

Application Packet

Tucson and Tohono O’odham Nation Mission Trip

December 10-17, 2022

Thank you for your interest in Sheil Catholic Center’s mission trips! These trips are a great opportunity to put your faith into action by serving underprivileged people in our country. It is also a chance to learn about another culture, to grow in your personal faith journey, to understand and integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and to share what you have learned with the Sheil and Northwestern communities.

We invite you to prayerfully consider giving part of your winter break to helping and learning about the Tohono O’odham Nation people and the Franciscan Friars who minister with them. This mission trip is open to all Northwestern students.

The enclosed information packet includes important information about travel dates, application process and costs. Please read this entire packet carefully. Undergraduate students are also encouraged to share this information with their family.

DESCRIPTION

Through this program, participants will have the opportunity to learn from those ministering with and living amongst the people of this area. We will have the opportunity to visit with people of the Tohono O’odham Nation and participate in ministry with the Franciscan Friars. We plan to participate in service within the community through visits to the prison and local projects. We also will have the opportunity to encounter the beauty and culture of the area.

CONTACT

For more details or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Tim Higgins, Campus Minister
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A **\$300** deposit is required with the application (make checks payable to “Sheil Catholic Center”). If you are not selected for the trip, this deposit will be returned to you.

Applications Due to Secure Your Space: Thursday, June 2nd at 5:00 pm

Space is limited. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. We encourage all interested Northwestern students to apply. However, first consideration will be given to those who have not been on a previous Sheil mission trip.

“Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes, For the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on people’s dreams. More serious still, we may forget that God was here before our arrival.” - Max Warren

General Information

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

We are going to Tucson, Arizona and the Tohono O'odham Nation. We are collaborating with the Franciscan Friars

WHAT WILL WE DO THERE?

We will learn about the cultural, spiritual, and present circumstances of the Tohono O'odham Nation and learn more about ongoing border issues. We will have the opportunity to participate in a number of service opportunities relating to community needs and cultural learning. The Franciscans have a long-term relationship with the Tohono O'odham Nation.

WHEN ARE WE GOING?

The trip is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 through Saturday, December 17. Students must be willing to commit to the entire length of the trip.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Students are responsible to pay all fees incurred by their trip. For those who qualify, scholarships are available to help lower the cost of the trip. The cost of the trip is \$1,100 which includes airfare, transportation, food, and lodging. Students are responsible for any additional costs including state ID, immunizations, food/drink in the airport, and spending money.

Payment in full is required before you leave. A **\$300.00** deposit is due with your application. If you are not selected for the trip, this deposit will be returned to you. Final payments are due on **Wednesday, November 30th**.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

Scholarship assistance is available, there is an application process. Scholarships awarded are deduction from your total cost. Please contact Tim Higgins for additional information about scholarships.

REQUIRED MEETINGS (First meeting, TBD)

Our formation meetings are an essential component of the Service-Mission experience. This requires a significant investment of time and is crucial to the overall experience. Participants are expected to attend approximately three meetings prior to the trip. During this time, students get to know their fellow travelers and cover important logistical details. We also use this time to discuss issues of cultural sensitivity, learn about local history and culture, reflect on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and discuss various aspects of poverty and mission. All meetings are held at the Sheil Catholic Center in Evanston.

LIVING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

Everywhere we travel, we ask that you be very conscious of resources and conserve as much water and electricity as possible. We have access to clean drinking water at all times and encourage you to stay hydrated for your own health and safety!

We recognize that everyone will respond differently to witnessing and living among those experiencing poverty and marginalization on this mission trip. You will sometimes be exhausted and feel overwhelmed. You may feel helpless or guilty about different lifestyles. Other times you will feel terrific as you connect and build friendships with the people. Also, plans may quickly change, so you need to be flexible. You may want to keep a journal, and we encourage your full participation in the evening reflection sessions. Students who spend some time in reflection each day find that it takes their experience to a whole different level. Plus, it gives you something to return to when you get home.

WHAT ELSE CAN I EXPECT?

Here are some general expectations and guidelines for our time together:

- Be prepared to work hard, share in community service, be a contributing member of the team, seek the best for all team members, and take responsibility for the success of the experience.
- Respect the customs and culture of all those that we meet, learning from the differences and the similarities. Be open to learning about yourself and others, and willingly share yourself with the group through daily prayer and reflection.
- Act responsibly at all times, knowing that you are an ambassador of the Sheil Catholic Center and Northwestern University.
- Finally – be willing to laugh, love others, and have FUN! And be prepared to be surprised.

