

MADISON MISSIONS 2018

Frequently Asked Questions



What is Madison Missions?

Madison Missions is a week-long camp that takes place right here in Madison. We stay at the church throughout the week and serve our own city. During the day we do things like harvesting at food pantry gardens, serving at senior centers, and helping with summer programming for kids at local schools. In addition to all the hard work, we have a lot of fun too! Fun evening activities are also planned. Madison Missions is organized by Blackhawk Church Middle School Ministries.

When is Madison Missions?

All weeks begin at 3:30pm (Sunday) and end at 12:30pm (Friday). Your student stays with us for the entire week.

Week 6: July 29 - August 3 – hosted by Door Creek

Week 1: June 10 -15

Week 2: June 24 - 29

Week 3: July 8 - 13

Week 4: July 15 - 20

Week 5: July 22 - 27

*Weeks 1-5 are hosted by Blackhawk and though we encourage Door Creek students to attend the week hosted at Door Creek, it is possible for students to attend those other weeks.

Why are there six weeks of Madison Missions?

By having six smaller weeks instead of one huge week, students are able to more easily build relationships with other students and leaders. Also, your family is able to select the week that is most convenient for your schedule.

Is there a maximum capacity for sign-ups?

Yes, each week has a maximum capacity of 60 participants. This will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Full participation is also contingent on getting enough adult leaders. A full week requires 10 adult team leaders.

Can I sign up for more than one week?

Unfortunately, you can only sign up for one week. No exceptions. This is to help make room for additional participants.

Can we sign up for Madison Missions, even if my student doesn't normally attend Door Creek or Blackhawk Middle School Ministries?

Absolutely, yes! Many of the students attend programming regularly, but we certainly welcome and encourage all middle school students! Bring a friend!

What does that cost include?

Cost covers breakfast & lunch food, transportation to the service sites, off-site evening activities, lodging, and the salary for a few summer staff. We are able to keep the cost for camp low by asking that each parent volunteers in some capacity. More details below.

Where do they sleep during the week?

Students and adult leaders sleep at Door Creek Church or Blackhawk Church (weeks 1-5) on the floor in sleeping bags. We recommend bringing a cot or air mattress. Rooms are divided by gender.

Who are the adults who will be there?

The majority of them attend Blackhawk or Door Creek Churches and many of them help with our Middle School Ministries during the school year. All volunteers have had a background check.

As a parent, am I expected to help? How?

FOOD: We ask all parents to donate something for dinner one night (e.g. a lasagna or dessert). We also need parents to help to set up dinner each night.

TRANSPORTATION: We will use ten vans/SUVs during each week of Madison Missions. To keep costs down, we ask parents to donate their van for the week; otherwise, we rent the vans. Many times, your van can be exchanged for a leader's car for the week.

This sounds like a really fun week. Is there a way for parents to help in a greater capacity?

Team Leaders: the adults in charge of 5-6 students; you work alongside the students at the service sites for the whole week. Time commitment: Sunday afternoon– Friday afternoon (similar to camp counselors).

If you are interested, please contact us at madisonmissions@blackhawkchurch.org.

What clothes should my student bring?

We will distribute a packing list as the week gets closer. Mainly, students should bring clothes that are okay getting dirty (painting or working in a garden). They should also bring some clothes that they would wear for a normal day of school. Many times, students wear grub clothes during the day while serving and another set of clean clothes in the evening.

Where do students shower during the week?

Each afternoon students use the showers at local athletic clubs (Princeton Club, Harbor, and New Self). All showers have curtains, swimsuits are not necessary.

Can my student leave during the week for soccer tryouts, a piano lesson, or a doctor's appointment?

No. Sorry, due to safety concerns students are not allowed to leave in the middle of the week and return.

What if we have a family emergency during the week, and I need to get in touch with my student?

The week before camp we will provide you with emergency contact information.

How does the week conclude?

All parents, brothers, sisters, etc. are invited to a lunch on Friday at Door Creek Church in the Auditorium. We will share stories and video from the week. Mark your calendar for Friday at 11:30 am. At the end of this lunch you take your student home.

I submitted my student's registration form. Now what?

You will receive confirmation. After that, you will not hear from us until a few weeks before Madison Missions and we will send a video link that will contain everything you need to know for your student's week of camp. This will be in lieu of a parent meeting that we have done in the past.

If you have further questions, contact us at madisonmissions@blackhawkchurch.org.