

Chattanooga, Tennessee



ABOUT THE CITY:

County - Hamilton

Incorporated in 1839

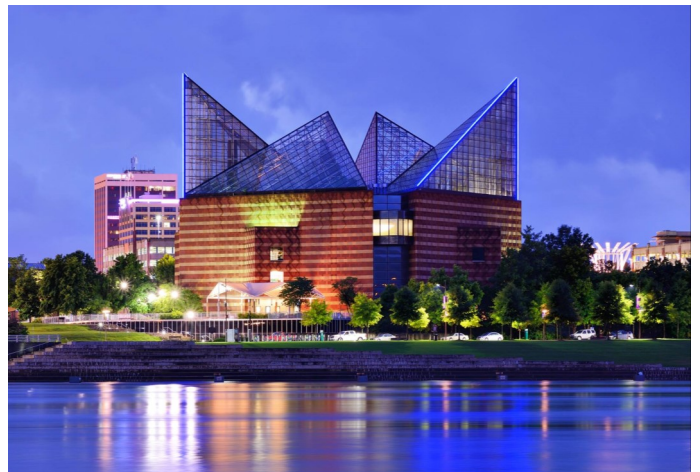
Area - 143.2 sq mi (370.8 km²)

Elevation - 676 ft (206 m)

Population - 177,571 (2016)

Time zone - EST

Website - www.chattanooga.gov



Quick Reference Guide



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Son Servants Trip Info – <https://ycmhome.org/schedule/ss/chattanooga-2/>

Son Servants Downloads – <https://ycmhome.org/resources/downloads/>

Downloads found at the bottom left-hand side of webpage.

Location - Chattanooga, Tennessee

Ministry Partner - Widow's Harvest, P52

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 products is strictly prohibited.
- You may not go anywhere by yourself. When walking up the road, to the store or around the neighborhood, you should go in a group with an adult.
- 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. We prefer that be done through the local churches in order to avoid hard feelings or embarrassment.
- 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.

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!

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

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

DRESS CODE POLICY

As we serve the Lord on the mission field, 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. Girls should wear one-piece or full coverage tankinis.

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.

YCM 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 Youth Conference Ministries (YCM).

- 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 conference 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, or to the YCM Chief Executive Officer Tim Surratt. Since the person in question may be a minor, state laws will be followed.

GOING GREEN

Son Servants decided to “go green” a few years ago and implemented a new plan for non-breakable dishes for our meals. Instead of creating MASSIVE amounts of trash AND spending lots of extra money on paper products, we are asking that all **domestic trip participants and staff bring their OWN plate, bowl, fork, spoon and cup**. We will obviously have a few extras for those students who will inevitably forget. And, more importantly, we will be a TON “greener”; therefore leaving a smaller footprint on the environment for each trip. This is pretty awesome when you think about how much trash we prevent in just one summer. This will be done on all domestic and international trips.

There will be dish washing stations, AWAY from the kitchen, where each person will clean their own plate. This will include a rinse tub, a wash tub and a sanitize tub. Basically, everyone is responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Son Servants will provide the tubs, sponges, soap, etc.

If you’re interested in some online websites where you can purchase these items, you can check out the following links:

<https://www.preserveproducts.com/shop/on-the-go-tableware-set-pack-for-8-65>

https://smile.amazon.com/GSI-Outdoors-Cascadian-Person-Tableset/dp/B001LF3IBG/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1505231639&sr=8-1&keywords=GSI-Outdoors-Cascadian-Person-Tableset

<http://www.academy.com/shop/pdp/gsi-outdoors-cascadian-1-person-table-set-201766731--1#repChildCatid=1229516>



HOUSING INFORMATION

- ▶ Son Servants will be housed at Harrison Bay State Park in Harrison, TN (just ten minutes north of Chattanooga) in cabins that hold six people each. You may want to think ahead to how you will divide your group into groups of six (by gender, of course). For more information on Harrison Bay, visit their web page at <http://tnstateparks.com/parks/group-camp/harrison-bay-group-camp>
- ▶ The cabins are not air-conditioned, but there are outlets for fans, so you WILL want to bring a few fans for every six people in your group. Please keep in mind that if the camp is full, you may be sharing a cabin with people from another church.
- ▶ There is a bath house centrally located among the cabins with separate sides for males and females.
- ▶ Breakfast and supper will be prepared by a Son Servants cook, while lunches will be provided on the work site. A “Kitchen Patrol” (KP) group will help with clean up after meals and also with cleaning the bathrooms.



PARENT SECTION

What about Safety

Son Servants is committed to providing a good, safe mission experience for all 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 Del Francescon in the YCM office at (423) 624-2495 or by cell at (423) 400-9331. 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 the Son Servants office, 1200 Mountain Creek Road, Suite 130, Chattanooga, TN 37405. Please put student name, in care of Son Servants Ministry. Mail should be sent 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!

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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)
- **FANS** for your cabins with **power strips** and **extension cords**



***Please keep in mind that the cabins you will be staying in are rustic, state park cabins. Some campers in the past have preferred to bring a mattress cover for their bed. This option is up to the individual and is not a required item.**

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

During the week, there will be one day that is a free half day and 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 attractions or just hang out. Your camp leadership will contact you for further details.

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 waiver 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.

Sharing Your Faith

The Roman Road to Salvation

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23

We must realize that our sins separate us from God!

Romans 5:08

God so loved us that even while we were yet sinners He died for us!

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Prayer to Receive Jesus

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I was made for You, but I've been living for me. I want to begin a relationship with You now. I believe that You died in my place, to pay the penalty for my sin, and rose again for my salvation. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life as my Lord and Savior.

