

NEXT Level Mission Trip  
Dayton, OH  
June 28-July 6, 2026



Trip Cost: \$1425 (This is the individual share of the \$2025 total/person)

Transportation: Charter Bus

Trip Leader: Jenn Arnold (Next Gen Pastor) and other High School Leaders

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This summer we are offering TWO unique mission/serve experiences – in Costa Rica and Dayton, OH. We encourage you to look at each trip - pray and consider which one God may be leading you to be a part of. We understand there are many motivations behind why you may choose a specific trip - friends, adventure, service hours, desire to grow deeper with God, wanting to serve significantly - the list could go on! **These trips are first and most importantly about what God is doing in our world and how we can join that and support ministry partners in Costa Rica and Dayton, Ohio.**

\*Costa Rica is a great first international mission trip for students who want to travel overseas and be part of God's global work. We have partnered with 6:8 ministries doing trips for over 15 years and have long standing relationships with their staff. This trip will allow students to serve with US missionaries, interact with Costa Rican children and adults, and volunteer on a work project that benefits the local community.

\*\*Dayton, Ohio is our Next Level trip for 2026 through an organization called LeaderTreks. You might be scratching your head - how would a trip that is within the US be a Next Level experience? Like all our Next Level trips, this week is intended to further challenge students to learn about culture and ministry work in a new context, to take steps out of their comfort zones and to engage in global service. This trip does that in a unique way AND will be the first trip we have done with a strong emphasis on leadership and discipleship. This trip is open to students who have served on an international mission trip before (with MPC or other organization); students who have been on a US trip before will be considered on an individual basis.

**Trip Description:**

Every year refugees come to Dayton to escape political and religious persecution, wars, and extreme poverty. There is a great need, and many organizations and local churches have started to help through various community service projects. LeaderTreks has worked within this community for many years. We anticipate working with mostly African refugees, experiencing multi-cultural ministry in the United States.

This trip is designed to develop the leadership and discipleship of students. Participants will be given leadership in goal setting, preparing meals, ministry work, and group time; as well as receiving coaching in Bible Study methods and life application. Students will be working in an area of poverty, completing community projects like fixing a porch, putting up drywall, or building a wheelchair ramp. Before the trip, students will design a day camp that will communicate the gospel and engage kids in the afternoons. They will learn how to evaluate, make changes and decisions, and learn from mistakes - growing in leadership that can continue back home.

Our team will be staying at a local church and will be transported by a charter bus. On the return trip we will stay 2 nights in Chattanooga so we can add on a day in the mountains!

**Who should Apply:**

- High School students who have prayed about this trip and feel God leading them to this Next Level team.
- Students who have participated in an international mission trip before (with MPC or other); students who have been on a US trip will be considered on an individual basis.
- Students who know, love, and are following Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Students who will commit to doing 45 minutes of Bible study/devotions every morning on the trip.
- Students who are willing to set aside their personal comforts and fully participate in all aspects of the week. This includes physically challenging work, relational connection, community engagement and spiritual growth.
- Students who are willing to be put into leadership roles and learn from mistakes, as well as work under the leadership of their peers.
- Students who will have a great attitude at all times and who will be open to what God is doing in Dayton and in their lives.

**\*Note: Students on this trip will only be allowed to bring cell phones for use on travel days. Phones will be locked in a safe during the week and MPC is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen phones. Parents will have emergency numbers, and we will post daily updates on a private Facebook page.**

## Dates and Requirements:

A trip of this size and cost is no small undertaking! For everything to run smoothly and be fully funded we need the following from team members and their families – (these are NOT optional):

Team Members:

- ❖ **Complete application** and turn in a \$450 non-refundable deposit by Sunday, January 25! (Anyone not selected for this year's team or put on waitlist will have their total deposit refunded)
- ❖ **Attend Parent/Student Meeting:** February 22, 2:30-4pm at the Office Campus  
\*\*\*Save this date\*\*\*
- ❖ **Help sell mulch** to family and friends and distribute flyers in neighborhoods - we are asking each participant to have a goal of at least 10 orders from family/neighbors outside of the church
- ❖ **Help with spreading mulch** on 4 of these 6 dates: March 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18 & 25.  
\*If you do not complete 4 spread days, \$150 will be added to your balance for each missed day. You can have a parent or another person work for you if needed.
  - **Mulch days are from 8am – 5pm. Students are responsible for being there the entire time OR getting someone to come fill in their spot if they have to leave early/arrive late.**
  - **At least ONE of your four days needs to be April 18 or 25 as these are our two biggest weeks!**
- ❖ **Pay remaining deposits:** \$325 by March 15, \$325 by April 12, and \$325 by May 10
- ❖ **Participate in Crave or Wed. Bible Study *at least twice a month.*** (It is important to be connected with peers and growing in faith year round – not just on trips!)
- ❖ **Attend Training Days**
  - Sunday, March 8 from 4-6pm
  - Thursday, March 26 from 6:30-8pm
  - Sunday, April 19 from 4-6pm
  - Sunday, May 3 from 4-6pm
  - Sunday, May 17 from 4-6pm
  - Saturday, June 27 from 7-8:30pm
- ❖ **Commissioning Service:** Sunday, June 21 at the 10:30am Worship Service
- ❖ **Actual Mission Trip:** June 28- July 6
- ❖ **Team Worship Rehearsal:** TBD
- ❖ **Sharing Worship Service:** TBD

## Parent Requirements

Parents (or an adult in family):

- ❖ **Attend Parent/Student Meeting:** February 22 from 2:30-4pm at the Office Campus
- ❖ Sign up for at least **2 days of the following** (Signup Genius)
  - Selling mulch at the tent on Saturdays on mulch spread dates
  - Mulch Deliveries – Every Thursday and Friday before spread dates (or other day as available)
  - Drive and spread on mulch Saturdays
- ❖ **Make sure your student is available to attend and fulfill all of the listed requirements and that payments are made at the designated times**

\*For questions or more information contact:

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## **MPC NEXT Level Mission Trip – 2026 Application**

Dayton, OH - LeaderTreks Youth Ministry

June 28-July 6, 2026

\*Please read the trip description and carefully review the team and parent requirements before filling out the application! Then answer the questions as honestly and openly as you can. There are no “right” answers – we are looking for your honest reflections!

\*All applications submitted will be carefully reviewed. Submitting your application DOES NOT guarantee your spot on a team. We will consider a variety of factors for team selection (not limited to but including): involvement at MPC/Crave/Bible Study; maturity and leadership.

\*This trip is open to all HS students who meet "Who Should Apply" section requirements.

Applications MUST be submitted online – [www.mandarinpres.com/hsmissions](http://www.mandarinpres.com/hsmissions)

Note: You will need to type your answers into the online form. We are giving you the questions here so that you have time to prepare.

**Applications will be accepted starting at 10am on January 1 through midnight on January 25.**

Deposits are due January 25 to hold your application. We will notify everyone of team selection no later than February 10, 2026. We will deposit checks at the time of team announcements.

Anyone not selected for a team or waitlisted will have their deposits returned. **If it is necessary for you to drop after the team selection, we can only refund what you have paid beyond our expenses to that point.**

### FUNDRAISING

Mulch is the main fundraiser for this trip and is the only way we can offer participants the discounted trip cost. Even if you could pay the trip cost, many others cannot. We couldn't pull it off and assist others without everyone's efforts – that is why it is a requirement. We will be taking orders and then doing all deliveries and spreading over a 6-week window of time. Participants will choose 4 of the 6 spreading Saturdays to work. See dates and requirements page for details.

In addition to mulch, team members have the option to sell TPC tickets and keep \$40 per ticket sold for their trip cost. We will also give you a sample letter that can be sent out to family and friends if you would like to raise money that way. \*TPC tickets can be sold starting in December – you do not need to wait for team selection. Information on how to sell TPC tickets will be posted at [mandarinpres.com/hsmissions](http://mandarinpres.com/hsmissions).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade and School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In addition to attending Crave, do you participate in worship at a local church (MPC or other)? If yes, what is the name of the church?
2. In the past 3 months, how has your faith been reflected (or not) in your life and actions?
3. What does your current life of discipleship look like/how are you growing in faith?
4. What is a next step towards Jesus that you want to take this school year?
5. Describe your past mission experiences and what you learned from those.
6. What excites you the most about serving on our Dayton team this summer?
7. Are you willing to take on leadership when asked, and to let others lead you? What will be challenging for you in that?
7. Do you have any physical limitations, medical conditions, etc. we should know about?

I have read all the dates and trip requirements and have shared them with my parents. If picked for this team, I agree to fully meet these expectations and rearrange my schedule as necessary to do that.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*I have February 22 written on my calendar so I can attend that meeting with my parents if I am chosen for this team.