn about how to pray. Everything YWAM Metro New York does in the city is bathed in prayer and as you will be ministering alongside us, you will also be praying alongside us. It is the most effective ministry we do.

Practice at Home

Be a part of Loaves & Fishes on the 2nd Saturday of each month from now until August. Seek out the destitute or lonely in your town, and spend an afternoon talking with them. Set up a fun day for kids at a local park. Scrub down your church's sanctuary.

When you return from New York, we want to see our team reaching out to our hometown and moving to a place where ministry is a common occurrence and desire of your hearts.

Guidelines from YWAM

Below are the main guidelines that we expect each team to abide by during their time working with YWAM Metro New York. We ask the team leaders to support and enforce these guidelines alongside the YWAM staff, especially in areas of team conduct.

Accommodations

Your team will receive specific guidelines to your accommodations once you arrive.

Electronic Devices

We discourage team members from bringing unnecessary electronic equipment with them to New York City, including iPods, mp3 players, digital cameras, cell phones, computers, video cameras. We will not prohibit these items being brought, but advise that the majority of the team leave them at home. We find it works best for team leaders to take pictures and video and provide cell phones when needed to help team members stay focused.

FSM TRANSLATION: No Cell Phones, No Computers, No iPod Touch, No Mp3 players... yes you will survive. Cameras may be brought at your own risk.

Cameras will be prohibited during ministry times for everyone except one designated team leader. YWAM staff will debrief this leader on the best way to take ministry pictures while being sensitive to the people we are ministering to.

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Dress Code

During ministry days, girls must wear either jeans or shorts/skirts that **reach their knees** and shirts with sleeves (short sleeves are fine, no tank tops) and decent necklines. During the summer months, it is most comfortable for females to wear skirts. During ministry days, guys must wear a shirt with sleeves (short sleeves are fine, no tank tops) and cover their underwear. This dress code is for the team member's protection and will be enforced without hesitation by FSM and YWAM staff.

During free time, the dress code will default back to your ministry's standards, but we ask that it continue to be modest dress. YWAM reserves the right to request a team member to change clothes if we feel their dress is inappropriate.

Illegal Possessions

The illegal possession of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs is absolutely prohibited. If a team member or leader is caught illegally possessing any of these, they will be sent home at their expense. Firearms, weapons, knives, and explosives are also prohibited, and if they are found, they will be confiscated by YWAM staff. If a team member or leader endangers anyone by using these, they will be sent home immediately at their expense.

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What to Bring

Refillable water bottles- It is essential to keep hydrated, especially in the hot summer months. Tap water in the city is clean.

Great walking shoes- You will be walking a TON!!!! Break them in before you get here. We advise well-supported, open sandals like Texas, Reefs, or Crocs for the summer teams

Sun block

Sunglasses

Shower shoes

Shower caddy

Decent sleeping attire

Bible & journal- a small pocket Bible works great on the streets

Identification

Bedding for twin size bed or sleeping bag

Backpack- good idea to share between several people

Girls: purses that zip or close

Spending money

Umbrella and/or rain jacket

A watch

Summer teams: loose fitting clothes, girls we advise bringing skirts (to the knee in length please)

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