

2024 Chattanooga



Harrison Bay State Park
Harrison, Tennessee

June 24 - 29



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John 12:26

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

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Chattanooga, Tennessee



ABOUT THE CITY:
County - Hamilton
Incorporated in 1839
Area - 150.08 sq mi (388.70 km²)
Elevation - 676 ft (206 m)
Population - 184,103
Time zone - EDT
Website - www.chattanooga.gov



Hey Group Leader!

Thank you for registering for a Son Servants trip for the summer of 2024. I thank you for your confidence in us and for giving me the privilege of serving you through missions. I am committed to providing your group with a quality mission trip, and my goal is to provide you with the very best experience possible so that you, your youth and your church will be strengthened and challenged as we work and serve together. It is also my hope and prayer that this mission experience will bring your students closer to Jesus.

I will communicate with you periodically in the months leading up to the trip. I am also available to answer your questions or concerns, or just to chat about the trip and how I can make it a meaningful and challenging experience for your group. Please feel free to contact me at any time during the preparation process if you have questions.

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Quick Reference Guide



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Location - Harrison, TN

Ministry Partner - Widow's Harvest Ministries,
Brethren of the Hammer, Chattanooga Area Food Bank
(we are looking at others)

FOR: Son Servants Trip Info

Son Servants Downloads

Son Servants Medical/Permission Forms

GO TO [sonservants.com](https://www.sonservants.com)

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Chattanooga Basics

Location	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Dates	June 24 - June 29, 2024 (Monday - Saturday)
Cost	\$425 per person (both leader and student)

Accommodations

We will be staying at Harrison Bay State Park located in Harrison. There are open-air cabins with three sets of twin-size bunk beds in each, sleeping six people per cabin. You will need to bring your own bedding. Showers will be in the community bath house. We will eat meals together in the dining hall and have our evening meetings in an outdoor pavilion.

Ministry Partnership

Widow's Harvest Ministry, Brethren of the Hammer, Chattanooga Area Food Bank (we are also looking for others)

Possible Work Projects

- Home repair and minor construction (roofing, ramp or porch construction, etc.)
- Painting
- Yard work/clean up

Evening Program

Each evening of the trip, everyone gathers together to fellowship, sing, worship, pray, and to receive a message brought from God's Word by the evening speaker.

Transportation

You are required to bring your own vehicles that will then be used for daily transportation to and from the work sites. Please follow these guidelines:

- Church groups of 1-10 people will need a vehicle that can seat at least 10 people (we suggest using a 12 passenger van).
- Groups with 10 plus people will need a vehicle for every 10 people you have.
- Groups who fly are asked to rent vehicles for transportations to and from the airport and for daily transportation.
- Please figure the cost of gas for transportation into your budget.
- We will need to know who your van drivers are so we can make sure we have a van driver for each work group.
- If for some reason you have to use vehicles other than 12 passenger vans, PLEASE let Danny know in advance so he can plan work groups/drivers accordingly.

Work Groups

All participants will be assigned work groups. Work groups are normally made up of people from all of the church groups.

Adult Leader Policies / Expectations

Adult to Student Ratio

For reasons of safety, supervision and support, each group attending a Son Servants trip should be prepared to meet the Son Servants requirement of one adult leader for every six students in your group in relation to gender. If you are unable to meet this ratio, please contact our office to discuss possible solutions.

Expectations for Adult Leaders

- ➡ Son Servants classifies all adults accompanying their church youth group (including both paid church staff and volunteers) as adult leaders and has certain expectations for them. It is our strong belief that adult leaders play an important role on Son Servant mission trips.
- ➡ Adult leaders are asked to set an example that is pleasing and glorifying to Christ before all participants, not just those from their own churches.
- ➡ It is our hope and expectation that in all areas (including dress code compliance, meeting attendance, work site conduct, bedtime and wake-up, as well as any unexpected situations) adult leaders would set an example of love, service and cooperation and would encourage their students by word and deed to do the same.
- ➡ Please be aware that our Son Servants Staff will be leading the worksites. Adult leaders are asked to be encouragers and teachers on the worksites and to lead the worksite if a Son Servants staff member is not available (or if an adult has construction experience that he or she is willing to share).
- ➡ Adult leaders are also asked to:
 - ➔ Attend counselor meetings
 - ➔ Enforce the rules and discipline when necessary
 - ➔ Help with wake-up and bedtime
 - ➔ Be alert to student behavior during Quiet Time, always setting the example and encouraging students to use that time well.

