

Mount Notre Dame Community Service Experience

Liberty, KY Rural Plunge – Summer 2020

Tuesday, June 23 (8:00 AM) – Monday, June 29 (2:00 PM) | Cost: \$210
MND Chaperone: Mr. Todd Forman

Greetings! Thanks for your interest in our Summer 2020 Liberty, KY Rural Plunge Experience. You are in for an amazing experience of simplicity, hard work, good fun and inspiration. If you've been down to Liberty before – welcome home. If you are brand new to the experience – we are excited that you are interested in joining us!

What is Liberty? Liberty is a small town in Central Kentucky, and home to many friends we have come to know and love. There are so many reasons we keep going back - wonderful people doing incredible work, the fresh food and clean air, wonderful music, the simple lifestyle, the strong faith of the people, and the incredible spirit of the students that go time after time. Liberty truly means freedom from the craziness of city living and the hurried pace of life. It is also a great place to connect - with each other, the earth, and the joy of simplicity.



Jerome and Paula Lange: Jerome and Paula Lange have been our friends since 1988. They run a small organic farm and they sell their produce throughout Kentucky. They have five grown children, including Aaron, who is a student at Berea College. Their daughter Emily is married living in Columbus, Ohio, where she and her husband run a highly successful Christ-based youth group for inner-city kids. (Twice a year we take trips to visit and work with Emily and Aaron. Visit <http://reachtni.org/> to learn more about their ministry.) During our visits to Liberty, we focus our work on the Lange's produce farm and help them with various projects.

Nathan and Julie Dunlap: Nathan and Julie have five children and we have helped them with construction projects and other assorted tasks during our visits. The Dunlaps spent time in Tanzania on mission work and church development.

More Friends: We have many other friends often visit – Jeff & Dawn Shultz, Marie Carman (RIP) & Hugh, Pete & Nancy Patton, the Showalter family, Dave & Mary Lou Miller, Paul Martin, Bobbette Jascor, Mark & Denise Strauel and their family, Noah & Esther Nolt and their family, our friends at Sacred Heart Church and St. Bernard Church, and many more.

The service work: Depending on the work to be done, we will most likely spend time at the Lange's farm working in their garden or on their house, or on other construction projects. We may also be working with the friends listed above, doing an assortment of work.

Mennonites and Amish: This area of Kentucky is home to a large community of Mennonites and Amish. Both groups lead a simple lifestyle, avoiding modern technology in their daily lives. Their simple fashion and basic means of transportation is always fun to observe. We have many Mennonite and Amish friends in Liberty and frequently visit with them during our trips.

The Galilean Children's Home: During our visits, we stay at the Galilean Children's Home. This very special place home to many needy children from around the world. Over 40 years ago Jerry and the late Sandy Tucker began adopting children that no one else wanted. These children come from all over the world and either stay for a short time to receive medical treatment or were adopted by Jerry and Sandy. Jean Beaudelaire (Haiti) and Abdul Samad (Afghanistan), two children that the Tucker's rescued many years ago, have grown up with us and remain good friends of ours. Jean, who lives near Nashville, TN, is a singer/songwriter. He usually comes up on Saturday evening for music. Visit www.galileanhome.org for more info.



Evening time and free time: After a good day of work we will relax and do other activities. We usually spend time together reflecting on our day, having discussion about life and faith, playing games, and learning about each other. We will have music on Saturday evening performed by Jerome, Paula, Nathan, Julie, Jean, and MND students and chaperones who bring their instruments.

Homework: Like retreats, students are given time to make up the work they miss. (See MND Student Handbook for specifics.) Unfortunately, there is no time during the trip for homework.

What should I bring? A detailed list of other items will be shared with you prior to the trip.

Food and Meals: Some of our meals will be prepared and eaten at our home base, while other meals will be our friends' houses. We will eat one meal at the Bread of Life Café. For some meals we will enjoy vegetables grown locally, but we will need to do some shopping when we arrive in Liberty. We always get some fresh vegetables from the Lange's farm – widely known to be some of the best produce in Kentucky.

Transportation: We will be leaving from MND on **Tuesday, June 23 at 8:00 AM**. We will be using Mr. Forman's truck/trailer, and other adult chaperones' vehicles. The trip takes about 4 hours. We return to MND on **Monday, June 29 at 2:00 pm**.

CHAPERONES NEEDED: We need quite a few chaperones for this trip. Chaperones will guarantee a spot for their daughter and will receive a reduced rate of \$105 for his/her daughter. Chaperones must be able and willing to drive their own vehicle, are asked to pay for their own gas and be able to carry *4 or more students*. Chaperones must also participate in VIRTUS training (www.mndhs.org/virtus). Please contact me if you are interested – we'd love to have you!

