

Standing Rock



The mission partnership that started in 2009 between Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV), Richmond Virginia Baptist Association, and Pastor Boots Marsh of the Standing Rock Reservation has truly been a hand-in-hand, heart-to-heart effort to bring hope to Native Americans living in the Dakotas. Since 2004, an increasing number of Roanoke volunteers have developed relationships on the Reservation under the leadership of Bob Hetherington, Director of Missions for Roanoke. Through WMUV's network, the efforts doubled as volunteers from churches across Virginia increased the number of hands to minister to the Sioux Indians.

Standing Rock Reservation covers an area about the size of Connecticut on the border of North and South Dakota. The reservation is home to about 8,500 people who struggle with the issues of unemployment, alcoholism, poverty and domestic violence. Desolate land and extreme weather conditions make this area a difficult place to live and work.

Mission

To work alongside Pastor Boots Marsh, building loving relationships with our Native American friends in the name of Christ; working hand in hand and heart to heart to bring hope to Native Americans living on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

Ministry Partner: Tipi Wakan Church

Volunteers Needed: Women, Men, Families

What kind of volunteers are we looking for?

- All volunteers need to be collaborative and flexible with a focus on building relationships with Native American community members, sharing Christ's love through deed and word
- Volunteers to help or lead in the following areas:
 - Bible storying
 - Recreation
 - Cooking
 - Crafts for children
 - Crafts/Skill Building for adults including sewing and jewelry making
 - Photography/media
 - Nurses to distribute health information, check blood pressure and blood sugar
- Each site will determine projects/activities based on the giftedness and skill set of the team

Approximate Costs Payment Schedule:

- Registration fee due May 1, 2018:
 - \$10 Registration Fee (non-refundable)
 - \$115 Ministry Fee (covers lunch and dinner at the worksite Monday-Friday)
- Team members are responsible for other costs (approximate) listed below:
 - Travel: \$600-700 (Flight round trip or driving; car rental on the reservation)
 - Travel Insurance: \$1.18 per day (recommended)
 - Lodging: \$80-120 per night, per room (2-4 people per room splits cost)
- Each team is responsible for collecting and transporting supplies needed for the site beyond cooking supplies
- Monies for souvenir shopping, eating out if desired, and other miscellaneous expenses

Preparation Requirements

- A commitment to prayer and preparation
- Complete WMUV Mission Engagement Application due May 1, 2018
- Complete Standing Rock Mission Trip Application
- Attend Planning Meeting April 21, 2018, 1-4 pm at Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond, VA
- Attend team meetings scheduled by your site team leader