Questions? Let us know!

danny@sonservants.com

Important Leader Information

► Registration/Payment information:

- ★ Cost covers **housing, meals, construction and program**. It does *not* include transportation and travel to Chattanooga or the costs of meals while traveling.
- ★ Deposit of \$100 per person required to reserve space. You can either register by phone with a credit card and a 2% admin fee or pay with a check with no admin fee. **You are not officially registered until we receive your deposit.**

- ★ Checks can be mailed to:

Son Servants Mission Ministry
P.O. Box 755
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

- ★ Son Servants policy is that all deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable. However, for spaces dropped prior to **April 28**, the deposit may be transferred to the balance of the trip. For any spaces cancelled after this date, the deposit is lost. You will be responsible for the entire cost of the trip for any cancellations made after **May 26**.

- ★ Payment Schedule - 50% of remaining balance by **April 28**

Remainder of balance by **May 26**.

- Begin arranging travel. We ask you to arrive in Chattanooga on **Monday, June 24**, between **2 PM and 5 PM** and depart on **Saturday, June 29**, after breakfast (no later than 9:00 AM).
- Please go to our website at **SonServants.com** to download trip specific medical forms. Distribute **TWO** forms to each participant, one to be turned into the Son Servant staff upon arrival at camp and one for you as you travel. *For those under 18, the forms need to be notarized*; however, **all** participants must complete the form. **Do not send** the forms to the Son Servants office but bring them with you to camp.
- Complete and submit your **Group List** by **April 15**. The **Group List** form is on our website as a PDF **OR** an excel sheet for you to fill out. Under the **Summer Trips** drop-down on our website (sonservants.com) select **Downloads for Summer Trips**. The excel sheet option is located at the top of the page. Under the drop-down menu for Panther click on **Group Info Sheet Chattanooga Specific** for the PDF.

Behavior Contract

Although this city is in the United States, and many of the cultural expectations are the same as you are used to, you are still a visitor in someone else's home, a representative of your church and an Ambassador for Christ. Therefore, there are some general rules to follow while on this trip.

- Use or possession of alcohol, drugs and tobacco/vape products is strictly prohibited.
- Stay within the boundaries of the Group Campground unless you are with an adult counselor from your group.
- You should always follow the Son Servants staff or your counselor's instructions, even if you don't understand them.
- We ask that you limit the use of your cell phone for taking pictures and an alarm only. This is one week that you have to focus on serving God and others, so we ask that you can sacrifice for that period of time.
- You should dress modestly whether at the work site, the camp, or in town. This means AT LEAST finger-length shorts, knee-length skirts and modest swim wear. Girls may wear one-piece OR full coverage tankini swimsuits ONLY.
- Do not make fun of local people's manner of speaking, accent or way of doing things. Remember, you are visitors!
- Respect people's dignity and privacy by not taking pictures of houses and property. You can take pictures of the families, but only after you know them and ask them...then your pictures are of your friends, not some "poor people." Please do not post any pictures on social media without permission.
- Do not give away things to people and respond to requests for money without first checking with your leader or Son Servants staff.
- When you get frustrated with things like the pace of life, new kinds of food, heat, transportation problems, clothing regulations, etc., just remember that it is not necessarily right or wrong -- just different! Flexibility is the name of the game.

Signature of Participant

Date

Chattanooga Daily Schedule

Here are a few descriptions of the daily activities of a Son Servants trip. Remember, the daily schedule is an example only; it will be adjusted to fit our needs once we are together. We try to be flexible with the schedule and may make adjustments throughout the week to accommodate our plans and program.

The camp will be divided into **WORK GROUPS** of 8-12 people.

The work group will remain together all week. Usually there is a project coordinator from our host agency or Son Servants staff with each work group. Adults with construction experience may be asked to help lead a work project.

COUNSELOR MEETINGS provide times for leaders to worship, fellowship and pray together. It is also a time to receive information and announcements and to express any concerns you have. We ask all groups to send at least one representative to each counselor meeting.

Evening Program consists of singing, skits, testimonies, speakers and other activities. It is designed to build group unity and encourage spiritual growth. Although the Son Servants staff will plan the meetings, input and involvement by groups and their leaders is desired and encouraged!

Son Servants provides a **QUIET TIME** guide for each participant.

In the morning, right before or right after breakfast depending on your specific camp, the entire group will be still and individually spend time with the Lord. Please prepare your students before the trip for this time.

