**Volunteer Information:**

**About the Area:** The school is located in Zuni Pueblo, which in on the Zuni reservation. The Zuni tribe maintains its own judicial system and cultural practices. Within Zuni, you will have access to modern conveniences, gas, and food at the local grocery store/restaurants, but please note that prices are often higher here and selections more limited than in Gallup (closest city–40 miles away), where major stores are located.

**Conditions:** Zuni is located in a valley that is 6,293′ above sea level. It is considered high desert climate, which means it is dry (low humidity), can have drastic temperature changes (-15 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit in the same day) and extreme weather (including snow/ice, rain/hail, high winds, extreme heat). If you are coming during the summer months, it will most likely be dry and hot during the day and cool at night. We also usually have a summer monsoon season where you can expect rain/thunderstorms in the afternoons. You should pack clothes for hot weather (please keep the length of shorts and shirts appropriate) work clothes (that will protect your skin and can get dirty), and some warmer items for the evenings. Hats and sunscreen are highly recommended. PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE that can be refilled. Dehydration is common and not fun! If you have any health concerns or limitations that we should be aware of, please let us know.

**Activities and Supplies:** All service and work project materials (gloves, shovels, tools, paint, etc.) will be provided unless otherwise discussed. Depending on the size of your group and their skills/interests, we may plan to have multiple teams working on different projects in various locations.

If your group is planning to lead their own VBS/Kid’s Club, you will be responsible for planning and preparing activities and lesson plans for the kids. A list of supplies should be sent to us to determine what we can provide, and what the group may need to purchase or bring along.

**Facilities:** While here, your group will have access to use the majority of our facilities (gym, youth loft, assembly room, kitchen, sanctuary, etc.), with the understanding that you may need to be flexible in scheduling activities around weekly meetings and events that happen here (such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Youth Group, etc.). Members of your group are expected to be good stewards of the spaces you use – making sure they are left clean and treated well.

We have a limited amount of volunteer apartments/rooms, but ample space for large groups to stay using our supply of air mattresses. Volunteers should plan to bring their own sheets and blanket (or sleeping bag), and a pillow. Groups will have access to restrooms and showers and should bring their own toiletries.

**Transportation:** Depending on the size of your group, we can sometimes accommodate transportation in our school vans to/from the airport in Albuquerque. The vans will also be available for use locally in and around Zuni. At least three chaperones/leaders should be comfortable with driving these vehicles, if needed, and should provide a scanned copy of their driver’s license for insurance purposes.

**Meals & Food:** During your stay, your team will be responsible for preparing most of the meals for your group and purchasing food. You are welcome to use the school kitchen and dishes for this purpose, as well as the lunch tables.

Below is a **sample itinerary**. While ZCMS plans the majority of cultural activities and service projects for your group, we recommend that you structure time for your group each day to reflect, discuss, ask questions, pray and connect in various ways, as well as some time to relax/reset.

Please note, this itinerary is geared toward groups who are coming to Zuni to volunteer for the first time (or the first time in a long time). If your group members have already been here, your itinerary will look different and include less of the cultural orientation activities.

**Saturday:**

11:30am: Arrive in Albuquerque

12:00pm: Lunch (fast food near airport)

1:00pm: Drive to Zuni (2.5 hrs)  
Small group goes to pick up groceries at Walmart in Gallup (40 min from Zuni)

3:30pm: Set up sleeping areas

5:00pm: Dinner

6:15pm: Orientation with Zuni staff (Intro video)/Review itinerary for week

7:30pm: Group games/recreation

9:00pm: Devotions

10:00pm: Sleep

**Sunday:**

7:15am: Devotions

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00am: Prep for leading children's worship/get ready for church

10:30am: Church service

11:00am: Children's worship

12:30pm: Church fellowship/food (group members should be intentional about talking with people from the church and asking questions)

1:00pm: Local hike/activity with Zuni Youth Group kids

4:00pm: ARTZ Co-Op Pottery Demonstration (optional)

5:00pm: Dinner

6:00pm: Prep materials for VBS

7:30pm: Team building activities/recreation

9:00pm: Worship and Daily Debrief (time for testimonies, questions, reflection) (in church sanctuary)

10:00pm: Devotions/Sleep

**Monday:**

7:15am: Devotions

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00am-11:00am: School maintenance/Community trash pickup

11:00am-12:pm: VBS Prep

12:00pm-12:40pm: Lunch

1:00pm-4:00pm: VBS

4:15pm: Visit Turquoise Village (local store)

5:30pm: Dinner

6:30pm: Testimony/Q&A from Zuni church member

7:30pm: Prep materials for VBS

8:30pm: Downtime/Recreation

9:30pm: Daily Debrief (time for testimonies, questions, reflection) (in church sanctuary)

10:00pm: Devotions/Sleep

**Tuesday:**

7:15am: Devotions

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00-11:00am Weeding/Trail Maintenance @ Hawikuh/Great Kivas & Old Catholic Mission Tour

11:00am-12:00pm: VBS Prep

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-4:00pm: VBS

4:30: How to make frybread and Indian tacos with School Board President Nina Chimoni

6:30pm: Basketball with local kids

8:00pm: Prep materials for VBS

9:15pm: Daily Debrief

10:00pm: Devotions/Sleep

**Wednesday:**

7:15am: Devotions

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00-10:30am Zuni Museum: Presentation on Zuni origins by Curtis Quam

11:00am-12:00pm: VBS Prep

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-4:00pm: VBS

4:20 Barlow Gasper (Youth Director/8th Grade Bible) Testimony/Q&A

5:00-7:00pm – Dinner with youth group, Lead youth group lesson/games

7:00-8:00pm - Downtime/Recreation

8:00pm: Prep materials for VBS

9:15pm: Daily Debrief

10:00pm: Devotions/Sleep

**Thursday:**

7:15am: Devotions

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00-10:30am Service Projects for church elders/School maintenance

11:00am: VBS Prep

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-4:00pm: VBS

5:00pm-7:00pm: Local hike (led by ZCMS staff member)

7:00-8:30pm – Make treats/cards for recovery center, detention center, teen health, ZYEP

8:30pm: Prep materials for VBS

9:15pm: Daily Debrief

10:00pm: Devotions/Sleep

**Friday**:

7:15am: Devotions

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00-10:30am: Service Projects /School maintenance

11:00am: VBS Prep

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-4:00pm: VBS

5:00pm-8:00pm: Hike/Campfire cookout with time for worship, sharing reflections & testimonies

8:30-9:30: Pack up/Clean, Notes/cards

10:00pm: Devotions/Sleep

**Saturday:**

Finish cleaning

Load luggage

Drive to Albuquerque for flight