



Spiritual Journey - A mission trip is not only a physical journey but a spiritual one. It is more than a vacation or something fun to do with friends. All Saints Youth Ministry is concerned about and committed to the development of Catholic identity for mission trip participants. Participants must be open and committed to growing in their faith before, during, and after the mission trip experience.

Demographics

The breathtaking Appalachian Mountains, extending from Georgia to Maine, are scattered with many rural towns, including Logan, West Virginia. Logan, located in the southern part of the state—less than one hour from Charleston—is home to a population of 1,630 people. Visitors can hike, swim or picnic at the 4,000-acre Chief Logan State Park, or walk along the banks of the Guyandotte River. This region prospered during the World War II era through a sustained demand for coal, timber and agriculture products. However, improved technology in coal mining and greater competitiveness of alternative fuels eventually reduced the need for labor in the mining industry. Today, jobs are scarce and over 20 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, including nearly 30 percent of those under age 18. Because of the terrain in Logan, many of the homes and trailers also are in need of repair due to flooding. You can help restore some of these damaged homes and minister to the people of this community. In serving and spending time in Logan, we group will most certainly be blessed by the warm welcome of the Appalachian people.

About the Ministry

Participants serve in a variety of ways during a YouthWorks mission trip. Students may spend all week at one ministry or switch between ministries during the week. Ministries that your students may participate in are Kids Club and Work Projects. Kids Club is a hands-on program led by our youth offering high-energy games, crafts, skits, songs and interactive lessons all designed to help kids learn about Jesus. Whether we're painting houses, performing minor home repair, cleaning up debris, volunteering in community gardens or other projects in the community, the projects students work on will serve as our way of blessing people in need. Youth Works cannot confirm until all groups arrive exactly what ministries our students will be a part of during the week. We ask that you come with a willing and flexible spirit!