FAMILY TIME is time for your youth group to spend together playing, talking and growing closer through the shared experience. We provide some ideas and suggestions and really encourage you to use this time for processing the trip with your students, however, this time is yours to use as you wish!

"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him my Father will honor". John 12:26

Rise and Shine

Quiet Time

Breakfast

Gather/Leave

with Work Groups

**Work Day with
Lunch**

Shower / Free Time

Dinner

Counselor Meetings

Evening Program

Family Time

Head for Bed

Lights Out

Daily Transportation

You are required to bring your own vehicles that will then be used for daily transportation to and from the work sites. Please follow these guidelines:

- Church groups of 1-10 people will need a vehicle that can seat at least 10 people (we suggest using a 12 passenger van).
- Groups with 10 plus people will need a vehicle for every 10 people you have.
- Groups who fly are asked to rent vehicles for transportations to and from the airport and for daily transportation.
- Please figure the cost of gas for transportation into your budget.
- We will need to know who your van drivers are so we can make sure we have a van driver for each work group.
- **If for some reason you have to use vehicles other than 12 passenger vans, PLEASE let Danny know in advance so he can plan work groups/drivers accordingly.**

Also, each vehicle (10 campers/vehicle) needs to bring the following:

(All lunch and water coolers will be provided for this trip**)**

- Enough plastic (or something to cover seats & floors of vans) for carrying dirty people to camp
- 1 can wasp spray
- Work Gloves
- Safety goggles
- Power strip (for cabin)
- Extension cord(s)
(for cabin - only 1 outlet in each cabin)
- Fans for your cabin



NOTE: Tools will be provided where needed, however, if you have tools that you want to have with you that is fine.

Dress Code Policy

As we serve the Lord in our Chattanooga locations, we must remember that we are an example to both the believers and non-believers with whom we come into contact. In addition, we want to remove some of the things that distract us back home so that we can better focus on the purpose of the trip – serving others and listening for what God might want to teach us.

For this reason, we have tried to keep modesty in mind and have developed a dress code which stands for ALL participants, both student and adult, on ALL of our trips. Additionally, some of the organizations we will be working with have specific dress requirements for safety reasons.

GENERAL DRESS CODE FOR ALL SON SERVANT CAMPS

No tank tops - in an effort to eliminate past confusion about what tank tops were and were not appropriate. We ask that everyone wear shirts with sleeves at all times.

Swimsuits: Both male and females should wear modest swimsuits. Females should wear a one-piece or full coverage tankinis. There will be no swimming facilities where we're staying; however, some may choose to wear swimsuits in the shower. Also, there may be swimming opportunities on your free half day.

All shorts must be finger-tip length. When you hold your arms at your side, the bottom of your shorts must meet your fingertips. If your shorts aren't long enough, you will be asked to change.

Son Servants Sexual Misconduct Policy

We live with an increased awareness of human rights. It is in that spirit that certain guidelines have been established in order to assure that everyone's rights are protected, as well as the reputation of Son Servants.

- At no time will counselors be in compromising situations with kids.
- There should be absolutely NO physical contact that can be interpreted as sexual advances made toward any camper or any trip participant.
- Adult counselors should not walk unaccompanied at night with campers of the opposite sex.
- Adult counselors should not involve themselves in in-depth counseling with campers of the opposite sex in secluded areas.
- These guidelines state clearly that there should be no inappropriate sexual conduct between counselor and campers, counselors and counselors, and campers and campers.
- When adult counselors are notified of inappropriate conduct by anyone, they must immediately report it to Danny Dotson, Director of Son Servants. Since the person in question may be a minor, state laws will be followed.

Group List Form & Instructions

The GROUP LIST form is available on our website.

All forms need to be completed online **by April 15,** WITH **T-shirt sizes included.**

Once you complete the form, please email to Danny at danny@sonservants.com.

Please note the descriptions below so you will know what information you need before going to fill out the forms.

If you have any trouble with a form, please contact Danny at **danny@sonservants.com** or (423) 400-8197.

Group List

Under the **Summer Trips** dropdown on our website (sonservants.com) select **Downloads for Summer Trips**. Under the dropdown for Panther click on **Group Info Sheet Panther Specific**.

- EVERYONE in your group- students AND adults - should be included on the sheet.
- List each participant's first and last name, gender, category (student or adult) and **grade**
- Please list all allergy information (if applicable).
- **Emergency contact** during travel- this should be someone NOT attending the trip
- **T-SHIRT SIZES** for EVERYONE in your group (t-shirt is included in the cost of your trip).

