



Lakota Journey 2019  
Registration Document  
June 9-15, 2019



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# Overview

The mission for our ministry on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations is:

*Discovering the hope of God's vision for the heart of Native America.*

The biblical inspiration comes from Jeremiah 31. The future hope of Israel, as Jeremiah prophecies, will be found in an everlasting, new covenant that will be written on the hearts of the people. Then each one will know God, be his people forever, and have their sins completely forgiven (vv. 31-34).

In the same way, the only secure and lasting hope that Native people can find today is not in politics, our government and all its broken treaties, Native spirituality, cultural renewal, casinos, etc. Only by knowing and following Christ can Native peoples know a hope that will never disappoint. As God continues to bless our efforts in coming along side the many servant ministers already on the Rosebud, we will see the dawn of a new day there - a day when the Lakota people will truly become "His people"!

## ***Ministry Convictions***

A certain number of convictions about ministry to Native people have come out of our experiences on the Reservation. These convictions may not be shared completely by every group that is a part of our ministry, but they do serve to shape why we do what we do.

1) Only God can change a human heart - any human heart. Just as the gospel of Jesus Christ is meant for every race and culture, it is only God's Spirit who can call men and women to repentance. Efforts to improve social conditions, educational achievement, health and welfare, and so on are good, but are incomplete. Ministers of the gospel should realize that a) all their efforts at changing outward conditions are not enough to change the heart and b) we are still dependent on God to change a life from the inside out. (John 3:3-16; Ephesians 2:8-9)

2) The gospel is far more than a plea for a sinner's prayer. It is comprised of all of Jesus' teachings concerning forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28), love (John 15:1-13) passionate life (John 10:10), justice (Matthew 23:23), mercy (Luke 10:37), and service (Mark 10:45), to name a few. We are responsible to share the whole gospel with people, and not to be satisfied with giving only part.

3) The best way to show God's love for someone is to show it, not just say it. The best way to show love on the Reservation is to show you love someone in a variety of ways, consistently, over extended periods of time.

4) It is necessary when conducting ongoing ministry on the Reservation to balance the following concerns:

- a. An awareness of, and deep concern for, the past injustices that have been committed against Native Americans by those in power over them, including predominately white missionaries.
- b. A deep desire to move forward in our relationship with Native peoples that will write a new chapter that is set apart by careful communication, compassion, service, and love.
- c. The message of Jesus crucified for sins and the new life and hope that only a relationship with Christ can bring (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20).

### ***Our Focus Areas of Ministry***

We focus our efforts to bring hope in the following areas:

**1) The Lakota Journey.** This is what we are calling our yearly summer trip to run kids clubs in different communities on the Reservation. We want to encourage groups to go, to experience life and ministry there, and to begin building life-long friendships with those they minister to and with. We see the most significant, lasting life change happen in the lives of children and students when on-going relationships are being built and nurtured. This is only one of the reasons why it so important to not just come once, but to keep coming back!

**2) Internship development.** The purpose of the Lakota Journey Internship is to provide young- adults with opportunities for growth as they seek after Christ and his will for their lives. Interns will focus on three main areas of growth during their eight-week experience. These areas are:

**PROFESSIONAL:** Each intern will develop, with the help of an appointed supervisor, a set of skills on which to focus that directly relate to his or her post-high school area of study. Interns will seek out organizations on the reservation with which to volunteer that will allow them to use and further enhance these skills.



**RELATIONAL:** Interns will also intentionally interact with people in their community. This includes their immediate community of other interns and those that live on the reservation. As a group and individually, the interns will find ways to foster existing relationships and build new ones on a weekly basis.

**SPIRITUAL:** Finally, interns will spend planned time with God daily. Though each intern may spend this time differently, they will all search for ways to become more like Christ and deepen their relationships with him. This will help them, at the end of their eight-week internship, to understand God, his will, and his presence on the reservation more fully.

**3) Ministry partnering and on-going discipleship.** Wherever possible, we try to come alongside existing ministries to encourage, serve, and support them.

