

## Portland, Maine

with Experience Mission

[www.experiencemission.org](http://www.experiencemission.org)

**When?** July 22-27

**Who?** • Any current 8-12 grader • Any parent whose student is participating is also eligible to participate

**Leader:** Henry Turco

**Project:** • Minister to African refugees  
• Serve in a homeless ministry/shelter  
• Paint and repair homes • Lead Vacation Bible School or play with children

**Skills:** Cultural training will be conducted before trip

**Expectations:** • Required attendance at scheduled training sessions • Work at fundraising events with team • Write support letters • Be committed to spiritual growth

**Required paperwork:** • Parent permission form • Medical care release

**Parent expectations:** • Assist student with required paperwork • Make payments  
• Volunteer at least three hours to help team prepare • Encourage student and team

**Cost to WHCC:** \$550

**\*Family payment:** \$450

*\*Parent will incur a \$200 fine if the student does not submit 20 letters by March 13.*

## Joni and Friends Family Camp

New Hampshire

[www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org)

**When?** August 12-18

**Who?** Any current high school student who is 16 years or older.  
\*15-year-olds will be considered on a case-by-case basis

**Leader:** Melena Sorena

**Project:** • Assist children with disabilities in day-to-day camp activities • Connect with participating families and encourage them

**Skills:** You must serve in the Special Forces ministry before departure

**Expectations:** • Required attendance at scheduled training sessions and in Special Forces • Work at fundraising events with team  
• Write support letters • Be committed to spiritual growth

**Required paperwork:** • Parent permission form • Medical care release

**Parent expectations:** • Assist student with required paperwork • Make payments  
• Volunteer at least three hours to help team prepare • Encourage student and team

**Total cost:** \$900

**\*Parent payment:** \$450

*\*Parents will incur a \$200 fine if the student does not submit 20 letters by March 13.*

Walnut Hill Community Church | 203.796.7373 | [www.walnuthillcc.org](http://www.walnuthillcc.org)

Bethel | 156 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801

Greater Waterbury | Chase Collegiate School, Exit 18, I-84, Waterbury, CT 06708

The Valley Campus | 165 Main Street, The Strand Theatre, Seymour, CT 06483

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2012  
SUMMER TRIPS

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO SUMMER TRIPS WITH W.H.Y. MINISTRIES

Dear parents:

We are thrilled that your student is interested in going on Summer Trip with WHY Ministries in 2011! Our desire is to partner with parents in connecting students to Christ, to community, and in their culture. We feel our summer trips are instrumental to that end.

You may be familiar with our youth mission initiative, Project Serve. Every year, WHY Ministries sends students on several domestic and international mission trips. Students routinely come home excited about how God has used them, motivated to keep praying and serving, and most of all, changed because of how the Lord has worked in them. We're pleased to offer four Project Serve trips this summer: one local trip (for middle school students), two domestic trips, and one international trip.

We will also offer our leadership trip, La Vida, again this year. This eight-day hike through the Adirondack Mountains will stretch your student physically, emotionally, and spiritually as he or she hones valuable leadership skills. We feel so strongly that this trip will prepare your student to lead and to serve that we're counting it toward the Project Serve prerequisite for international trips. If your student participates in La Vida (or a domestic Project Serve trip) this year, he or she will be eligible for an international trip in the future.

In the pages that follow, you will find the details for each of our 2011 Project Serve trips and for La Vida. We hope you will talk and pray with your student about which trip God may be leading them to participate in this summer. Once you have prayed together and discussed the options, please fill out an application and return it to us, along with a \$100 deposit (only \$25 for Danbury) by January 23. Those students planning to serve in Nassau, Portland, or at Joni and Friends will meet for training and team building following the 11:00 service on February 26. Mandatory La Vida hikes will be announced shortly.

We hope you share our anticipation for what God will do in your students' lives through these trips! Please let us know how we may assist you as you make preparations for your student to participate.

