

KAA Spring Break Go Trip 2025

What is the purpose of this trip?

 To prepare the <u>Kids Across America</u> camp facilities near Branson, Missouri for a summer of ministry to inner-city kids.

What will we be doing in Missouri?

Don't just have an ordinary spring break . . . have a ministry experience! On this Go Trip, we will travel to the Kids Across America camp near Branson to help prepare the camp facilities for a summer of ministry to inner-city kids. Past projects have included: clearing brush, landscaping, carpentry, power washing, and cleaning—all the fun stuff that city kids in North Texas don't usually get to do! Our team will have the opportunity to help "reset" that campgrounds for the campers coming this summer 2025.

Who can participate?

- Generational: Families (with children 5 years old or older), Single Adults, Couples & Senior Adults.
- Ages 5-17 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.
- The trip is limited to 40 people.

Dates of the GO Trip: March 16-20, 2025

- Travel to KAA on Sunday, March 16. Please plan to arrive by 6 p.m. for dinner and evening orientation.
 - o Please also note that transportation is not provided or included in the cost of this trip; you will be responsible for arranging your own transportation to and from Missouri.
- Workdays: March 17, 18, 19, and 20 (20th is a half-workday; we'll clean up in the morning then travel home)
- We will also have a half-workday on either Tuesday or Wednesday to allow free time to go to Branson, eat dinner out, tour around, etc.
- Depart on Thursday, March 20

What is the fundraising goal of the trip?

- \$300 per family unit; \$200 for individual; \$50 for additional person added to family unit.
 - o If you are participating as an individual, your total is \$200
 - If you are participating as a family unit and sharing a cabin, your total is \$300
 - If you are participating as a friend of a family (participating as a guest of a family) your total is \$50 added to the family unit you are coming with.

<u>Our Mission:</u> To Build Christian Leaders by Encouraging, Equipping, and Empowering Urban Youth and Their Mentors Through Camping and Education

Our Vision: Transforming Urban Youth to Impact their Communities for Christ

Video - https://www.kaakamps.org/mission

History:

In 1978, Kanakuk Kamps started giving the last week of Kamp in the summer to serve the camping needs of urban youth. The I'm Third Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was birthed out of this need and eventually the demand for a camp dedicated to serving urban youth and adult leaders became so great that the first Kids Across America Kamp was built.

It was completed and opened in 1991, and in 1995, KAA 2 was opened adjacent to KAA 1. The number of young people and urban leaders served has grown every year. This demand led to the opening of a leadership training camp, called

Higher Ground in 1998 and a fourth camp, KAA 3, in the summer of 2001. In September of 2000, the I'm Third Foundation was renamed Kids Across America (KAA). Each summer 20 campers receive a special "I'M THIRD" award.