

Montana

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Heb. 10:23
fast.



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High School Missions Trip

July 8th-20th

Adult Leaders

Adult Leaders will be announced January 2027

**please note- we are looking to fill specific roles, not holes! Spots are limited.*



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Why Montana?

Montana is **Isolated**. With only one county having more than 50 people per square mile. Avg persons per square mile- USA-88.1. , Montana- 6.7.

United States Census 2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer

Population

Population Density

This map shows the population density—expressed as persons per square mile—from the 2020 Census at the state, county, and census tract levels.

Population Change

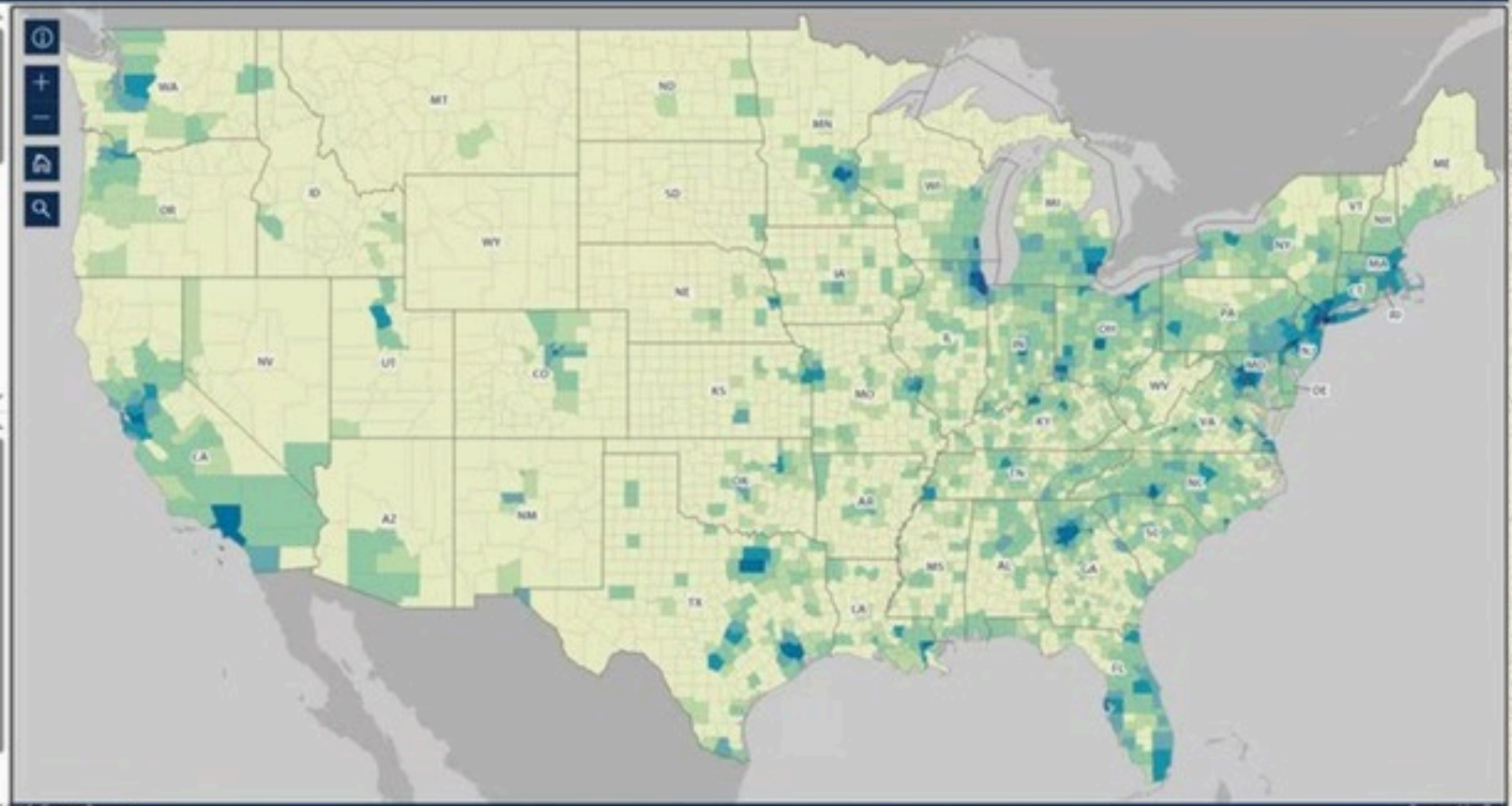
Population Aged 18 and Over

Legend

Persons per square mile by county (or county equivalent)