***This Year:*** Here's what we are working on for 2019:

- 1) We will strive to continue to deepen our relationship with all Native people that we work with and minister to, leaving a positive impression on them.
- 2) It is equally important that we maintain the presence in the communities where we have already been working and serving. For our efforts to be sincere, we must follow through with what we have started.
- 3) Educate and prepare groups that are new to the Reservation. We work in advance of your coming in June by helping you connect with a local leader in advance and by answering whatever questions you might have. When you arrive, your group will then run your own ministry in a community, using whatever approach best fits your group. We have found that running a program for children with the help of a local leader is an effective, easy way to introduce yourself to the people of a community. Working with teens, older people, doing simple work projects are also ways to connect with your community. If your group numbers are small and you don't feel you can handle a community by yourselves, partnering with another smaller group is always an option. If you chose to run a kids club, you can expose your students to missions and leave them forever changed. You and your group can start meeting some of the needs of the children you will come in contact with. Most important, it is very possible that you could introduce a child to Christ for the very first time. All of this is great, but it is just the beginning!

### ***In the Future***

- 1) We hope to expand on our existing efforts by encouraging more groups to come out to the Reservation in June and during other times of the year we hope to see more long-term involvement and see deeper redemptive relationships being cultivated.
- 2) We will continue building our summer-long intern program. Interns will involve themselves in three different ways. They will involve themselves in a local church, a social service organization, and various community activities while on the reservation.

## ***More Information***

If you would like to know more about the Rosebud Reservation, check out the sites below. If you come across any other sites that are helpful but aren't listed, please let us know!

**For Lakota Journey Information, as well as specific community information, pictures, video, internship information, and more, check out:**

[www.lakotajourney.org](http://www.lakotajourney.org) or [www.facebook.com/lakotajourney](https://www.facebook.com/lakotajourney)

Or find us on Instagram @*LakotaJourney*

Wikipedia - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosebud\\_Indian\\_Reservation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosebud_Indian_Reservation) airc.org (American Indian Relief Council)

[littlesioux.org](http://littlesioux.org) [rosebudsiouxtribe.org](http://rosebudsiouxtribe.org)

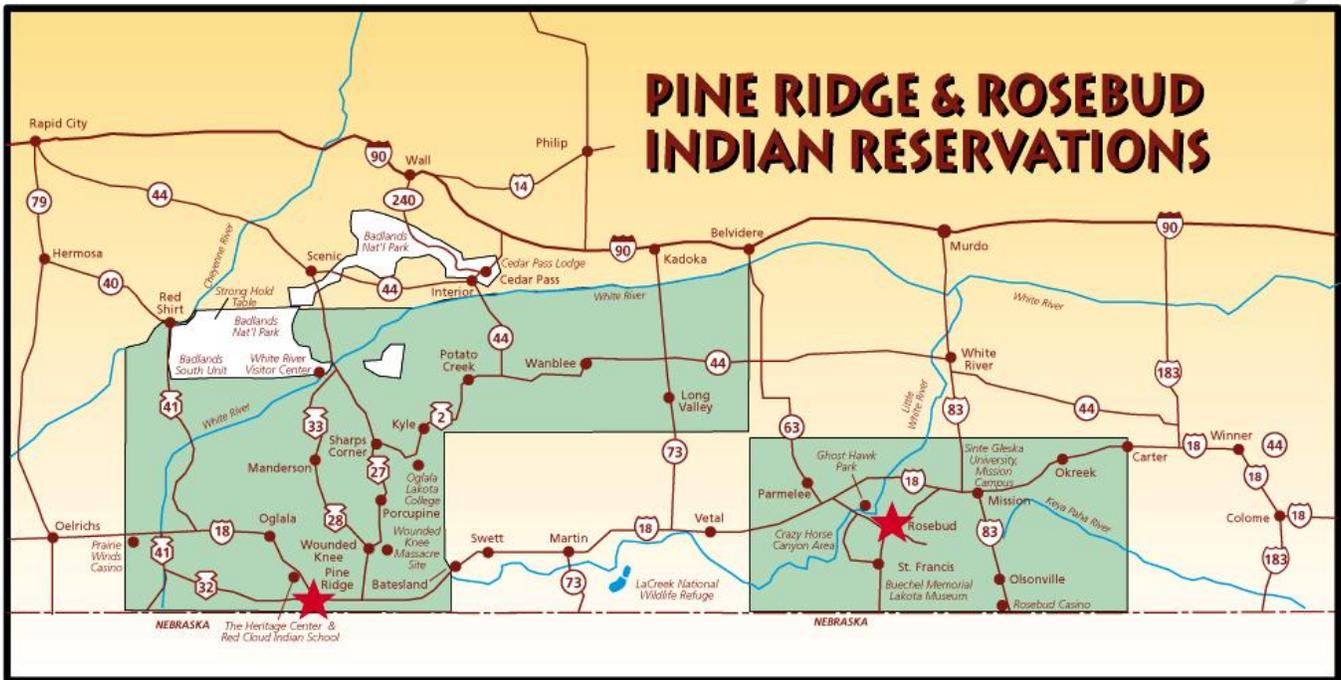
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# Location

