

TRANSFORMATION ZONE OVERVIEW



Transformation Zone is a local mission experience birthed out of a desire for students to experience missions locally and make an impact in the Central Ohio area. For years, students have gone on mission trips, and we have taught them that they can have the same impact in their own communities when they return home. In 2008, a number of youth leaders joined together to create a local mission trip that would make those words a reality. Youth ministries around Ohio gather together in Marysville for a week of serving our community. We go into Union, Franklin, Madison, and Delaware Counties to partner with ministries and share the love of God with our neighbors.

At Transformation Zone, we spend our week serving the people of Central Ohio at 15-20 sites, and each evening we will come together for worship, meals, and lodging at Marysville First United Methodist Church. We are located 40 minutes from downtown Columbus and within 30 minutes of most of our service sites throughout the week.

The mission week begins with registration at 3:30 on Sunday, July 9. That evening we will get to know one another and go through training for the week ahead. Monday-Friday, we will start the morning with breakfast, then have devotional time, and head out to our work sites. During the day's lunch break, work teams will have lunch devotions together, and discuss where they are seeing God at work in their project. There is space each afternoon for showers and free time, and after dinner, we will worship together and then have church group time. Wednesday afternoon, full week participants gather at Zoombezi Bay – Columbus' outdoor waterpark – for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. In each of our evening services, our goal is to help students grow closer to God through worship and learn about how He desires to transform their lives and through them, transform the world. We will end the week with a celebration service on Friday afternoon and depart for home at 5:00 p.m.

Here is a glimpse of what we did in 2016. We had 180 participants who worked hard serving our neighbors! We built 7 porches, 9 sets of stairs, and repaired over a dozen handrails at a Columbus Mobile Home park, reached about 100 children at various VBS sites, visited 2 nursing homes, sorted donations for free stores here and for items to be shipped overseas, performed 7 puppet shows, packed 10,000 meals, and more!

Students left saying things like this:

"I have learned the best way to show I am a Christian is not by knowing facts but by **loving** everyone because they are children of God."

"My life is **changed forever**, awesome week! One of the best in my life!"

"This is a fantastic program and an awesome way to engage youth in all different ministries"

Transformation Zone 2017 will take place July 9-14. If you are interested in more details about this mission experience before you register, go to www.tzonemissions.org or contact us at tzonemissions@gmail.com. **The cost is \$125 per participant for the full week. Space is limited. A \$50 deposit per participant holds your spot. Online registration OPENS November 1st, 2016 at our website. All funds are non-refundable.**

Here are some of the nuts and bolts of our week.

Our theme for 2017 is “Celebrate”. “The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.”
Psalm 126:3.

Our week-long camp is open to exiting seventh through exiting twelfth graders in Spring 2017. The total cost for each full week participant is \$125 (the deposit is \$50). Our two day-camp is open to exiting fifth and sixth graders in Spring 2017 and runs from Sunday – Tuesday (5pm pick up). The cost for these participants is \$50. Registration and nonrefundable deposits are due no later than **March 1st** but again remember that space is limited so get your registration and deposit in as soon as possible.

Our payment/ mailing address is:

Marysville First United Methodist Church
207 S. Court St.
Marysville, Oh 43040

Please make all checks out to Marysville First United Methodist Church.

After your church is registered online, you will receive a link to our Tzone forms that all adults and students must electronically complete. Final payment and completed electronic forms are due **June 1st**.

The cost includes lodging, all meals, a camp t-shirt, material for work projects, and, for our full week participants, our Wednesday afternoon special free day trip!

Meals

Provisions are made in the kitchen for students with nut allergies or vegetarian needs. All other special food needs will need to be provided by the individual.

Breakfast: Breakfast begins promptly at 7:30. Participants will sit in your work teams as you eat a hot breakfast that may also include cereal, pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee.

Lunch: A “brown bag” lunch will be packed each morning and eaten at the work site. Sandwiches, potato chips, fruit, and cookies will be provided. Sandwich toppings include: peanut butter, jelly, ham, turkey, cheese, and condiments.

Supper: Different churches from participating Transformation Zone groups will provide dinner for us each evening, including a salad bar, and dessert. Participants are welcome to sit at any table for this meal.

Work Crews

We make every effort to place adults in crews where their gifts will be best placed. Our goal is to place adults in work crews before the week begins in order to match adult skills with site needs. After your adults are placed in crews, we will assign your church the appropriate tools needed for those sites.