- 10,000.0 or more
- 5,000.0 to 9,999.9
- 2,000.0 to 4,999.9
- 1,000.0 to 1,999.9
- 500.0 to 999.9
- 100.0 to 499.9
- 50.0 to 99.9
- Less than 50.0

U.S. density = 93.8



U.S. Census Bureau

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Why Montana?

Montana is relatively, **un-churched** vs our area. Montana ranks amongst the likes of Illinois (Chicago), New York (NYC), and California (LA, SF) as far as church attendance per capita. They rank 38th overall in church attendance in the US.

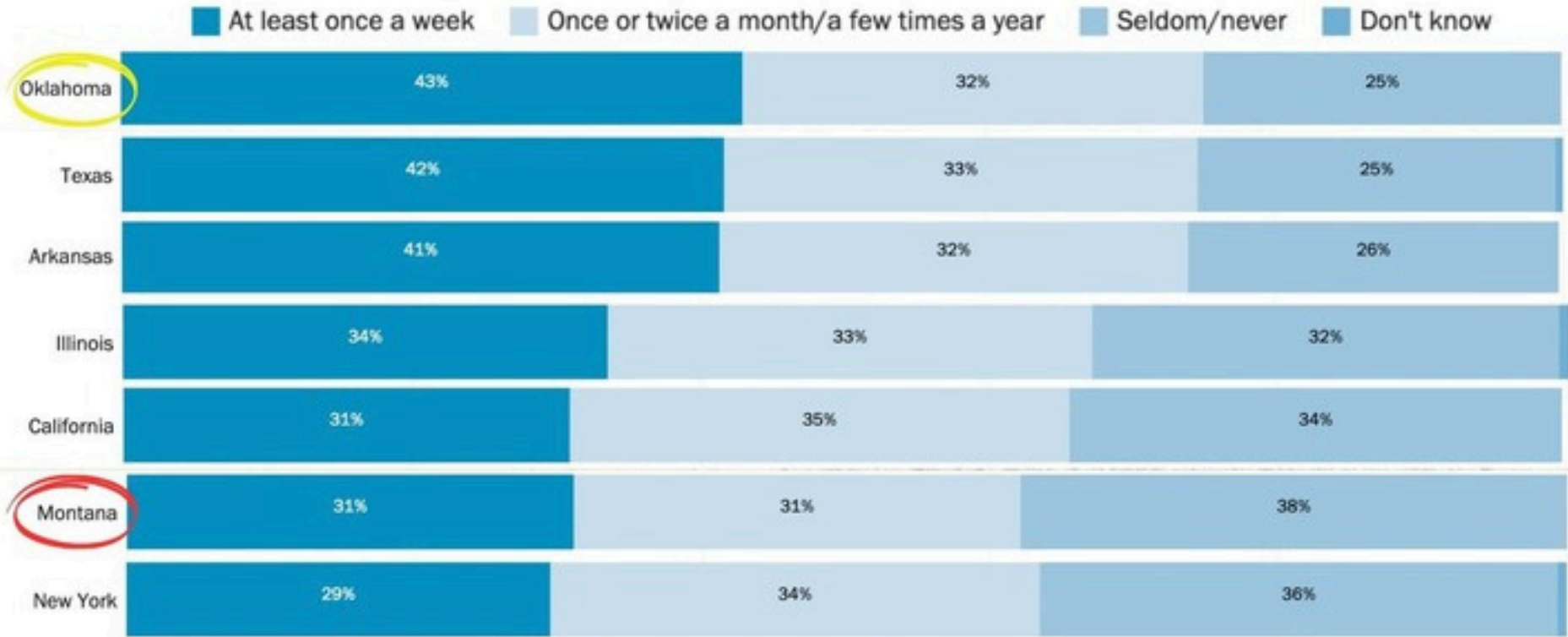


Pew Research Center

Religious Landscape Study

RELIGIONS GEOGRAPHY

Attendance at religious services by state



Suicide Mortality by State



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What are we doing?