*****Failure to complete this form by April 15 will result in your group getting whatever t-shirt sizes are left over after other orders have been filled.*****

We understand that it can be difficult to get your Group List finalized by April 15; however, it is imperative that we have this as close to this date as possible so we can organize each camp's work groups. If you are unable to make this deadline, please contact us to let us know when we can expect your completed Group List. T-shirt Order Form due date is non-negotiable, as we have to order these in time to get them mailed out to you before the summer. Thank you!

Housing Information

- ▶ Son Servants will be housed at Harrison Bay State Park in Harrison, TN. There are open-air cabins with three sets of twin-size bunk beds in each, sleeping six people per cabin. You will need to bring your own bedding (sheets or a light-weight sleeping bag, a mattress cover is optional). Showers will be in the community bath house. We will eat meals together in the dining hall and have our evening meetings in an outdoor pavilion.
- ▶ **Each group** should plan on bringing fans for their cabins, a power strip and extension cord. There is only one outlet in each cabin.
- ▶ Breakfast and supper will be prepared by a Son Servants cook, while lunches will be provided on the work site. Each day groups are responsible for their own area Kitchen Patrol, or "KP", after meals. There will also be Bathroom Duty.
- ▶ **Each person** needs a personal mess kit, which they will wash after each meal, and a mesh hanging bag to store the mess kit in for hanging and drying.



Medical Form Information

MEDICAL FORM DETAILS

Please download medical forms from our website and distribute two (2) medical forms to each person, both student and adult, along with the instructions for completing. These forms will need to be brought with you to camp.

- Both copies of the medical form must be completed; a notarized copy with original signatures by both parents or legal guardians is required for everyone under the age of 18. Adult forms must be completed but do not have to be notarized.
- One copy is to be turned in to the Son Servants staff upon arrival at camp, and the other copy is for you as you travel to and from your trip location.

SECTION BY SECTION BREAKDOWN

Side A: Medical Insurance and Emergency Contact Information

- The reason for this is fairly obvious. We hope we won't have to use it, but everyone needs to fill this out.
- General Medical Information: This is the information our doctors and nurses have told us they need to have in front of them in order to treat anything. Everyone needs to fill this out.

Behavior Contract

- All participants, both students and adults, must sign the contract.

General Information

- Participant, church and leader information

Medical Evaluation Form

- This form helps to insure that the students are, as best as a doctor can tell, physically able to participate. This is required for minors and recommended for adults.

Side B: Permission Form & Release of Liability

All participants must complete this. This is particularly important because it grants permission for you as the youth leader to be taking a student to a trip location, either domestic or international.

Parent Section

What about Safety

Son Servants is committed to providing a good, safe mission experience for all individuals who participate. However, in any such experience there are some risks. These include, but are not limited to, transportation related accidents, work site accidents, and sickness. We do our best to prevent hazardous situations and train the participants, as well as our staff, to be safety conscious. It is also the responsibility of the participants to act responsibly in all situations.

Emergency Contact

The emergency number at Harrison Bay State Park is (423) 344-6214. **This number is for emergency use ONLY.** If you cannot reach anyone at this number, you can call Danny Dotson at (423) 400-8197. Please do not expect or require your child to call home, as this may not be possible. Son Servants suggests that you arrange a phone hotline so your leader can make one call to let parents know your group arrived safely.

Mail

All mail should be sent to **Son Servants, P.O. Box 755, Signal Mountain, TN 37377.** Please put student name, in care of Son Servants. Mail should be sent a couple of weeks before the trip to ensure that it arrives during your stay.

Medical Facilities

We have our own doctor or nurse and a well-equipped medical chest for use in case of injury or illness. For emergencies, the participant will be taken to a nearby hospital.

Prayer Requests

- ◆ For the host city - its leaders, government, and people as a whole
- ◆ For the churches - members, leadership, missionaries
- ◆ For the work of Son Servants:
 - safety
 - able to accomplish what we set out to do
 - growth in the lives of participants

For families and churches at home-that they will be prepared to welcome back changed people.

Questions? Let us know!

danny@sonservants.com

What to Bring:

When you are packing, please remember that you are representing the Christian Community, your church and your family. Space to put your things will be very limited; please bring only what you *absolutely* need.