Application Form

Please complete the enclosed application, along with **\$300** deposit, and return to:
Tim Higgins, Sheil Catholic Center, 2110 Sheridan Road, Evanston IL 60201.

Your application will not be reviewed unless the necessary forms are completely filled out and your deposit is received. Please check that you submit all of the following items:

- Completed and Signed Application Form
- Release of Claim and Emergency Authorization Forms
- \$300 deposit – checks payable to “Sheil Catholic Center”
- Northwestern Policies and Photo Permission Acknowledgement Form

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NAME: _____

(Please print your full name **as it appears on your government-issued state ID**. This name will also be used on your plane ticket.)

ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

EMAIL: _____

Year (circle one): First-Year Sophomore Junior Senior Grad Student

Return Flight: All flights will be booked round trip to/from Chicago, unless another arrangement is possible. Would you like to request a final destination other than Chicago? (i.e. Do you want to fly directly “home” or to another location?) Please check ONE of the following:

Return to Chicago: _____ **Return elsewhere (list city):** _____

By checking here, I understand that I am responsible for any additional costs if the airfare to my final destination is greater than round-trip airfare to/from Chicago Airport.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: Please provide a short response (up to one paragraph per question) to the following questions. Please TYPE your responses on a separate page and attach to the application.

1. Why are you interested in a service-mission experience at this point in your life?
2. What is your understanding of mission?
3. What do you hope/expect to learn from this experience?
4. What strengths do you bring to the group?

My signature below confirms that I have read the entire application packet, and I agree to the requirements set forth by the Sheil Catholic Center.

Signature

Date

Release of Claim and Emergency Authorization Form

Please read this form carefully.

Agreement Regarding Liability:

I agree to assume any and all risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage arising out of, or caused by my presence and participation in this service trip.

I agree to waive and relinquish all claims that I may have against Sheil Catholic Center, the Archdiocese of Chicago, Northwestern University, their officers, agents, servants, employees, drivers, and volunteers relating to Sheil Catholic Center.

I hereby fully release and discharge Sheil Catholic Center, the Archdiocese of Chicago, Northwestern University, their officers, agents, servants, employees, drivers, and volunteers relating to Sheil Catholic Center from any and all claims from injuries, including death, damage or loss, that I, my heirs and/or legal representatives may have or which may accrue to me on account of my activities.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend Sheil Catholic Center, the Archdiocese of Chicago, Northwestern University, their officers, agents, servants, employees, drivers, and volunteers relating to Sheil Catholic Center from any and all claims resulting from injuries including death, damages and losses sustain by me, or sustained by others and caused by me, and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my activities on their property. This Agreement also pertains to the individuals who help me.

Emergency Treatment Authorization & Insurance Information

I hereby authorize permission for the administration of first aid to myself by the people in charge of the program and those transporting me to and from the program as their judgment deems advisable, and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature.

I hereby authorize the treatment by a qualified and licensed doctor in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger my life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach the Emergency Contact listed on the opposite side of this form. I agree to provide medical insurance and pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to me.

Signature

I have carefully read and fully understand this *Release of Claim and Emergency Authorization Form* and I sign it of my own free will.

Participant's Name (please print):

Participant's Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Medical Information

Participant's Name (please print): _____

School Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Contact Email: _____

Name of Physician: _____

Physician Phone Number: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____

Health Insurance Policy Number: _____

Health Insurance Phone Number: _____

Specific Medical Allergies: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Chronic Illness or Conditions: _____

Other: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Northwestern Policies & Photo Permission Acknowledgement

I have read Northwestern's Student Handbook and agree to abide by all its policies. For the handbook, visit <https://www.northwestern.edu/communitystandards/student-handbook/>

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

By participating in this mission trip, you may be digitally recorded and/or photographed and, as such, acknowledge and agree to grant Sheil Catholic Center the right to digitally record, film, photograph, or capture your likeness in any media now available or hereafter developed, and to distribute, broadcast, use, or otherwise disseminate such media in perpetuity without any further approval from you or any payment to you. Your signature below affirms your agreement.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of guardian, if you are under 18 years of age: _____ Date: _____

Signature of guardian, if you are under 18 years of age: _____ Date: _____

*If you need to opt-out of being digitally recorded or photographed, please email
Tim Higgins, Campus Minister, with your request before November 30, 2022:
t-higgins@u.northwestern.edu. This will not impact your application.*