Our team is responsible for running a VBS Style Summer Camp, while at the same time- running a construction project.

This includes, but is not limited to:



Like the VBS or Summer Camp you attended growing up, we will be performing all tasks necessary to have a successful and fruitful camp for the Gospel.

We expect to have 30+ community kids, we have capacity and are praying for 50. 1/3 will likely know Christ.

Likely 2/3 of which will have little to 0 knowledge of God, or the Gospel, but will at the end of the week!

Many of these kids come from rough situations and it is amazing to see God soften hearts through our time with them.



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Communication Avenues

"Montana Missions Trip
2026"

Group Me Text



Scan code above to join!

Weekly Email



Subscribe by going to
FBCTULSA.ORG - go to
students page, scroll to
the bottom, and select
"sign up for weekly email"

Leader Contact Info



(on sabbatical Nov- Dec)



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Travel Schedule

**For safety, we will be driving only during daytime hours, unless unavoidable, Rotating drivers regularly.*



NOTE- Please arrive -no later- than 5:30am on **JULY 8th** with your bags packed. We will **LEAVE FBC** by **6:00am**. This helps the team with proper packing, and get off the road before dark. There are items we will need to access daily, and others that we will not access until we reach Montana.



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Camp Schedule

July 12th (Monday)

2:00 Registration begins, Kids arrive
2:00 - 5:00 Free Time – Waterslide
5:00 Student Orientation
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Teaching Session
8:30 Free Time
9:15 Night Activity
10:30 Dorms
11:00 Lights Out

July 13th (Tuesday)- July 15th (Thursday)

8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Dorm Clean up
9:30 Teaching Session
11:00 Free Time
12:00 Lunch
1:15 Team Activity/Recreation
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Teaching Session
8:30 Free Time
9:15 Night Activity
10:30 Dorms
11:00 Lights Out

July 16th (Friday)

8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Dorm Clean up
9:30 Teaching Session
11:00 Free Time & Store account
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Team Activity/Recreation
3:00 Dorm Clean up and Pack
5 Kids Depart

July 17th (Saturday)

Finish Construction Project,
Clean up, pack up, rest up

Potential Activities

Tues. Afternoon Tour – Love INC in Dillon
Night Bon Fire / Smore's
Wed. Afternoon Lake
Night Movie
Thurs. Afternoon Lima Pool
Night Badminton tournament
Friday Afternoon Team Challenge



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Cost

Each Student is required to raise

\$975 Individually

**by both personal fundraising, and by
participating in fundraising events.**

*There will be a friendly competition & prizes for the 3 largest
amounts raised (over \$975), in order to help incentivize
fundraising.*

**if scheduling conflict arises- see Alex*

Refunds will not be given if you bow out of the trip, that
money is given to the trip, not an individual. Many
purchases are made months in advance of the trip.

Additional fundraising events may occur if
needed to meet end budget goal of **\$50,000**



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Cost

If you are of means, and would like to join us in outrageous generosity to meet the needs we will serve in Montana,

go to fbctulsa.org select give, and then select **"SH Missions Trip"**

Please note, this is for general trip giving only. Giving to specific student accounts will begin in January!

Scan below





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Electronic Devices

Use of electronic devices is *prohibited* on the missions trip. This includes iPods, AirPods, phones, Kindles, MP3 players, lap-tops, or other electronic devices.

Cameras are allowed and encouraged!

Our greatest desire is that your student hears/sees God CLEARLY and loudly. Secondly, we want this team to gel and form friendships to last a lifetime. This is nearly impossible to accomplish beyond surface level unless we are unplugged, especially from social media.

At any time on the trip- our leaders will joyfully share their phones if a student would like to call home. Parents have been given all leader contact info, if they desire to communicate with their student they can reach out via a leader at any time.

For perspective - all area summer camps (New Life Ranch, Kanakuk, Pine Cove, etc) prohibit bringing phones. We agree with this stance by faithful ministries and encourage this practice. Each year we have done this trip, students generally stop asking for their phones *naturally* early in the trip, which is a healthy habit that opens up clear eyes/hearts to see God clearly & fast tracks team growth/unity.

