

Lynn/Boston, MA

Who Can Go:

Youth: High School Students

- Students in grades 8 through 12 of the 2011-2012 school year



Adults: 1 adult leader for every 7 students

- Male and female adult leaders are required if bringing students of both genders
- Adult leaders **must** be at least **20** years of age (not younger)
- This ratio is set as both a **minimum** and a **maximum**; If you require additional leaders, please call

We know that you may have others in your ministry that would love to serve with your group, but due to liability and agreements with service partners, students who are NOT in grades 8 through 12 during 2011-2012 cannot attend the mission trip.

Where You'll Stay:

We typically house at area churches, schools or community centers and sleep on classroom floors.

Travel Information:

Arrival/Departure: Arrive between 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM on Sunday. Depart by 9:30 AM on Friday.

Airports: Lynn is approximately 15 minutes from Logan International Airport, located in the heart of Boston proper.

Vehicles: You will need to have enough seatbelts for each person attending the mission trip with your group. This site can only accommodate standard 15 passenger vans or smaller.

Note: You will need to transport students and adult leaders from other groups in your vehicles, and may be asked to transport community children for Kids Club. Please check to make sure that your insurance will cover these requirements.

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. We ask that you come with a willing and flexible spirit!

Kids Club: A hands-on program led by your youth offering high-energy games, crafts, skits, songs and interactive lessons all designed to help kids learn about Jesus. Due to school end dates, this ministry will not begin until the end of June.

Local Service Partnerships: Our goal is to partner with local organizations and programs that seek to address the very basic needs of residents. Examples of possible service opportunities include, but are not limited to...

- Children's programs
- Elderly centers
- Soup kitchens/homeless shelters
- Thrift stores

Outrageous Sports Camp: a sport-filled ministry with Bible themed character enrichment for community youth ages 10-14. One crew (5-10 students) will facilitate.

We cannot confirm until all groups arrive exactly what ministries your students will be a part of during the week.

Evening Activities

Evening activities are designed to give participants insight into the lives of local residents and the culture of the area.

These are examples of what your group could partake in during your mission week. Evening activities are subject to change due to weather or availability. In case of change, suitable substitutes will be provided.

- Visit Nahant Beach to swim and hang out
- Ride the "T" (subway) to Boston; visit Quincy Market
- Eat dinner at My Brother's Table
- Visit Gloucester Beach

A Look at the Community

As one of America's oldest cities (founded in 1630), Boston is on the forefront of American history. The city is bordered by Boston Harbor, just west of the Atlantic Ocean. Seven miles north of Boston is the city of Lynn. Lynn was incorporated in 1630 after nearby settlers bargained with Natives for land. Originally an agricultural community, Lynn people were skilled in making leather shoes that were used to purchase other daily necessities. The population of Europeans, and the tariff on shoes made in Lynn, helped to make the town the ladies' shoe center of the world. Lynn's population boomed in the 19th century and became a city in 1850. Throughout the 19th century, Lynn was known as a center of religious and social change. It is commonly referred to as a "city of firsts." These "firsts" include the first U.S. tannery in 1629; the first electric trolley in the state in 1888; the first airmail delivery in New England in 1912; the first jet airplane engine in 1942; and the first woman – Lynn astronomer Maria Mitchell – to be inducted into the Academy of Arts and Sciences. Many of the historical industrial buildings have now been converted into housing for some of the 87,122 residents of the city. Lynn is in the top two percent of racially diverse cities in the state. Schools exemplify this with 87 percent of students being non-white. Today, many Lynn residents face economic challenges. Fifty-three percent of the population is considered low-income. Lynn also has the fourth highest number of homeless individuals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The number of homeless persons in shelters or on the street increased by 52 percent during the 1990s.

Weekly Schedule*

Sunday Arrival: Between 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Monday-Thursday

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| Breakfast: | 7:00am – 8:00am |
| Devotion Time: | 8:00am – 8:30am |
| Depart for Service Sites: | 9:00am |
| Shower/Dinner Prep Time, Adult Leaders' Meeting: | 3:30pm – 5:30pm |
| Dinner: | 5:30pm – 6:30pm |
| Evening Activity: | 6:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Evening Program "Club": | 9:00pm – 10:00pm |
| Church Group Time: | 10:00pm – 11:00pm |
| Prepare for Bed/Lights Out: | 11:00pm – 11:15pm |

Friday Departure: Between 9:00am and 9:30am

**We make every effort to follow a schedule similar to this at each site, but it may be different based on community needs. We ask for your flexibility throughout the week.*

Lynn Statistics

- Lynn is 11 square miles with 87,122 occupants.
- Median income of \$41,447 compared to \$62,365 for the state.
- 16.5% of residents live below the poverty line.
- 89% of the children that go to Cobbet Elementary School (a local school near our housing site) are eligible for the free lunch program.
- 34.1% speak a language other than English as their first language.
- Lynn was once a center for tanning leather and shoe-making. The Lynn Commons, which is a park in downtown Lynn is actually in the shape of the sole of a shoe.
- From the High Rock Tower in Lynn, a person can see the North Shore of Massachusetts as well as Boston to the South. It has a telescope at the top of the tower that was used for looking at stars and planets in the 1800s.