

# B⚡G CITY '19

DETROIT, MICHIGAN





## JOIN US FOR BIG CITY '19

God is at work, all over the world. He is busy restoring relationships, caring for the outcast and the poor, and giving the love of Jesus to anybody who wants it. And the crazy thing about God, is that he does this through normal people, and organizations, and churches. On this trip we get to go outside of our comfort zones and experience, first hand, what God is doing through other people in a different city. The Revolution Big City mission trip is about serving, growing in community, and growing closer to God.



**"DECLARE HIS GLORY  
AMONG THE NATIONS,  
HIS MARVELOUS WORKS  
AMONG ALL PEOPLE"**

1 CHRONICLES 16:24

Big City is all of the things you love about REV - authentic worship and powerful teaching - combined with daily, inner-city serving opportunities that will allow you to participate in community outreach projects, kids day camps, and food and clothing distribution.

## TRIP DETAILS

**WHO:** Any student completing grades 9-12

**WHEN:** Leave Saturday morning, June 22 and return Saturday evening, June 29

**COST:** Team Fundraising Goal: \$160,000  
Roughly \$800 per person - you set your own personal goal.

## SEEING DETROIT

We'll spend a whole day enjoying the sites. We'll visit important monuments, historic sites, and have some fun in Detroit.

## ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

We'll get to Detroit by coach bus. Once in Detroit, we'll sleep and eat our meals at the church/school that is hosting our entire group. We will have separate sleeping areas for girls and boys, and we'll have shower facilities available at least once a day. We'll finish each day of serving by having a combined evening large-group session in an auditorium in at the church/school.

## SERVING WITH CUTTING EDGE MINISTRIES

Cutting Edge Ministries has directed our past seven REV mission trips and is partnering us with local churches and outreach ministries in inner-city Detroit. During the day, students will be split into teams of 15-30 and will work directly with ministries committed to reaching their community by meeting tangible and spiritual needs. Each team will participate in community outreach, work projects, kids day camps, and food and clothing distribution. This trip will give each student an insider's view of inner-city ministries in action and allow them to be a light to kids, families, and communities in need.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Any student who has participated in a previous REV mission trip is strongly encouraged to apply to become a student leader for Big City '19. Student leaders will be team captains during serving opportunities, co-lead morning Bible studies in a small group of peers, and be offered pre-trip leadership training with our Student Ministries staff.

Apply online March 20 through April 10.

# APPLICATION AND PAYMENT PROCESS

## STEP #1: ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

These meetings will be held at every campus on Wednesday, Feb. 27, during REV Small Group time, 7-8 pm. Interested students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

\*Wayzata Students - March 3 from 4-5 pm

## STEP #2: FILL OUT FORMS

Fill out the mission trip application and forms online at [ebcrevolution.com](http://ebcrevolution.com) or ask a leader for trip details at REV.

## STEP #3: SUBMIT ONLINE OR BRING IN DEPOSIT AND FORMS

Submit completed application forms and a \$50 deposit online, to the Pastor of Student Ministries at REV or to the Eagle Brook Offices by Wednesday, March 20. Eagle Brook staff will solidify the trip rosters by the end of the day on Monday, March 25. Should your application be selected, your \$50 deposit will go towards the cost of the trip.

If your application needs follow-up, you will be contacted to discuss a plan. If, after the discussion, the application needs to be canceled, your \$50 will be returned to you.

## STEP #4: RAISE FUNDS

Start writing support letters/emails to friends and family. Find a group to fundraise with or raise money on your own. You will need to keep your Pastor of Student Ministries up to date with your efforts and progress.

Our goal is to have the trip fully funded by June 10.

## STEP #5: ATTEND THE TEAM TRAINING, ON SUNDAY MAY 19

On this day, we'll meet to review trip details, get to know each other, and train for some of our serving opportunities. This will be a great chance to meet the people you'll be serving with and lock in final details.



# STUDENT MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING

## Guidelines for students:

- You are representing the Student Ministries team and Eagle Brook Church. Use wise judgement and discernment as your actions could affect fundraising for future students and mission trips.
- Be safe! Be wise when you are engaging with people online and when helping at their houses. Act as a group and/or always make sure your parents are aware and approve of your activities.
- Be prepared to explain when someone is purchasing an item or getting a service provided there is no tax deduction unless they are paying more than the fair market value in which case the deduction is the amount over the fair market value. A free will offering is deductible. In this situation, checks should be made payable to Eagle Brook Church.
- Fliers and advertising should be tasteful and should clearly state that if a person is engaging in this event they will be supporting a "High School Student Mission Trip through Eagle Brook Church". This covers that it is a religious organization, but also that it is specific to the mission trip and not for the Eagle Brook Church General Fund.
- Do not use Eagle Brook branding unless given permission prior to doing so.
- Do not raise money solely for your portion of the trip. Be sure to talk about funding the trip as a collective group and not as "paying your way".