Student room leaders will have their phones at hotels for safety, and will be asked directly to bring their phones for this sole purpose.



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Team Meeting Schedule

NOTE- Attendance to a MINIMUM of 3 meetings. is required. Failure to do so will automatically boot you from the trip. In this case- Funds raised will go to the general fund of the trip.

Yellow Meeting- Both High School and Middle School Team Meeting (meet together). WITH PARENTS Bring \$5 for lunch or bring your own lunch.

Brown Meeting- Fundraising Events

Green Meeting - High school only meeting, begin by 12:00pm, end by 2:00pm. Bring \$5 for lunch or bring your own lunch.

NOV 20th- 5:00-8:30pm- Kids Wing. Parent's Night out- Paid babysitting for parents to raise money for trip. Students paid hourly toward their trip. Chicken Nuggets Provided!

Jan 10th- 12:00pm- Student Center. Have \$100 raised before this meeting. **No more signups allowed unless student starts attending FBC after this date, or circumstances require extension- see Alex.** Cast Vision for the trip, cover theme verse. Fundraising game plan, including dessert auction importance. Prayer for God to raise the money, Spiritual gifts of team assessed, listed. Teams assigned after this meeting.

Feb 20th- 1:00-3:00pm- Chapel. Desert Auction prep- Setting up tables, chairs, stage, lights, speakers, decor, food, etc. Students paid hourly toward their trip.

Feb 21st- 9:00am- 3:00pm- Chapel. Desert Auction prep & Event- Cleaning up tables, chairs, stage, lights, speakers, decor, food, etc. Students paid hourly toward their trip. Students and leaders paid individually for desserts.



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March 28th- 12:00pm- Student Center. Have \$400+ Raised. Have a sheet for each individual outlining a money raising game plan. Cover theme again, break into teams, and purchase any necessary materials for each area. Prayer for the students that will be there that we encounter.

April 25th- 12:00pm- Student Center. Have \$575 Raised. Team building game, Break into teams and gather checklist of items needed from FBC. Have a plan for each team, for each day we are there.

June 20th- 12:00pm- Student Center. Have \$800+ Raised. Final team specific breakouts, all materials ordered, and put in the missions trip room. Packing list given.

June 27th- 12:00pm- Student Center. Have \$975+ Raised. Final Rally as a team! Present detailed calendar with all activities. Team as a whole goes through detailed calendar to find gaps.



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Rules & Regs

Vans

Vans will be assigned in order to have even amounts of wiggle room, luggage space, promote getting to know each other, and keep us safe on the road (knowing exactly who is in each van). As stated before, phones will be stored away in vans, in buckets, powered off. Bring games and anything else you'd like for fun in the vans. Each van will have a leader smartphone available for music. Each van will also have snacks, and bottled water available.

Dress Code

*if you are found to be out of dress code, you will be given a t shirt or pants to cover up, or asked to change.

Travel, Leisure, and Camp: Dress modestly at all times, T-shirts , modest tank tops, finger-tip length shorts & sandals are all OK.

Work clothes: for the construction site, students need to wear jeans, closed-toe shoes, gloves, protective eye wear, and long sleeve or short sleeve T-shirts.

Mountain Climbing: Wear long pants, well supported gym shoes or hiking boots.

Swimming: Modest one piece swimsuits or tankinis are allowed for swimming, waterslide, and hotel pools.

Child & Student Safety

At all times during this trip- no pairing off 1 on 1 with anyone from the opposite gender. No guys in girls rooms, and vice versa. Always use the buddy system (never go solo anywhere at rest stops, restaurants, or hotels). If you see something suspicious, say something to a leader right away. Protect each other at all times. If you need to pair off from the group- ALWAYS- inform a leader. When caring for kids at camp- always pair up with another student (of same gender) when in the bathroom areas, or sleeping areas. If you ever feel unsafe in any way, tell a leader, and it would be our joy to care for you.



