

Descriptions of Pilgrimage Destinations

Psalm 84:

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

Theme of the Pilgrimage: Standing up to persecution for what is right in the eyes of God.

The youth will look at biblical examples of young people who chose God's ways when it was costly.

They will look at historical examples of young Christians helping the Jews during the Holocaust and others serving to advance the civil rights movement in the United States.

They will hear the stories of current examples, such as the formation of Holy Cross Anglican Church to stand up for the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's Word and the Bound for Life movement sponsored by the International House of Prayer which intercedes for the unborn at government buildings.

Destinations:

1. The Lost Sea Caverns, Sweetwater, T.N.
2. IHOP-International House of Prayer
3. Atlanta Children's Shelter
4. The Jewish Heritage Museum
5. Holy Cross Anglican Church
6. The World of Coca-Cola
7. The Atlanta Aquarium
8. The Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site
9. Stone Mountain Park
10. The Atlanta Fest
11. St. Helena's Episcopal Church, Beaufort, S.C.

Destination Descriptions:

1. The Lost Sea Caverns

From 5 p.m.-8 a.m. You will pay \$312 for 12 participants, even if you do not have that many. There is an extra charge of \$10.50 each for supper and breakfast.

We receive the regular tour, with a trip in glass bottom boats on the underground sea, as well as an exciting tour into the undeveloped cave rooms where one crawls through cracks, crevices, nooks, and crannies. On this tour, guides point out many striking formations such as anthodites (cave flowers), which are so rare the Lost Sea contains 50% of the world's known formations. Visit rooms where ancient jaguar roamed, moonshine was made, and saltpeter was mined for gunpowder by confederate soldiers. You will sleep at your campsite inside the cavern.

Bring a flashlight with extra batteries, a sleeping bag, wipes, a light jacket, slacks, a warm, long-sleeved shirt, old shoes, and a change of clothes.

2. IHOP

They opened in 2004 as a house of prayer and on Feb.12, 2006 began prayer 24/7, so that prayer meeting continues to this day.

Services are held Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth Encounter Services are Sunday nights from 6-8:30 p.m. They are specifically geared to call teenagers to lifestyles of radical abandonment to God through intimacy with Jesus, worship, prayer, and fasting. Each service includes times of worship, teaching, and impartation.

IHOP Atlanta is open 24 hours a day for any person or group desiring to come at any time to worship and pray individually or corporately. The Prayer Room is structured in 84, two-hour prayer meetings per week, full teams of musicians, singers, and intercessors lift their voices in praise and supplication, asking God to fulfill His promise and give the nations of the earth to Jesus as His inheritance. Each prayer meeting functions with live worship teams in one of the following formats: devotional worship, prophetic worship, worship with the Word, or intercession. (I have the schedule that shows which function is when.)

3. Atlanta Children's Shelter

Their mission is to provide loving, high-quality child development and support services for homeless families striving for self-sufficiency.

We can volunteer as a group of 4-12 people.

We would receive a 15-minute orientation and tour.

Volunteer hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9-Noon and 3-5 p.m.

We would interact with children in the classroom and on the playground.

Reading, feeding, playing, classroom assistance, paying them attention! We would be offering the teachers in charge our assistance.

Contact info: Christopher Flowers, Resource Development Coordinator. 404-892-3713X20 or ChristopherFlowers@acsati.org

4. The Jewish Heritage Museum

Hours are Monday-Thursdays 10-5, Friday 10-3, and Sunday 1-5.

Admission is \$4 for students and \$6 for adults with a tour for \$25. Parking is free.

The nonrefundable \$25 tour price provides a 5-lesson unit to prepare for the visit, attend the tour, and discuss what was learned afterward. The theme of the unit is the Holocaust.

Questions about a tour go to Judi at 404-870-1632

To book a tour call 678-222-3700

5. Holy Cross Anglican Church

The contemporary church services are Sundays at 11:07 a.m.

Youth meet at 10:07 for donuts and chill time followed at 10:25 by a teaching on walking as a teenager from the Gospel of the day.

"Move" for youth is held on Wednesdays from 7:01-8:29. 7:01 is free pizza, wii, pool, Guitar Hero, etc. At 7:30, there are games, skits, worship, and relevant teachings about Jesus Christ.

Contact: Matt Jordan, Student Pastor

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6. World of Coca-Cola

Taste over 60 different products from around the globe.
Experience the thrilling 4-D Theater with moving seats.
Be amazed by a fully functioning bottling line and take home a free 8 ounce bottle of Coca-Cola.

Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A visit takes about 90 minutes.

7. Atlanta Aquarium

It is the world's largest aquarium.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday to Friday.
A visit will take 2-4 hours.

Parking purchased online ahead of time is \$9

The World of Coca-Cola and the Atlanta Aquarium are both at Pemberton Place. A Pemberton Pass ticket for both attractions is \$36.50 purchased in advance and includes all exhibits, including Theatre tickets and The Planet Shark Exhibit.

Only the Aquarium has a food court.

Different exhibits are:

- Ocean Voyager-walk through an acrylic tunnel or stand in front of a gigantic acrylic viewing window and you feel like a scuba diver mesmerized by thousands of fish swimming overhead.
- Georgia Explorer Gallery-a highly interactive gallery with touch pools full of horseshoe crabs, sea stars, stingrays, and shrimp. There is also a loggerhead turtle.
- Coldwater Quest-animals from cold waters to view fish and marine mammals from Oregon to Japan, South Australia to South Africa.
- Freshwater Mysteries-Discover a wide diversity of animals found in the rivers of Africa, South America, Asia, and Georgia.
- Coral Kingdom-View tropical coral reefs-gallery of living art (suggested you may wish to visit last)
- The Planet Shark Exhibit

8. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site

Hours are daily 9-6. Admission is free.
\$9.95 rents a GPS Ranger, which is a self-guided multimedia device that guides you through the historic Sweet Auburn Area.
A free tour of the birth home is available. You reserve a time upon arrival.
The first tour begins at 9:30 and the last one is at 5:30. It is a 30-minute tour conducted every half hour.

A visit will take 1.5-2 hours.

The Visitor's Center-See the "Courage to Lead" exhibit and the interactive "Children of Courage" exhibit. Theatre shows 28 minute "New Time, New Voice" film and 15-minute "Children of Courage" film.

The Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church-Listen to King's sermons in the sanctuary and hear 15 minute historic talk by a park ranger.

The King Center-Visit King's crypt, see artifacts of the Kings, Gandhi, and Rosa Parks in the Freedom Hall.

View the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame and the Gandhi statue outdoors.

Visit the Peace Plaza outdoors and see the "Behold" monument.

It would be helpful for the youth to research King, Gandhi, and Rosa Parks in advance.

9. Stone Mountain Park

Exhibits include:

- Ride the Ducks
- Scenic Railroad
- Mini Golf
- Great Barn
- Paddlewheel Riverboat
- Laser show Spectacular
- Sky Hike-ropes course at 12', 24', and 40' levels
- Skyride cable car
- Hikes-1.3-6 miles

Hours are 6 a.m.-Midnight, but attraction times vary.

Cost if tickets are purchased before February are \$33 each and include all part attractions and the Atlanta Fest concert.

10. Atlanta Fest

Saturday, June 19

Newsboys are the Main Stage Band in the evening!

The festival takes place at Stone Mountain Park, so for \$33 you can attend both the festival and the attractions in the park.

11. St. Helena's Episcopal Church, Beaufort, South Carolina (5 hours from Atlanta)

505 Church Street, Beaufort, SC 29902

Services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.