

This Summer, many teens from the Lake Chelan Valley will be given an amazing opportunity; an opportunity many people never have the chance to take. This June we will be traveling to the Kenai Peninsula of Alaska, about three hours south of Anchorage. While there we will assist Alaska Missions as they meet needs to break down walls, to bring people from apathy to curiosity about Christ, and find Him irresistible. As the final frontier of the United States, Alaska is often forgotten about because of its isolation from the lower 48 states. This can often mean the needs of its people go overlooked and with a culture of its own many can be afraid to get involved. We however believe our Alaskan brothers and sisters need our help.

Therefore, during our week in Alaska we will spend most of our time hosting sports camp for local children in hopes of providing a safe and fun experience. Our desire is to use the camp as a vehicle to share the love of Jesus with these local kids. Poverty, abuse and addiction run rampant in most Alaskan communities with high percentages of children feeling the lifetime affects of those atrocities. As a church we have made it our mission to help people who are far from God find real life in Christ and we believe that hope will help our Alaskan friends more than anything else we can do. They say every major change starts will a small act of kindness and so we will do our part to provide as many small acts as possible.

As a youth pastor of over fifteen years I've learned first-hand how a trip like this can positively affect, not only the community we are traveling to, but also our students as well. One of the many pleasures of my job is to watch the dozens of lives changed through trips like this every year. As we plan and prepare for our trip, we ask for your support. Each person must raise \$2,000 to cover the costs of transportation, lodging, food, sports camp supplies and other materials. There are many ways trip members can raise money (varying fundraisers and manual labor being the most popular) but we are also encouraging them to reach out to those around them who would like to personally invest in their trip. If you are able to help financially we appreciate anything you can donate. We also ask that you would be in continual prayer for our group and ask God to mold each of us as we serve in Alaska. Thanks,

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