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Leader & Student Safety/Discipline

Leaders are never to be alone 1 on 1 with a student & vice versa, unless the leader is a parent of the student. All rules & regs expected of students are to be followed and example shown by leaders (minus electronics policy). Every leader is in charge, and first time obedience is expected. If a disciplinary issue arises, discipline will be given via direct conversations with a specific path of improvement, if problem persists, loss of privileges, and a phone call to home. If an attitude issue becomes detrimental to the team, a parent may be asked to fly out at their expense, and retrieve that student. This has not been a problem in the past, and we intend to identify/deal with these issues on the front end during meetings as a team.

Partial Trip Attendance

*See Alex by 3/1/27 if you are arranging alternate travel.

We will no longer allow for partial trip attendance on missions trips. It creates too much distraction from the mission. We will not pivot the entire team for one person's travel schedule unless a true emergency occurs (death in the family, etc). We simply ask you to either be all in, or do not attend.

Area Airport in case of emergency-
Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
BZN

Medical

Please let us know of any medical conditions your student has, including food allergies, mental/emotional disorders, or medications that must be taken. Meds must be turned into leaders before leaving. Please turn in a photo copy of your family's medical insurance card. We will be traveling with a fully stocked first aid kit.

We are prepared to care for your student should the need arise. Each overnight will be in areas with resources similar or better than Tulsa. While on the missions trip, we are within 45 min of an ER that accepts most major insurance carriers. Dale, the camp director, is an EMT. Most leaders have experience in either CPR training, and/or crisis management.



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Packing List

Bag allowance

You will be allowed one small carry-on sized bag with all your travel clothes and travel items; and one large stow away bag that you will not see until we get to Montana. Pack accordingly! We are going to be packed tightly in the vans, so be considerate of others when packing your carry on. Pillows are allowed in the vans.



1 Pillow



1 Carry On



1 Large stow away

Dress Code

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Work clothes: for the construction site, students need to have at least one pair of long pants, closed-toe shoes, gloves, and long sleeve or short sleeve T-shirts. No tank tops!

Swimming: Modest one piece swimsuits or tankinis are allowed for swimming, waterslide, and hotel pools.

Packing list

- ☐ Sleeping Bag (or sheets/blanket) & Pillow
- ☐ Toiletries (Tooth brush, paste, deodorant)
- ☐ Towel & washcloth
- ☐ Light Jacket/sweater
- ☐ Mission Team shirt
- ☐ Short sleeve work shirts
- ☐ Additional T-shirts
- ☐ Jeans
- ☐ One-piece bathing suit
- ☐ Sandals or water shoes
- ☐ Work boots or Shoes
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Work gloves
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Personal water bottle
- ☐ Paper Bible, notebook, & pens
- ☐ Medications you may need
- ☐ Non- smart watch for alarms/telling time
- ☐ Rain Jacket
- ☐ Multi-pack (12ct or more) individually wrapped snacks for sharing



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Final Details

Fun

We are always looking for ways to make this trip more fun, and we will deploy some of those activities throughout this trip in order to keep morale high, and the team bonding going strong. If you have ideas on how to make this trip more fun, include them in your application!

Days Off

As this trip is a bit longer than usual, we will have 2 "Days Off" along the way. While we will still travel some on those days, they will be much lighter.

Day off #1 - July 9th, we will have the unique opportunity to see a legendary American landmark! We'll stop in the badlands as we head west to Mount Rushmore!

Day off #2 - July 18th, we will leave Tendoy Mountain Retreat in the morning, and head to gorgeous Bear Lake, UT for tubing and beach time. This is not extreme tubing but it is fun, safe, and easy- riding on the Lake. We'll have lunch on the beach and start to head towards Tulsa by sunset.

Day
off #1



Badlands, SD

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Mt. Rushmore, SD

Day
off #2



Bear Lake, UT

Fringe Benefits

This trip is truly a great adventure! Along the way many students will be checking off 5 or more states as we travel. We will cross the continental divide 2x, see snowy mountains, and massive rolling plains. The Lewis & Clark trail is just a couple miles from camp. This trip is a true perspective changer, team builder, and frankly, a life changer. We can't wait to experience God's creation and watch him work in and through us. **All we need now is you!**



Get ready for God to blow your expectations out of the water!
Be prepared to be stretched (emotionally, physically, and spiritually)
beyond your wildest dreams. Look for lifelong memories to happen right
in front of you, and watch God work through you!

-Alex