

# Rosebud Missionary Journey 2006



## Group Registration Information



Rosebud Journey  
Bringing the hope of God's promise to the heart of Native America

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# Overview

The mission for our ministry on the Rosebud is:

Bringing the hope of God's promise to 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 dissappoint. As God continues to bless our efforts, along with 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 by every group that is a part of the 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 dependant 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 sinners 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 give people the whole gospel, and to not 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 ongong 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 Christ 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 Rosebud Missionary 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 is so important to not just come once, but to keep coming back!
- 2) Internship development.** Each summer we involve college age interns to help us with all that needs to be done administratively. They also gain valuable exposure and ministry experience.
- 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 2006.

- 1) We will strive to continue to leave a positive impression with all Native people that we work with and minister to.
- 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 work your group in. 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 this is great, but it's 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, to see more long term involvement, to see more needs being met.

2) We are looking into filing for Incorporation and gaining tax exempt status. This would require our operations to become more accountable and make us more effective for future ministry.

### **More Information**

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

**For Rosebud Journey information, check out our blog. [rosebudjourney.typepad.com](http://rosebudjourney.typepad.com)**

[airc.org](http://airc.org) (American Indian Relief Council)

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

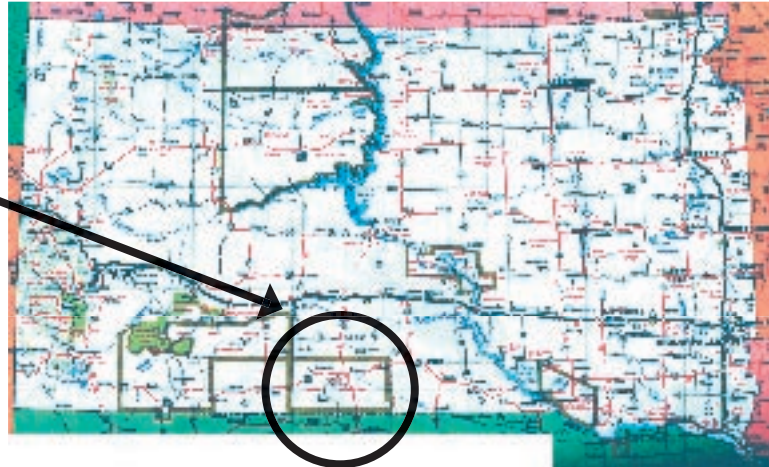
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[tradecorridor.com/rosebud](http://tradecorridor.com/rosebud)

[doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html](http://doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html)

# 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 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.

Some groups will be staying at a dorm-style building located in Mission used by the Tribe to house students during the school year. Other groups will be staying in a k-12 school in St. Francis, south of Mission. Detailed maps of the Reservation are available for download from our blog: [rosebudjourney.typepad.com](http://rosebudjourney.typepad.com).



# Kids Clubs!

The clubs that we 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. With the program designed the way it is, Indian teens are seldom interested, although many have "hung around" to see what is going on.

It will be our primary objective to communicate hope by giving 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 our Club time, we will use different program elements which will all tie into a theme that I am now in the process of developing. Those elements are: 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 and effectively 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 that your church already owns to adapt to your needs to be used in a five day format on the reservation. Talk with your C.E. Pastor/Director and see what they might suggest for material to use. If you need some more options to consider, check out what DesiringGOD Ministries has to offer. Go to the following page:

[www.childrendesiringgod.org/curric\\_descr\\_index.html](http://www.childrendesiringgod.org/curric_descr_index.html)

and click on the VBS materials link. You will find a couple of options with downloadable samples. They have good material at a relative low cost that is accessible for teens to use.

If you need some additional help in narrowing the options and figuring what will work best for you this summer, please give either Brad or Bruce a call and we can walk you through it.

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 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 away when you arrive!

## **Sample Club Schedule\***

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.

**Total time .....About 3 1/2 - 4 hrs.**

\* Your task in preparing to come will be to take these general ideas and make them work for you and the talents/gifts of your group. There is no set way of doing a Kids Club.

# Cost

The cost of the trip is most easily understood if it is broken down into two different categories. The “Your cost to me” section is the part of the trip that Bruce and Brad will be administrating. The largest chunk of that money will go towards our meal expenses. By working together in advance to gather food donations from our churches to bring with, we should be able to keep the quality of food high and the total cost low. In your confirmation, you will find more details about food donation, along with specific kinds and amounts of food that will be needed from your group.

The “cost on your own” section details all the expenses that you will take care of on your own – independent of me. The kind and amount of club materials varies by club size, number of club leaders, and the number of things that you will try to do. I urge you to be creative and to tap into the talents and resources of your students and your church! We’ll talk more about these details later.

## **Your cost to me (per person)\***

You will need to pay \$150.00 per person total. This fee goes towards food, lodging and facilities, intern salaries, and a t-shirt.

We need you to have \$75.00 per person going turned sent in to Bruce by March 31st as a deposit. Please allow yourselves a buffer zone when setting your deadline so I can have your registration deposit by the 31st.

## **Cost on your own will include the following things:**

Transportation

Club Materials/curriculum

Any post-experience experiences. You may find it a good idea to use an extra night or two once we’re done to do some evaluating and future planning as a group before you head back!



# 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.

## **Saturday/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 be a priority, along with extra time for individual teams to finish preparing, getting into the communities to start meeting children, and taking part in local worship services, as possible. The first club will be on Sunday night.

## **Monday through Thursday**

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, some quiet/down time, preparation for the evening, will need to be worked in 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 hearing individual stories of what God is doing and what we are learning.

We encourage each group to spend as much time as it 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 Brad or Bruce a call.

## **Friday**

We will all get up early to clean up the dorm as best as we can before we close the kitchen and head out for home or whatever.

# Forms and Important Dates

There are two forms on the next two 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.

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! If you use your own, make sure you get the same basic information for you to have and for me to get from you. These forms are primarily for your use - don't send them to me. **Please limit your registrants to students who have at least completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

## 2. Group Registration Form

This is the form that I want from you along with your one check made out to ***Rosebud Journey*** by March 31st. You 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 31st .....Group registration deadline. Please send one check made payable to NorthPointe EFC along with your group registration form as your deposit. Your total deposit amount is \$75 x total number (adults and students) registering.

Early April.....Have a food organizer/volunteer in place with a working strategy to gather donated food and prepared for travel.

June 1st.....The balance of what you owe (another \$75/person) is due. Remember that the total amount is \$150/person.

June 17 - 23rd .....Together on the Rosebud! All groups will need to arrive in the afternoon before dinner at 5 p.m. We will be done on the morning of the 23rd - as soon as we have finished cleaning the dorm.



# Student Application & Permission Form

June 17 - 23, 2006

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Application Information**

1. How have you come to know Christ as Savior and Lord?

2. Why do you want to go on this trip?

3. What kind of experience do you have with missions or ministry oriented trips?

4. What spiritual gifts or special talents do you have that would aid in a trip like this one?

5. My shirt size is:\_\_\_\_\_

## **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 servanthood. 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-Christlike 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# Group Registration Form

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

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

Leaders phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

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 next to the appropriate sizes)

M(child) \_\_\_\_\_ L(child) \_\_\_\_\_

S(adult) \_\_\_\_\_ M(adult) \_\_\_\_\_ L(adult) \_\_\_\_\_ XL(adult) \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Reference Form

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*This reference 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 "Rosebud Missionary Experience". Please answer the questions as honestly and directly as you can and return this form directly to Pastor Bruce by the application deadline (April 8<sup>th</sup>).

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?