

Shelby, MI
Silver Lake Dunes Workcamp
June 22 - 28, 2008
Senior High (ages 14+)

DESCRIPTION: There are some large sand dunes in Oceana County, Michigan that are so looming that they look like the Sahara runs right up to the cool, clear water of Lake Michigan. And, along with the dunes, this farming community is home to some large and looming needs. Shelby has an expanding population of migrant workers, who have made Shelby their home, but they find it hard to stretch their income between growing seasons. There are many workers who live as a whole family in leaky, poorly insulated and faded mobile homes. Repairing window seals, adding a skirt to the foundation and a fresh coat of paint would make their homes more livable and attractive...as well as making their family happier and more comfortable. Seniors in aging homes have the same needs. Climb to the top of the dunes and what you see will be astounding. Climb aboard the Silver Lake Dunes Workcamp, and the benefit you'll see will be eternally rewarding.

Daily Schedule:

6:45 a.m. Rise and shine!
7:00 a.m. Breakfast and gather supplies for the day
8:00 a.m. Morning program
8:30 a.m. Leave for project sites and serve at project locations
3:30 p.m. Return to lodging site for clean-up and free time
5:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Evening program, youth group devotions, free time, prep for bed
11:00 p.m. Lights out

Food: A total of 16 meals will be provided during the trip, beginning with dinner on Sunday evening. Meals will consist of hot breakfasts, sack lunches, and hot dinners. All meals will be prepared for you by lodging facility staff. Picnic-style lunches will be put together in the morning and you'll bring these with you to your project site locations when you depart in the morning. The last meal will be breakfast on Saturday morning. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Dinner will NOT be provided on Wednesday. Youth groups will have free time that evening.

Lodging: You will lodge in a dorm or similar facility with semi-private amenities, a common eating area, and a program area. The facility may or may not be air-conditioned, so plan accordingly. You might want to bring a small fan.

Cleanup: Facility staff prepares and clean-up all meals and clean the lodging facility.

Adult/Youth Ratio: Bring a minimum of 1 adult for every 5 youth. If you register both males and females, bring at least 1 adult male and 1 adult female. Adults serve on project crews with young people.

Nature of Projects: You and your group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people that need your help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire week, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. And, most projects are designed to be completed during the week, allowing your group to experience the satisfaction of a job well done. You'll serve the needs of others through projects like... Interior and exterior painting Building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps Building or repairing steps Weatherization and other home repairs