

DULUTH, MN city information

Demographics

Duluth is located on the westernmost tip of Lake Superior—the largest freshwater lake in the world. It is halfway between the city of Minneapolis and the Canadian border. The city itself is built into a steep, rocky cliffside and was originally settled by the Sioux and Chippewa Indians. The city attracts 2.5 million visitors annually and the current population is 86,265. The city's harbor, illuminated by a lighthouse, welcomes over 1,000 ocean-going and Great Lakes freighters annually. Duluth is one of four Minnesota seaports on Lake Superior. Despite not being open year-round due to ice during the winter months, Duluth remains ranked among the top 20 US ports for cargo tonnage - seeing almost 40,000,000 tons pass through its port in 2010. Close to 2,000 local jobs are dependent on port operations. Once home to more millionaires (per capita) than any other city in the world, Duluth's population today includes 15.5% who live in poverty. Come partner with the community to help this city reach its potential for a high quality of life with your encouragement and service.

About the Ministry

Participants serve in a variety of ways during a YouthWorks mission trip. Students may spend all week at one service site or switch between sites during the week. Our goal in partnering with local service organizations and programs is to address the very basic needs of residents. Students may serve at places like: children's programs, elderly centers, soup kitchens/homeless shelters and thrift stores. We cannot confirm until all groups arrive exactly what service opportunities your students will be a part of during the week. We ask that you come with a willing and flexible spirit!

Activities

Evening activities during a YouthWorks week are designed to give participants insight into the lives of local residents and the culture of the area. A list of evening/cultural activities we have done in the past include: visit the Maritime Museum and Canal Park; serve a meal at Union Gospel Mission; go roller skating at World of Wheels; and relax at Park Point. These are examples of what your group might partake in during your mission week. These examples are subject to change due to

weather or availability. In case of change, suitable substitutes will be provided. We try to arrange for free evening activities, but from time to time, an additional cost may be required for an activity. Please plan to bring an additional \$10 per person to cover any extra costs. We will confirm the details closer to your trip.