In Christ Jesus,  
The WHY Ministries Team

*Gene Sun, Middle School Pastor*  
*Ryan Ventura, High School Pastor*  
*Kirsten Gillette, Director of Girls Discipleship*  
*Chelsea Kingston, Emerging Generations Coordinator*

## Danbury

with the Jericho Partnership

**When?** July 9-13

**Who?** Any current 7th or 8th grader.

**Leader:** Gene Sun

**Project:** Participate in local service opportunities in the Danbury area with the Jericho Partnership

**Skills:**

No specific skills required

**Expectations:**

- Work at fundraising events with team
- Be committed to spiritual growth

**Required paperwork:**

Parent permission form  
Medical care release

**Parent expectations:**

- Assist student with required paperwork
- Make payments
- Volunteer at least three hours to help team prepare
- Encourage student and team

**Cost to WHCC:** \$200

**\*Family payment** \$150

## Nassau, Bahamas

with Mission Discovery

[www.missiondiscovery.org](http://www.missiondiscovery.org)

**When?** July 8-15

**Who?** Current 9th-12th graders, with preference given to those who have previously been on a domestic trip, especially juniors and seniors

**Leader:** Chelsea Kingston

**Project:** • Partner with Carmichael Evangelical Church in local Haitian community  
• Lead Vacation Bible School and repair church facilities  
• Some students may visit residents at an AIDS/hospice camp

**Skills:** Prep work will be done for VBS activities and cultural training will be conducted

**Expectations:** • Required attendance at scheduled training sessions  
• Work at fundraising events with team  
• Write support letters  
• Be committed to spiritual growth

**Required paperwork:** • Valid passport  
• Permission for minor to travel outside US  
• Parent permission form  
• Medical care release

**Parent expectations:** • Assist student with required paperwork  
• Make payments  
• Volunteer at least three hours to help team prepare  
• Encourage student and team

**Cost to WHCC:** \$1,750

**\*Family payment:** \$850

*\*Parent will incur a \$350 fine if the student does not submit 20 letters by March 13.*

## La Vida

with Gordon College's La Vida program

[www.gordon.edu/lavida](http://www.gordon.edu/lavida)

**When?** July 14-21

**Who?** Any current 8th-12th grade student.

**Leader:** Chris York

**Project:** • Hike and canoe through the Adirondack Mountains  
• Participate in team building activities  
• Learn valuable leadership skills  
• Grow spiritually as you enjoy God's creation

**Skills:** Team will take mandatory monthly hikes to prepare physically

**Expectations:** • Work at fundraising events with team  
• Be committed to spiritual growth

**Required paperwork:**

- Parent permission form
- Medical care release

**Parent expectations:** • Assist student with required paperwork

- Make payments
- Volunteer at least three hours to help team prepare
- Encourage student and team

**Cost to WHCC:** \$900

**\*Family payment:** \$750

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### A word about payments:

We recognize that in this economy, it is difficult for many families to budget, especially for multiple students, to participate in summer trips. We have done our best to make the family payments realistic. We do not want money to prevent any student from participating in a trip! If you have concerns about meeting the financial requirements of a trip, please speak to us upon your student's application. We want to work with you so that your student is eligible to participate.

### Mandatory Meetings\*:

**Nassau and Portland: 2/26, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20**

Nassau and Portland meetings will take place from 12:45 until 2:45 p.m. at the church, with the exception of one service day at Jericho. Stay tuned for details about a team day to be scheduled for June or July by the team leader.

**La Vida Hikes: 2/26, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20**

La Vida hikes will depart from the church at 7:00 a.m. and students will return to church in time for the 11:00 a.m. youth service.

**Joni & Friends: 2/26, 5/20**

Joni & Friends participants will meet on February 26 from 12:45-2:45 p.m. Melena Sorena will notify the team of meetings after that date.

**\*Note: All teams must be present for commissioning in services on 5/20.**