Chores

The work teams will take turns with the basic housekeeping chores at the center. These will include cleaning the chapel, game room, lobby, sleeping quarters, bathrooms, and dining area. All members of the work team are expected to participate in keeping the church clean through daily chores.

Programs

In addition to participating in transformation for the Central Ohio area throughout the week, Transformation Zone desires to foster spiritual transformation through our on-site programming. All participants are expected to participate in morning quiet time/devotions in the sanctuary, lunch time devotions with their work crew, church group time, and evening worship. Our evening worship consists of a band and engaging speakers that will challenge and encourage participants.

In addition, we will have daily free time and activities for students and adults to participate in each afternoon.

Adult Leaders

The T-Zone Leaders are excited about facilitating your mission experience. However, we cannot do it alone. ***Each adult will be expected to:***

- 1 Be *at least* 21 years of age
- 2 Participate in all T-Zone activities (i.e. meals, meetings, devotionals and chapel)
- 3 Oversee his or her own youth to:
 - ***Enforce lights out*** at 10:30 pm
 - Make sure your team is present for breakfast, devotionals, dinner and chapel
 - Assist with general supervision of youth for safety at the work site
 - Assist with general supervision of youth while at the T-Zone building
 - Oversee work with the daily chores
 - Be an example to the youth by following the rules on the following page
- 4 Ultimately, it will be expected that *every adult leader "lead" by example*. Adult participation is vital to the success of the T-Zone ministry. The attitudes and actions of the adult leaders will be reflected in the attitudes and actions of the youth. Help us enhance the experience of the youth by demonstrating a positive, Christ-like and servant-oriented example. *We can lead only as far as we ourselves have been.*
- 5 Provide supervision and necessary discipline/correction for the teens in their work team during the work day.

Wireless internet access will be available for *youth leaders* to communicate with their churches

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us:

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We look forward to partnering with your church and youth for Transformation Zone 2017

RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT

- Christ-like conduct is expected at all times.
- Know the camp schedule and be on time!
- *At least* one adult leader must sleep in each room with their youth.
- We strongly discourage use of electronics while at T-Zone, such as cell phones, ipods, ipads, mp3 players, or game systems. **If students bring any of these items, they may only be used in your sleeping room between the hours of 4:00-5:30 p.m. – not on work sites, during programs, or in public areas. If used improperly during the week, you will be asked to put device away and/or it may be confiscated for the week.**
- Showers are to be taken *only* between 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Dress:
 - No sandals or open-toed shoes while at work sites; *tennis shoes or boots only.*
 - No spaghetti straps, revealing necklines, tank tops, or cut-off shirts for guys or girls; *you must wear a t-shirt*
 - Guys: keep your shirts on at all times; no muscle shirts
 - Girls: no short-shorts (i.e. MJ Softe shorts, etc.). *Shorts must be past fingertip length.*
 - No shirts/pants with questionable messages or images will be permitted.
 - Girls: One-piece or tankini swimsuits must be worn at Zoombezi Bay. *No stomach-baring suits are allowed.*
- No pranks or practical jokes
- No students are allowed in the kitchen
- No males are allowed in the females' sleeping areas; no females are allowed in the males' sleeping areas
- No public displays of affection
- Chores will be done by your work team before leaving for your site in the morning – work speedily and together!
- Do not leave the church property unattended at any time; *you must be with an adult* and in a group of three to leave the premises.
- We advise that you be very considerate of where you leave money and valuables; *T-Zone and Marysville FUMC are not responsible for lost or stolen items*
- No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, or weapons of any kind are permitted at any time during the week
- Intentional violence, vandalism, or use of any illegal substance (tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc) will result in removal from the camp.
- Lights out:
 - Be upstairs by 10:00 pm to get ready for bed
 - At 10:30 pm, lights out!
 - Adult leaders are responsible for their youth to stay in bed after this time

PACKING LIST

- Air mattress, cot, or foam pad (twin-size only due to limited sleeping space unless sharing)
- Sleeping bag
- Blanket & pillow (the rooms get cold at night!)
- Bible, journal, & pen
- Reusable water bottle with name on it
- Any prescription medications (can be given to kitchen staff or kept with student)
- Jeans or long pants
- Work boots or closed-toed shoes
 - 5 sets of work clothes that may get ruined (shorts, t-shirts, socks, etc)
- Modest, comfortable casual clothes for evenings
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Laundry bag or plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Bandanna, hat, or visor
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Towels & washcloths
- Shower caddy or bag
- Shower shoes
- Swimsuit
- Beach towel
- Spending money
- Work gloves
- Ear plugs

Please refer to rules and make note of the dress code for the week, packing accordingly. Students will be required to change clothes if they do not meet dress code.

