

Navajo Nation Arizona, Arizona

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Western Side

Arizona

6/22/2026-6/27/2026

Activities & Opportunities

By serving in the Diné Nation (Navajo Nation), you can genuinely impact the lives of others. You have the unique opportunity to live and work among the Diné (Navajo). You will partner with the local churches and practically serve people in the surrounding areas by meeting real needs in tangible ways. If you come with a genuine heart to connect with people, you will build meaningful relationships and encourage those around you as you become a picture of God's love.

Work Projects

Your team will participate in practical work projects in support of the local church that is hosting your team. This primarily consists of construction-related projects such as tiling, dry-walling, roofing, framing, cement work, and various kinds of repairs/remodeling. Depending on the needs of a given week, your team's projects will focus on helping local families or working on projects that serve the local church. Specific construction skills are very helpful but not required. We simply ask that you come with a willing heart that is prepared to work to the best of your ability. Because the Diné (Navajo) people are spread out over a large space, you should expect to drive as much as 30-60 minutes to your worksites. We think you'll enjoy the beautiful desert scenery that surrounds you, whether driving, working, or simply enjoying time at church.

Outreach Ministry

Due to the unique nature of this community, the opportunity for relational ministry may take place directly at your team's worksite as you come alongside and encourage those you have come to serve. There may be additional opportunities to serve in various types of people ministry if the need arises. These types of ministry could include things like visiting the elderly, gardening, cleaning, etc.

Children's Ministry

In this community, your team may have the option to invest in the local children through leading a 2-4-day Kids Club. *Kids Club is a popular activity with teams. To best serve the needs of the local kids and to maintain consistency, we feel it is optimal for 1 team to lead the entire week of Kids Club. In light of this, we will offer the leadership of Kids Club to 1 team each week. It is offered on a first-come, first-served basis to teams in the order of their registration for the trip. Leading Kids Club is an important outreach ministry. We ask teams that request participation in this ministry to embrace that responsibility and come well-prepared for their role in leading Kids Club. If your team has a strong desire to work with children, please contact us early on to see if this ministry opportunity is still available. Your team must be registered for the trip to be assigned Kids Club.*

Kids Club normally lasts between 90 minutes and 2.5 hours and will take place either during the late morning or early afternoon depending on the needs of the community. We typically have 4-10 children between the ages of 2 and 10 who attend and will need a maximum of 3-5 people to lead Kids Club each

day. If your team has the opportunity to participate in Kids Club, Experience Mission will provide the curriculum for your team's use. This Kids Club curriculum will be sent out to Team Leaders in the spring via email.

Teams will be responsible for bringing the craft supplies needed for their specific crafts and should budget appropriately. While we do our best to make sure the craft materials are cost-effective, teams may feel free to augment any materials to make them more suitable for their budget. Experience Mission will supply scissors, staplers, and paper hole punches. There are plenty of opportunities to connect with local children through games like soccer or Frisbee. Tuck in a hacksack, football, or jump rope as they are sure to come in handy.

*Due to varying school schedules, Kids Club is not offered during our off-season months of September - May.

Experience Mission works closely with local leaders to identify work projects and ministry opportunities that address authentic needs within the community. We ask that you come with a servant's heart and willingness to adapt to the unique qualities represented in each location. Opportunities can vary significantly from one week to the next. Your team may work at one location or serve at multiple locations each day. **Due to the changing needs of our community partners, we cannot confirm your specific activities until your team arrives.*

Spring Break Trips

Due to staffing limitations and varying school schedules in our community locations, Kids Club and Evening Gathering are not offered during spring break trips. Teams should plan to prepare their own worship and devotional materials for trips from February-May.

NOTE: Springs trips require a minimum team size of 20 participants, and cost \$100 more than Summer trips to cover off-season staffing.