



POVERTY SIMULATION

Our poverty simulation is an 44-hour simulation that enhances what God is teaching each Mission Denver team throughout the week. You will experience how it feels to live in a community surrounded by wealth, while struggling to meet the basic needs that you take for granted. Each participant will be confronted with the realities and choices that people in poverty face on a daily basis.

What is the Poverty Simulation about?

Its about Transformation. The simulation is designed to help each team grasp God's heart for the poor as they are engaged in a disorienting dilemma that they will possibly never face in this lifetime.

Is the Poverty Simulation safe?

Yes, the simulation is fully supervised and each team member will never be alone. Odds are you will be safer in this 44-hour simulation than you would at your local mall (youth group members will always be with at least on leaders from your church at all times).

What should I expect?

To see things about yourself that you did not know or would not necessarily choose to know.

Will I be miserable?

You will need to pack a good attitude and have a desire to know Christ in a deeper way through this simulation. The simulation will stretch you in ways that are not comfortable, but bring great blessings to those who experience it.

What will I eat and where will I sleep during the Poverty Simulation?

You will always have a choice of necessities, such as food and shelter.

What ages can participate?

We prefer participants to be 14 years of age or older.

Why don't you allow Junior High students? Is there a different track offered for Junior High

The weekend requires emotions, thought processes, and focused conversations that will bore those younger than 14 years old. We find that many junior highers are just not ready to handle the simulation the way it was intended. It can be something they can look forward to in the future. We do have alternatives for junior high groups that desire to participate in a Mission Denver week. Please contact us for more information.

What if someone has a special diet or needs medication?

No problem! This person will need to inform the Mission Denver staff before the simulation and they will give them further instructions.

Are cell phones allowed during the simulation?

The only people with cell phones are the group leaders. This is for emergency situations only.

Does everyone have to participate in the Poverty Simulation?

Yes, it is important that your whole group participates in the Poverty Simulation. We will not have a separate program in conjunction with the poverty simulation for those who do not participate.

What are the details of the Poverty Simulation?

The Poverty Simulation is designed in a strategic way. The feedback we receive from people who have participated in the Poverty Simulation is that the impact of the simulation is greater when the participants don't know the details. Parents may contact us with additional questions, but we ask that you not give those details to your children ahead of time.

We have ran this simulation for many years now and have never had any problems or concerns. Any parent can contact us with any of their questions at any time.