## Potential Fundraising opportunities:

1. Restaurant Events (ex. Chipotle, Pizza Ranch, Culver's)  
In this option, the students apply for a day and hand out fliers advertising the fundraising event. In most situations, the students are actively involved as greeter, servers, etc. The restaurant cuts Eagle Brook Church a check for a portion of the proceeds brought in on the selected day. There is also an option for advertising the night of the event for extra "tips" or donations.
2. Garage Sales  
Students collect donations from people willing to support the trip and sell those items to raise funds. Items may also be sold online through eBay or Craigslist.
3. Household Chores  
Students assist with household needs - yard work, mowing lawns, babysitting, car washing, etc. – and receive funds.
4. Bagging Groceries  
Students apply for a day for their event and bag groceries for donations.
5. Product Sales  
Students can research fundraising sites for products to sell from which they receive a percentage. This can include community discount cards, candy bars, food items, etc.
6. Direct Requests to Local Businesses  
Many companies support non-profit fundraising.

### **Purpose of Deposit, Refund and Fundraising Policies Update:**

- To ensure we are following IRS rules regarding mission trip charitable donations.
- To ensure that each mission trip attendee is receiving the same information regarding refunds and fundraising.
- To find the best solution that represents the needs of our church and our concern for both the attendee and their responsibility to raise funds for the trip.

### **Deposit Policy for Student Ministries Mission Trips:**

A \$50 deposit is required for all applications. The purpose of the deposit is to confirm the student's spot on the trip. This deposit is not considered a charitable contribution. If the student chooses to not participate in the mission trip for any reason this deposit is 100% refundable until May 1st. After that date refunds are not available.

### **Fundraising Policy for Student Ministries Mission Trips:**

Students and Volunteers attending the mission trip will all work together to raise the funds to cover the full amount of the trip. Everyone is encouraged to set a personal goal for fundraising, but donations are not tracked by who brought in each donation. Trip attendees can find more info on expectations of fundraising on our Fundraising Guidelines Document.

### **Refund Policy for Student Ministries Mission Trips:**

To ensure that we are following the IRS rules regarding charitable contributions to non-profit organizations for mission trip purposes, there are no refunds allowed for mission trip fundraising for any reason at any time. Contributions are to fund the trip and not an attendee of the trip, thus if attendees cancel their participation in the trip the funds they have raised will still be included in funding the trip.

## SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

[ NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT BEGIN RAISING FUNDS UNTIL RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE INFO ON APRIL 3. ]

**Please do not copy this letter word for word.** Use it as a framework and put your letter into your own words. You can send this letter through the mail, or use the text to create an email to send to your family and friends. If sending via mail, make sure you sign each letter individually. It's an important personal touch to choose not to photocopy your signature. We also encourage you to include a response form (see template below) and a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. This makes it far more likely that a friend or family member will write a check and send it back without a large hassle.

Dear [Insert your supporter's name here.],

I have an opportunity this summer, June 22-29, to go on a mission trip to Detroit with other high school students from Eagle Brook Church.

We'll be working with several inner-city churches committed to meeting people's practical needs in order to show them the hope and love found in Jesus. We'll partner with local church staff in Detroit to do community outreach, work projects, kids day camps, and food and clothing distribution. We'll get an insider's view of a few inner-city churches in action and try to be a light to kids, families, and communities in need.

I am excited about what God is going to do in my life and in the lives of others through this trip. I would like to ask you to pray for me and my team as we prepare and also while we are away on the trip.

In addition to your prayer support, I also ask you to consider helping support our team financially. As you can imagine, helping 300 students serve for a week will take a lot of financial resources. We are hoping to raise \$160,000 from donations and individual contributions to put toward the total cost of the trip. I trust that God will provide the money we all need to participate in this mission trip.

If you're interested in supporting us through prayer or financial donation, I would love to hear from you. You can give online at [ebcrevolution.com](http://ebcrevolution.com), which is the easiest way to respond, or you can send the donation to me. If mailing a donation, please make your check out to Eagle Brook Church and include the enclosed response form.

Thank you for taking the time to read about my opportunity and for prayerfully considering supporting my team.

With gratitude,  
[Sign your name here.]

*P.S. Please fill out the enclosed response form and return it to us before June 1. Checks should be made payable to Eagle Brook Church. Please write "2019 High School Mission Trip" in the memo section.*

## SUPPORTER RESPONSE FORM

[ INCLUDE THIS WITH YOUR SUPPORT LETTER TO MAKE IT EASY FOR DONORS TO RESPOND. ]

Dear [insert your name here], I/we want to support the 2019 High School Mission Trip in the following way(s):

- ☐ As prayer partners with you as you prepare and while you are serving on the mission trip.
- ☐ Through a financial gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which will help equip you and your team to touch many lives in Detroit, and when you return home.  
(Make checks payable to Eagle Brook Church. Please write "2019 High School Mission Trip" in the memo section.)

Name of Supporter(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Supporter's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(For receiving charitable tax donation receipt and for me to send you updates)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

If making a non-electronic donation, please mail donation and this form to:  
[insert your address here]

ebcrevolution.com  
651.429.9227



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