Wednesday is half-day free day. We will be going to Zoombezi Bay Water Park and the Columbus Zoo. Each individual is responsible for own snacks while at the park – this should be the only spending money needed for the week.

Please do not bring any of the following items: alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs.

WHAT CHURCHES NEED TO BRING

Bring AT LEAST ONE of each of the following per 8 students that you bring to the camp and label them clearly as they will be “public property” for the week:

1) First aid kit

First aid kits should include at minimum the following items:

- o sterile gauze
- o adhesive tape
- o adhesive bandages in several sizes
- o elastic bandage
- o antiseptic wipes
- o soap
- o antibiotic cream (triple-antibiotic ointment)
- o antiseptic solution (like hydrogen peroxide)
- o hydrocortisone cream (1%)
- o acetaminophen and ibuprofen
- o tweezers and scissors
- o sunscreen
- o disposable instant cold packs
- o calamine lotion
- o alcohol wipes or ethyl alcohol
- o non-latex gloves (at least 2 pairs)
- o breathing barrier (with one-way valve)
- o thermometer
- o First aid instruction booklet

2) **Drink cooler**, such as a 5 gallon Igloo water jug

3) **Ice chest** to keep lunches, snacks and drinks cool.

Tools: Check with Amelia or Josh (your contact for registration and payments) to see if any specific tools are needed. (Please clearly label all items as they will be checked in on Sunday and returned on Friday)

Forms: Please bring 1 signed copy of our “Statement of Activities and Release of Liability Form” for each participant (youth and adults)

We also need adequate vehicles to drive to sites each day. For this reason, every church must bring transportation according to these specifications. Participant numbers include adults.

1-5 participants = 1 vehicle; 6-10 participants = 2 vehicles; 11-15 participants = 3 vehicles; etc.

There must be an adult from your church in the same sleeping area as your students. Please bring male and female chaperones to make this possible

Tentative Daily Schedule

DAILY SCHEDULE 2017



Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	1:00-3:00	Set-up	Everywhere
	3:30 - 4:30	Registration	Gym
	5:00	Dinner	Gym
	5:45-6:30	Student Group Games	Gym
		Adult Orientation	Courtyard
	6:30-7:30	Student Orientation	Gym
	7:30-8:00	Life Groups	Assigned space
	8:00-9:00	Worship	Gym
	9:00 – 9:45	Church Group Time	Assigned Spaces
	10:00	In Sleeping area	Sleeping Areas
10:30	Lights-out	Sleeping Areas	

Day	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday	7:00	Wake up	Sleeping Areas
	7:15-8:00	Breakfast	Gym
	8:00	Announcements & Devotions	Sanctuary
	8:30 - 12	Worksite Time (Load & Return)	Various
	12:30-5:00	Meet at Zoombezi Bay	Zoo Entrance
	6:30	Dinner	Church Groups
	7 – 9:30	Extended Church Group Time	Various locations
	9:30	Everyone back in building	
	10:00	In Sleeping area	Sleeping Areas
	10:30	Lights-out	Sleeping Areas

Day	Time	Event	Location
Monday - Tuesday - Thursday	7:00	Wake up	Sleeping areas
	7:15-8:00	Breakfast (must arrive @ 7:30)	Gym
	8:00	Announcements & Devotions	Sanctuary
	8:30 - 3:30	Worksite Time (Load & Return)	Various
	4:00 - 5:30	Shower and Downtime	G - FUMC B - MHS
	5:30 - 6:30	Dinner	Gym
	6:30 – 7:30	Large Group Games	Outside
	7:30 - 8:30	Worship	Gym
	8:30 - 9:15	Life Groups	Assigned Space
	9:15 – 10:00	Church Group Time	Assigned Space
	10:00	In Sleeping Area	Sleeping areas
	10:30	Lights-out	Sleeping areas

Day	Time	Event	Location
Friday	7:00	Wake up	Sleeping Areas
	7:15-8:00	Breakfast	Gym
	8:00	Announcements & Devotions	Sanctuary
	8:30 - 3:30	Worksite Time (Load & Return)	Various
	4:00-4:30	Clean Sleeping Area & Building	Gym
	4:30	Celebration	Gym
	5:15	Depart for Home	See You Next Year!!!

Two Day-Camp Participant Pick up 5:00 pm Tuesday, July 11th



SERVING JESUS  **HELPING NEIGHBORS**  **BEING TRANSFORMED**
Responding to the transformational power of Jesus through serving others