The Rosebud Reservation is located in South Central South Dakota, just North of the Nebraska border. The Rosebud is one of 314 federally recognized reservations, totaling some 55 million acres. As far as population is concerned, the Rosebud is the sixth largest in the U.S. with 8,043 people. The Pine Ridge Reservation, which borders Rosebud to the West, is the second largest Reservation, with a population of 11,182. Native Americans who live on the Rosebud are mostly part of the Lakota Sioux Tribe.



There are numerous towns and communities on or a part of the Rosebud. The churches where we have worked in the past are in Winner, Ideal, Antelope, Mission, White River, Parmalee, Horse Creek, Wood, Spring Creek and St. Francis. There are many more communities with many adults and even more children who need to be reached with the gospel. Some of these communities have active Christian churches, while most do not. Groups will be staying at a dorm-style building located in Mission used by the Tribe to house students during the school year. Detailed maps of the Reservation, along with other useful information, can be seen on or linked to our website: [www.lakotajourney.org](http://www.lakotajourney.org).

# Kids Clubs!

A simple non-threatening way to get involved in a community can be through running a five day program for children. Many of our groups have adopted the name “Kids Club”, but you can name it and run it however you want.

The clubs that our church groups have run in the past have looked a little different each year. Some years we have used a five day adaptation of Child Evangelism Fellowship's club programming. We have also created our own themes and written our own material. Local leaders have encouraged us to move toward more discipleship themes. Many children have heard a salvation message and said a sinner’s prayer, yet know nothing of living like a follower of Christ. We have encouraged children to come who seemed old enough to be able to interact on a first grade level. Sometimes we get children who are barely old enough to walk which gives us an opportunity to show God’s love in a different way. The important thing is to design a program that is culturally sensitive and realistic for your group to pull off.



It will be our primary objective to communicate hope by sharing the good news of Jesus to all the people we come in contact with in South Dakota. This includes the children at our clubs, the people in the churches, as well as those who are working at the pool and the convenience stores. Our mission trip must be marked by dedication and consistency in order for our message to be sincere and effective. The attitude must be one of always being “on the job”!

## ***Kids Club Program***

During your Club time, we encourage you to use different program elements which then tie into a theme that you can develop and publicize. Those elements might include: set-up/ “bring ‘em out” time (which includes games, face painting, etc.), singing (group and solo), puppets, skits, a lesson time, and walking kids home/tear down. All together, the total time for each Club should be around 3 - 4 hours.

More important than any club element is the character of each club member and their ability to consistently express the love of Christ. The way that we talk and act – towards the children and each other – will make it clear to children whether we can be trusted and believed when we tell them how they can find new and lasting hope in Jesus Christ. This is why it is so important that every student and adult participating knows Christ personally and can confidently share “the reason for the hope” that they have. Please stress this with your group!

## ***Lesson Time*** (Curriculum)

We recommend that you find some material you're your church already owns to adapt to your needs to be used in a five day format on the reservation. Talk with your Children's Pastor/Director and see what they might suggest for material to use.