Cost: The cost of the trip is \$210. This will cover food, lodging, transportation, t-shirts, donations to the Galilean Home, Galilean Academy, Sacred Heart Church, Dunnville Christian Church, and work materials during the trip. Checks should be made payable to Mount Notre Dame High School. *Limited partial scholarships are available for this trip – please contact Mr. Forman if you'd like to apply for a scholarship.*

Questions? Feel free to contact Todd Forman (tforman@mndhs.org or 513.550.0518) anytime.

“Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.”
Confucius

IMPORTANT LIBERTY APPLICATION INFORMATION



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP THIS PAPER

- (1) We will accept the first 55 applications for this trip. *ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING RECENT GRADS, ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.*
- (2) Applications must be fully completed in order to be accepted and processed, including answers to Student Application Questions.
- (3) A \$210 check (payable to MND) must be attached to the application. It will not be deposited until the roster is set and you've received a confirmation email of your participation. *Original checks will be returned to the parents of students not selected for this trip.*
- (4) We will be taking approximately 50 MND students this visit. Chaperones will be invited on a first-come, first-serve basis and must be able and willing to drive their own vehicle. Chaperones will need to be VIRTUS trained. Chaperones must be able to drive 4 or more students and are asked to pay for their own gas. *Chaperones will participate for free and may bring one daughter at the reduced rate of \$105.*
- (5) Once all applications are received, Mr. Forman will review the applications and the responses to the application questions. Selections will be made in this order:
 - a) Leadership invitations will be emailed from the list of applicants who have been on previous Liberty trips.
 - b) Applications of students whose parents are chaperoning will be reviewed and processed.
 - c) All other applications will then be reviewed and processed.
- (6) REFUNDS: In the event you are unable to attend, you must notify Mr. Forman by Monday, June 1st to receive a full refund. If you withdraw after this date you will be given a credit for a future Liberty trip.

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*Type and print/handwrite your responses on a separate sheet of paper
and submit with your application.*

Please don't write your answers on this paper or email your answers.

1. **List:** Your name, HR, phone number, and non-MND email address
2. Which other Liberty, KY trips have you attended? (*List dates – Ex. Summer 2018, Christmas 2019, etc...*)
3. Why should we choose you to participate in our Liberty trip this Spring?
4. What size T-shirt do you wear?
5. Do you have food restrictions?
6. Do you have any allergies we need to be aware of?

FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS ONLY

7. How do you feel about working hard, pulling weeds, digging in dirt, dealing with bugs, sleeping in a gym, sharing limited bathroom and shower facilities, etc...
8. What have you heard about the Liberty, KY trip and how did you learn about the experience?

Liberty, KY Summer 2020 Application / Permission

PARENTS: I, the lawful parent or guardian of _____ (my "child"), request my permission for my child to participate in **Liberty, KY Service Trip** sponsored by MND according to the terms specified below:

1. I release from all liability, and indemnify and hold harmless Mount Notre Dame High School and the officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, and employees of Mount Notre Dame from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, claims, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees, known or unknown at this time, arising out of or in any way related to any injury or illness incurred by my child while participating in or traveling to or from the activity.

2. I agree to instruct my child to cooperate with MND and their agents in charge of the activity.

3a. I appoint MND and their agents who are acting as leaders of the activity as my attorney in fact to act for me in my name and my behalf, in any way that I would act if I were personally present, with respect to the following matters if any injury, illness, or medical emergency occurs during the activity:

(i) To give any and all consents and authorizations to any physician, dentist, hospital, or other persons or institutions pertaining to any emergency medications, medical emergency occurs during the activity.

(ii) I understand that the agents of MND will make a reasonable attempt to contact me as soon as possible in the event of a medical emergency regarding my child.

3b. The powers and authority granted herein may be revoked by me by written notice delivered to MND or any agent thereof who is acting then or who has previously acted hereunder.

4. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** I agree that MND or their agents may use my child's portrait/photograph for editorial purposes and office functions and hereby release Mount Notre Dame and their agents from any liability resulting from such use.

5. **TRANSPORTATION:** I request permission for transportation arrangements as indicated in the application. I acknowledge that we have adequate insurance to cover any claims. I hereby waive and discharge any and all claims, rights of action, demands or liabilities of whatever nature against MND or any and all other person or persons in charge for any injuries or damages which my child, either directly or indirectly, incurs or causes as a result of her being a passenger in a car driven by adults involved in the trip, or as participating in these service activities. I have carefully read this statement, and my signature acknowledges that I fully understand its content and meaning and authorizes my daughter to participate in the activity being sponsored by MND.

6. **TETANUS:** I understand that my daughter needs to have an up-to-date TETANUS vaccination (Initial option below)

___ My daughter last had her tetanus vaccination on _____ (date) and is therefore up-to-date.

___ My daughter will have her vaccine prior to the trip. I will send in a note once this has been done.

Parent Name (Printed): _____ Parent Email: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Cell #: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT:

1. This completed form.
2. Student responses to questions.
3. A check for \$210 made payable to MND.

RETURN TO MR. FORMAN IN CAMPUS MINISTRY