

Portland, Maine
Sr. High Mission
2027
Information and Application Packet

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Portland, Maine Mission 2027 July 18-23, 2027

Portland, Maine isn't just a picturesque coastal city—it's a community at a crossroads. While tourists flock to the Old Port's cobblestone streets and destination restaurants, many neighbors here are struggling with fundamental needs: *a warm place to sleep, consistent meals, and a supportive community to help them build new lives.*

Experience Mission's goal is simple—come alongside local ministry partners already working alongside Portland residents facing housing and food insecurity, and participate in refugee assistance for newly arrived families seeking to rebuild their lives. In this way, we hope to be a picture of God's love to our neighbors in Maine.

The Need

Portland has become a sanctuary for hundreds of families fleeing violence and persecution, while simultaneously facing a housing crisis that affects both new arrivals and long-time residents. Many individuals and families are navigating complex systems while trying to meet basic needs. The city's resources are stretched thin, and community organizations need support to meet growing demands.

Beyond Service

This mission trip isn't just about what we give—it's about what we receive:

- Deeper understanding of complex social issues
- Growth in your own faith journey
- The chance to build real relationships with the people and organizations already doing this work

Come serve alongside local partners and neighbors already building a stronger community together.

Ministry / Outreach Opportunities

Partners for World Health

This organization collects, sorts, and ships medical supplies to clinics and hospitals in underprivileged international communities so they have the means to provide safe and sanitary environments for incoming patients. Incoming EM mission teams help by sorting supplies and loading containers to be sent overseas.

Preble Street

Preble Street is a local organization working closely with people experiencing homelessness in Portland. Along with warm meals 365 days of the year, they also offer overnight shelters for mixed groups, women and youth, social services, access to a food pantry, and supported housing so the growing population feels valued and cared for. EM teams have the honor of working in the soup kitchen to prepare food and serve 200-400 people every meal.

The Root Cellar

The Root Cellar works closely with the growing refugee population in the city and provides support to families and individuals seeking food, clothing, job support, dental care, and local, safe programs for kids. Whether they're new to Portland or have lived in the city for years, The Root Cellar is a caring and helpful place for people of all ages to visit. EM teams encourage their ministry in the city and help provide extra hands, support, and enthusiasm for their kids and youth programming each day.

Portland, Maine Financial Information

COST OF MISSION (estimated):
This cost is *before* fundraising.

Experience Mission Fee	$ 475
Flight	$ 650
Travel/Meals to/from Omaha	$ 200
Rental Vehicles	$ 175
Mission Expenses/Prep/Materials (devotionals, shirts, meals at meetings, donations, etc.)	$ 150
	$1,650

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment #1	November 20, 2026	$275.00	DUE @ Registration time
Payment #2	January 20, 2027	$275.00	
Payment #3	February 17, 2027	$275.00	
Payment #4	March 17, 2027	$275.00	
Payment #5	April 14, 2027	$275.00	
Payment #6	May 19, 2027	$275.00	

FUNDRAISING:

Christmas Bake Sale (December 5 - 6)
Easter Breakfast (March 28)
Stock Sales (March 28 – June 7) *with Dessert Banquet on August 8th*
Silent Auction (June 12 - 13)

Portland, Maine Mission Dates to Remember

Friday, November 20	Applications & Payment #1 Due @ registration.
Monday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.	First Team Meeting
December 5 & 6	Holiday Bake Sale
Sunday, January 24, 3:00 p.m.	Second Team Meeting Parents for first 15 minutes only
Sunday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.	Third Team Meeting
Sunday, March 28	Easter Breakfast
Sunday, March 28-June 7	Stock Sales begin
Sunday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.	Fourth Team Meeting
Sunday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.	Fifth Team Meeting
Saturday, June 12 & Sunday, June 13	Silent Auction
Wednesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.	Sixth Team Meeting
Wednesday, July 14	FINAL MISSION MEETING (parents/youth)
Sunday, July 18	Depart for Omaha & Fly to Portland, Maine (early – 5:30 a.m.)
Sunday, July 18 – Friday, July 23	Portland, Maine
Friday, July 23	Fly to Omaha - Arrive in Hastings
Sunday, August 8	Stockholder's Banquet

Portland, Maine Team Member agreement

As a member/parent/guardian of this mission team, I understand and agree to the following principles:

1. Be actively involved in First St. Paul's Youth Ministry (Soul Café or Small Group) and worship in the coming year.

2. Be actively involved as a First St. Paul's volunteer (Sunday School Teacher, Confirmation Assistant, Worship Team, Ichthus Volunteer) in the coming year.

3. Be an active team member, recognizing that preparation for this mission requires my time, talent and financial support.

4. Attend all trip meetings, which are **mandatory**, and understanding that absences are emergency only and must be cleared with trip leader ***prior*** to the meeting.

5. Attend/contribute to all fundraisers and the follow up banquet.

6. Will take responsibility for due dates, meeting dates and information that pertains to this mission.

7. Will adhere to all deadlines for paper work, forms and deposits/payments.

8. Will travel with the team as a whole for all portions of this mission.

9. Passports, vaccinations and other trip related costs are incurred by the team member and are not covered by fundraising.

10. I understand that all payments are collected to cover incurred costs at the time. As a result, payments are ***non-refundable,*** regardless of the circumstances that may prevent me/my child from completing the mission.

11. I understand and agree that if I/my child does not participate as required, it will affect their ability to complete the mission, regardless of financial commitment. In this case, payments remain ***non-refundable***.

Youth Print: _____

Youth Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Print: _____

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