

WHO'S GOING

We seek a group of diverse adults, ages 18-30, who want to expand their cultural understanding and challenge themselves through an intensive travel program.

A sense of adventure and willingness to "get dirty" is a must! Participants will stay in rustic accommodations for a large portion of the trip and will be engaging in moderately strenuous physical labor during the work camp building project.



Participants will be expected to attend 3-4 pre-trip planning meetings.



CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

- Tour ancient Buddhist Wats (temples) in Bangkok and Chiangmai
- Trek through northern Thailand's jungle forests and landscapes
- Dine on authentic Thai cuisine at restaurants and in host homes
- Join Thai children in games, arts, activities and sports
- Enjoy shopping at Chiang Mai's famous "Night Bazaar"
- Exchange cultural performances with Thai, Japanese, and Laotian participants

TRIP INFO



What's the Cost?

The fee for this 16-day program is \$1950, which includes all airfare, most meals, accommodations, and organized activities. Thanks to a subsidy from YMCA of Greater Seattle, this price is considerably lower than the actual trip cost.

Everyone is Welcome.

The YMCA is a membership organization open to all people. If you cannot afford the full cost of a YMCA program or membership, please ask for a confidential scholarship application. Financial assistance, to the extent possible, is available to those in need.

If you have a disability and need further assistance or information please contact us.

If you would like to sponsor a young adult please contact us.

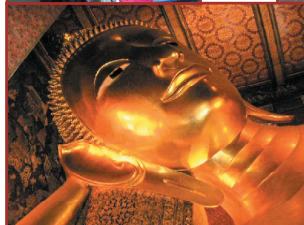
It is the participant's responsibility to provide his or her own accident and health insurance. The YMCA does not provide any such coverage for members or participants.

Trip leaders contact information:

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BUILDING BRIDGES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Young adults from Greater Seattle will travel to Thailand to take part in an international "work camp" in rural Thailand. They will join colleagues from YMCAs in Japan, Thailand, and Laos and learn about Thai culture through homestays and a service project in a rural community outside Chiangmai. We will also explore issues of culture, race, economy, poverty, religion, environmentalism and globalization through discussions and reflection activities.

The group will also spend time visiting cultural sites, attending social programs, and participating in adventure activities in the capital city of Bangkok and beautiful Northern Thailand.



We build strong kids,
strong families,
strong communities.

Trip Application

Application is due by **January 5th 2007**.

NOTE: Applications will be accepted and financial aid awarded, as they are received, so apply ASAP!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Work Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Your Current Job: _____

Please include with your application a \$75 deposit (\$25 if applying for financial aid).

Check here if you would like a scholarship financial assistance application.

Please answer the following questions on separate paper and include them with your application and deposit.

1. Please share your reasons or goals for wanting to participate in this trip.
2. Explain or share your current involvement with the community, including leadership or volunteer efforts.

Please mail application and deposit to:

Trystin Oeljen Street
Auburn Valley YMCA
1620 Perimeter Road SW
Auburn, WA 98001

(Make checks payable to YMCA of Greater Seattle)

For additional questions, contact:

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FOR ADULTS 18-30

MARCH 10-25, 2007