- Tennis shoes
- Work boots or sturdy shoes / work socks
- Flip flops or sandals
- Lightweight work pants or modest shorts (no short-shorts, shorts should be fingertip length)
- Work shirts (no tank tops)
- Swim wear (modest swimwear for both males and females; girls should be one piece or full coverage tankinis) and beach towel
- Work gloves (suggest at least 2 pairs)
- Sleep wear (modest)
- Towels and washcloths
- Single bed sheets, blanket & pillow (or lightweight sleeping bag) and mattress cover*
- Hat or bandanas (to protect from sun)
- Poncho or rain jacket
- Sweatshirt, long-sleeve t-shirt, windbreaker or other light jacket
- Bible (a must-have)
- Notebook/Journal, and pen/pencil
- Travel chair (like a Crazy Creek) - great for meetings and quiet times
- Personal toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Flashlight and batteries
- Water bottle (a must-have)
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher – the sun is intense) / Sunglasses
- Bug spray or lotion
- Plastic bags (for dirty shoes and/or wet clothes)
- 1 jar peanut butter and 1 jar jelly (we will collect and use for lunches on work site)
- 2 rolls of toilet paper (we collect these for bathrooms)



DON'T FORGET! Each person needs a personal mess kit, which they will wash after each meal, and a mesh hanging bag to store the mess kit in for hanging and drying.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL personal items should be marked for identification – baggage, clothing, linens, everything! We have experienced real problems with look-alike clothing and other items. Please use a permanent marker to put your name on all of your belongings.

What NOT to Bring:

- Weapons of any kind
- Electric razors and razors
- Tobacco, alcohol any form of mind-altering substances
- Clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco products, drugs or displays obscene images



Cell Phones: We understand that the majority of students now use their cell phones for a camera, alarm, flashlight, etc. We ask that **ALL** students and leaders limit their cell phone use as much as possible (no cell phones on the work site, during Quiet Time and program). It is up to individual church leaders to enforce this however they see fit. We ask that you take advantage of the gift it is to be "unplugged" for the time you are on the mission trip and focus on **WHY** you are here!

Chattanooga Attractions

FREE DAY

We will have a free half day one day during the week when we will work for only half the day. At lunchtime, you will return to camp and then your church group will be on your own to take in one or more of the Chattanooga area

The Tennessee Aquarium - <http://www.tnaqua.org/>

The Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga inspires wonder and appreciation for the natural world. Journey through a spectacular 60-foot canyon and two living forests, where you'll see more than 9,000 animals that swim, fly and crawl in natural habitats.

Rock City and Ruby Falls on Lookout Mountain

http://www.rubyfalls.com/fun/see_em_both5.htm

<http://www.seerockcity.com/>

The IMAX Theater - <http://www.tnaqua.org/IMAX/imax.html>

Practically next door to the Tennessee Aquarium, the massive six-story-high IMAX 3D Theater combines breathtaking crystal clear 3D images with state-of-the-art six channel IMAX digital sound. You'll feel like you're in the movie, not just watching it!

Chattanooga Choo-Choo - <http://www.choochoo.com>

One of the South's most renowned and unique landmarks. This 30-acre vacation and convention complex is located in the heart of Chattanooga and has something for everyone. The Choo-Choo combines history and fun in a delightful blend that appeals to visitors of all ages.

Coolidge Park

Coolidge Park is Chattanooga's most popular downtown destination park. Situated on the city's north shore, this exciting new 7-acre park offers visitors and residents alike, a rare opportunity to relax, play, and socialize year-round. There is also a great indoor carousel you can ride for \$1.00! Even better...try homemade ice cream at Clumpies – a local favorite.

Highpoint Climbing - <https://highpointclimbing.com/downtown/>

High Point Climbing And Fitness is one of the nation's most unique climbing facilities with 30,000 square feet of climbing inside and outside. The outdoor climbing walls feature climbing on transparent climbing material that is like nothing else. Inside, there are climbing areas for everyone. From beginner auto-belay walls to our top roping room, lead climbing pit, and two bouldering areas. The Kid Zone is built for kids, fun for everyone. Prices, times and waver information found on their website.

Hiking

Chattanooga offers many opportunities for hiking – on one of the surrounding mountains (Signal, Lookout, Raccoon) or in the Cherokee National Forest, which is a short drive from Chattanooga.

Whitewater Rafting

The Ocoee River is only an hour drive from Chattanooga, so investigate the possibility of a whitewater rafting trip for your group. There are many companies to choose from. Please remember that you need to be back for the closing program Friday night, so schedule your rafting trip accordingly.