If you need some additional help in narrowing the options and figuring out what will work best for you this summer, please give Lauren a call. She would be glad to walk you through the process and share some ideas along the way.

A large part of your effort in training your team will need to be spent in equipping everyone to be able to use your lesson material. Every individual must be ready to use the material creatively in a variety of situations that may change on you from day to day! If the club size is small, leaders may have the luxury of working together with a small group of children. If it is larger, then each student will need to be ready to lead a small group by themselves. You will need to be prepared for a variety of scenarios.

## ***Club Teams***

Each church group will comprise a club Team. If your group is smaller than 10, we will probably have you work along side another church group to lead the same club. If you have a large group coming, we may need you to form two or more club teams. The number of total clubs will depend on our total size and the number of communities on the reservation that are interested in having us come. We will try to have all of these details worked out in advance of your arrival so you know where you will be going. Of course, all of our plans are subject to change with very little notice – if any. On the Reservation, flexibility is crucial. So be prepared to pack your watches and maybe even your schedules away when you arrive.

## ***Sample Club Schedule\**** (total time about 3.5-4 hrs)

Set-up/ "bring 'em out"/games/face painting .....	60 mins.
Group singing (with puppets) .....	20 mins.
Intro. skit/skit .....	10 mins.
Lesson time .....	15 mins.
More singing/lesson review/games/face painting.....	30 mins.
Treats/Walk kids home/tear down and clean up .....	60 mins

# Sample Schedule

This should give you some idea of how the week will be run day by day. More detailed schedules will come later after confirmation. The important thing to remember is that on the Reservation, anything can change at any moment - without warning. Schedules give us an idea of what we are shooting for, but we must keep in mind that God may have different plans for us.

## **Sunday**

Large group meetings to prepare all the teams to go out will be held in the evening and morning. We will introduce as many of the local leaders and pastors as we can. Prayer and worship will priority, along with extra time for individual teams to finish preparing, getting into communities to start meeting children, and taking part in local worship services, as possible. You will want to plan on your first program activities beginning on Sunday night.

## **Monday through Friday**

Mornings will be casual with personal devotional time and corporate worship. Late mornings and afternoons will be flexible for each group. Work projects, hanging out with children, quiet/down time, and preparation for the evening are just a few options before dinner time. After dinner, teams head out to set up and run their clubs. Late, after clubs have finished, we will have a large group time of worship and each group will have a chance to share what is happening in their community at least once.



We encourage each group to spend as much time as they can in their community. There are many creative ways that you can have an impact and show that you care. Brainstorm with your group! If you need ideas, give Bre or Lauren a call.

## **Saturday**

Clean up. Head for Home.

If you have questions about this, please contact Bre or Lauren!

# Cost

The cost of your trip is most easily understood if it is broken down into two different categories: **Registration Cost** and **Group/Club Cost**.

**Registration Cost** is the amount that you will send in that is administered by Lauren and Lakota Journey Leadership.

## **Journey Week Cost: \$240/person**

- Assistance from interns, and Bre/Lauren prior to the trip.
- Assistance from interns on-site prior to your arrival and during your experience.
- Housing provided.
- Meal planning provided, including the sharing of meals and two major group meals.
- T-shirt

\*\*Again this year, give away shirts for your communities will need to be purchased at an additional cost. The estimated cost is about \$9 per t-shirt.

The **Group/Club Cost** is basically all of your group expenses that you will take care of on your own. That includes the materials for the club that you run, your transportation, equipment, and anything else you get involved in like work projects or side trips.



To register with us, you need to have half of your total **Registration Cost postmarked by Saturday March 30, 2019** along with your Group Registration Form.

The check should be made payable to: **Lakota Journey, Inc.**

The information required on the form can be mailed to:

*Lakota Journey, Inc.*

*C/O Emily Cox*

*3932 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue South*

*Minneapolis, MN 55406*

It can also be emailed to Bre at: **strohbreanna@gmail.com** if that is more convenient.

