

# Newport – Eastern Tennessee

## Who Can Go:

### **Youth:** Mixed Middle and High School-Students

- Students in grades 6 through 12 of the 2011-2012 school year



### **Adults:** 1 adult leader for every 5 students

- Male and female adult leaders are required if bringing students of both genders
- Adult leaders **must** be at least **20** years of age (not younger)
- This ratio is set as both a **minimum** and a **maximum**; If you require additional leaders, please call

*We know that you may have others in your ministry that would love to serve with your group, but due to liability and agreements with service partners, students who are NOT in grades 6 through 12 during 2011-2012 cannot attend the mission trip.*

## Where You'll Stay:

We typically house at area churches, schools or community centers and sleep on classroom floors.

## Travel Information:

**Arrival/Departure:** Arrive between 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM on Sunday. Depart by 9:30 AM on Friday.

**Airports:** The closest airport to Newport is in Knoxville, TN, 49 miles west. Asheville, NC is 68 miles northeast and Chattanooga, TN is 160 miles southeast. The two nearest international airports are in Charlotte, NC, 197 miles southeast, or 227 miles west in Nashville, TN.

**Vehicles:** You will need to have enough seatbelts for each person attending the mission trip with your group. This is a bus accessible site. A bus is defined as any vehicle that is larger than a standard 15-passenger van. If you would like to bring a vehicle in this category, you will need to contact the Service Center to discuss the additional requirements due to the size of your group.

**Note:** *You will need to transport students and adult leaders from other groups in your vehicles, and may be asked to transport community children for Kids Club. Please check to make sure that your insurance will cover these requirements.*

## Ministry

Participants serve in a variety of ways during a YouthWorks mission trip. Students may spend all week at one ministry or switch between ministries during the week. We ask that you come with a willing and flexible spirit!

**Kids Club:** A hands-on program led by your youth offering high-energy games, crafts, skits, songs and interactive lessons all designed to help kids learn about Jesus.

**Work Projects:** Whether we're painting houses, performing minor home repair, cleaning up debris, volunteering in community gardens or other projects in the community, the projects students work on will serve as our way of blessing people in need.

We cannot confirm until all groups arrive exactly what ministries your students will be a part of during the week.

## Evening Activities

Evening activities are designed to give participants insight into the lives of local residents and the culture of the area. These are examples of what your group could partake in during your mission week. Evening activities are subject to change due to weather or availability. In case of change, suitable substitutes will be provided.

- Go on a hike
- Attend a bluegrass concert
- Attend a local church service
- Community cookout

## A Look at the Community

Majestic mountains, sparkling rivers and scenic wilderness are the backdrop for the 7,449 residents of Newport, Tennessee. Located in eastern Tennessee's Cocke County, Newport is approximately 50 miles east of Knoxville on the eastern border of Tennessee at the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains. Once a bustling commercial and transportation center, Newport was originally named "Clifton" for the sharp cliffs towering over Pigeon River, but was renamed "New Port" because of the importance of the river. The Pigeon River and Norfolk/Southern Railroad run parallel to Newport's Main Street, where you can enjoy shopping and dining. While this town has a low cost of living, there still are residents who struggle to make ends meet, often because of the lack of educational and employment opportunities. Only 60 percent of Newport's residents have a high school diploma, and the unemployment rate hovers near 8 percent. Twenty-nine percent of the population lives in poverty, including almost 48 percent of children under age 18. Visit Newport and be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to this peaceful community.

### Weekly Schedule\*

*Sunday Arrival: Between 4:30pm – 6:00pm*

#### Monday-Thursday

Breakfast:	7:00am – 8:00am
Devotion Time:	8:00am – 8:30am
Depart for Service Sites:	9:00am
Shower/Dinner Prep Time, Adult Leaders' Meeting:	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Dinner:	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Evening Activity:	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Evening Program "Club":	9:00pm – 10:00pm
Church Group Time:	10:00pm – 11:00pm
Prepare for Bed/Lights Out:	11:00pm – 11:15pm

*Friday Departure: Between 9:00am and 9:30am*

*\*We make every effort to follow a schedule similar to this at each site, but it may be different based on community needs. We ask for your flexibility throughout the week.*

### Newport Statistics

- 80% of the county has no faith involvement (despite the 60 churches in Newport alone).
- The first African-American mayor was elected in Newport.
- The Smoky Mountains are located in parts of the county, with 6,000 foot mountain ranges.
- Tobacco is a main crop found in the county.
- Cocke County lies in the shape of a triangle with its base resting on the Great Smoky Mountains.
- Cocke County, in 1797, was cut off from Jefferson County and was named in honor of Gen. William Cocke, one of the most distinguished of the pioneers of Tennessee.
- The median household income is \$23,520 compared to the \$42,367 in the state of Tennessee.