What: 2026 Mission Trip

Who: BCov Youth in 8th-12th grades

Where: Anchorage, Alaska

When: June 27-July 4

Why: To spread the love of Jesus! To learn about the people and the culture of Alaska! To explore God's amazing creation! To grow in our relationships with God and with one another! To witness firsthand that God is at work outside of our familiar home!

Dress Code: Your regular clothes- come as you are! (But for goodness' sake, wear a clean shirt every day ♥)

RSVP: Register online at https://covchurch.regfox.com/merge-bloomington-bloomington-mn and pay your deposit of \$275 on the Church Center app by Jan. 4. registering early is highly encouraged for maximum fundraising time and to save your spot. The size of our group is capped at 14 due to transportation and housing limitations.

Other Helpful Info:

Mission: The bulk of our volunteering hours will be spent planning and providing VBS for 25-50 neighborhood children in a local park in Anchorage each weekday evening. During the day, we will be participating in an act of service for the unhoused community in Anchorage, and we will be learning about the Indigenous peoples, cultures, and arts of Alaska.

Excursions: We will have a couple of opportunities to get out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors: hikes, waterfalls, even whale watching!

Cost: We anticipate the entire cost of the trip to be around \$1500/person including flights, lodging, and meals. After fundraising efforts, we hope to keep the total out of pocket expense to about \$600/person. We do not want any student to miss out due to cost. Contact Erin or Jess with any questions.

3 Important Payment Due Dates:

- Sunday, January 4 (\$275 deposit)
- Sunday, March 1 (\$300)
- Sunday, May 3 (any remaining balance after fundraising)

Fundraising: Many opportunities to participate!

- Sat. Dec. 13, afternoon: Lefse making and bake sale set-up
- Sun. Dec. 14: Lefse Sale/Bake Sale after BCov Kids Christmas program
- Sat. Dec. 20: BCov Christmas Cantata (all ticket donations will go toward the Alaska trip); Ben would love any interested students who sing/play an instrument to participate!
- Sat. Mar. 28: Prep and set up for pancake breakfast
- Sun. Mar. 29: Palm Sunday pancake breakfast

We will also be doing two individual fundraisers: A Calendar Fundraiser and a Droolin' Moose Chocolate Sale. We will add additional fundraisers if needed.

Contact Info

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