When planning your group's registration process, please allow yourself some extra time to process your own information so we can have yours by the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**If there are large changes to your group total (+/- 5 people) an additional late fee will be charged. We know that 'things happen', however, your accuracy from the beginning is a huge help in our planning!**

# Forms and Important Dates

There are two forms on the next few pages. They are for entirely different purposes so please don't get them confused! They are:

## 1. Sample Application & Permission/Health Form and Reference form (pages 13-16).

This is to give you an idea of how you might go about getting applications from your students. You don't have to use it if you don't want to. You may have something better suited for your group. If you use your own, make sure you get the same basic information that we ask for so all the bases are covered. These forms are primarily for your use - don't send them to me.

## 2. Group Registration Form (page 17)

This is the form that we need from you along with your check made out to *Lakota Journey* (sent to *Lakota Journey, Inc., C/O Emily Cox, 3932 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55406*) by **March 30<sup>th</sup>**.

You should keep and use your individual application forms since they also contain your permission and health data.

### Here are the dates that you need to keep on the calendar:

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** .....Group registration deadline. Please send one check made payable to **Lakota Journey** along with your group registration form (page 17) as your deposit. Your total deposit amount is half the total amount of your Registration Cost. So, you will need to send up \$120/person.

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**May 31<sup>st</sup>** .....The other half of your Registration Cost is due. The other \$120/person is due.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** .....Together on the Reservation! All groups will need to arrive on the afternoon of the 10<sup>th</sup> before 5 p.m. if you are planning on joining us for dinner. We will be done with formal programming on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Call Bre or Lauren for more details on this.



## **Covenant of Participation**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby promise to dedicate priority time to the task of preparation for our trip to the Rosebud. This means I will do whatever is necessary so that I can make all of the assigned meetings and do all the required work. Furthermore, I will make every effort to lead my team in servant hood. I realize that I will have to give all the energy I have to serve the kids in our club and to serve the other members of my team. I also promise that I will not engage in any activity that would compromise our efforts. I realize the use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, along with any immoral behavior or un-Christ like attitudes or actions could result in my removal from the Rosebud and immediate shipping home at my own expense.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## Health & Permission Information

1. Are you aware of any physical condition or handicap that could present a problem during the trip? If so, please explain.

2. List any recent illnesses:

3. Are you presently using any prescribed medication?

4. List allergies, if any:

5. Family insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of policy holder \_\_\_\_\_

### **The following must be signed by a parent or guardian:**

I hereby authorize and give my consent to the youth sponsors of \_\_\_\_\_ to arrange for performance on or administration to the above named student for any necessary emergency, medical, or surgical treatment. I also give my permission to administer whatever anesthetic may be necessary or advisable during the medical or surgical procedure.

This authorization is intended to cover immunizations, injections, and minor operations and procedures. I understand that medical staff or youth sponsors will attempt to contact us by phone before relying on this authorization. It is not intended that any medical or surgical treatment will be rendered on the student without his/her personal consent.

Parent/Guardian name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

# Reference Form

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*All students who have not applied for a Rosebud trip in the past need to have a reference to turn in with their application this year. This form is to be completed by someone who knows the applicant well, yet is not a family member.*

This is a reference for \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name)

The above person is applying for the summer missions trip "Lakota Journey". Please answer the questions as honestly and directly as you can.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant?

Describe their walk with Christ.

What does the applicant have to offer a summer missions trip team?

Would you recommend that this person be accepted to be a part of this experience? Why or why not?

# Group Registration Form

(Due March 30, 2019)

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Name of group \_\_\_\_\_

Head leader/Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Leaders phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Leaders email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church address \_\_\_\_\_

## Number of Sponsors

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

## Number of Students

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt sizes and amounts: (write the number of shirts you need for team members next to the appropriate sizes)

S(adult) \_\_\_\_\_

M(adult) \_\_\_\_\_

L(adult) \_\_\_\_\_

XL(adult) \_\_\_\_\_

XXL(adult) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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C/O Emily Cox

3932 37<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

Minneapolis, MN 55406

**\*\*Again this year, if you want to order give way shirts for the community you serve in, this will come at an additional cost for you and your group. If you choose to add this on, how many shirts/which sizes would you like to order?\*\*\***