

2022 Internship Application



Important Information Related to COVID-19:

As we prepare for ministry opportunities in the summer of 2022, we recognize that COVID-19 will continue to have an impact on how we go about ministering to the people of the Rosebud Reservation. We vow to safeguard the health and safety of those we serve as well as honor the response and guidelines of the tribe and local organizations. This summer's internship may not be entirely normal depending on local conditions and tribal response. We also know that supporting church groups who participate in the usual mission week will look different. *As always, we expect to be stretched in faith and flexibility and ask the same of our intern applicants.*

Section 1: About The Lakota Journey

Our Mission: The Lakota Journey is a Christian non-profit short-term missions organization committed to discovering the hope of God's vision in the heart of Native America.

Our Values: What we care about with missions.

- **Gospel Presence:** We want to be an active part of living the gospel of Christ.
- **Partnering with Reservation Pastors and Ministries:** We want to serve alongside existing reservation ministries whenever possible to aid, assist, and encourage what is already taking place.
- **Long-term Perspective:** We want to chip away at the negative effects of many short-term mission projects by strongly encouraging groups and individuals to stay active and committed to the communities they serve beyond the weeklong trip.
- **Training Disciples:** We seek to equip believers for gospel-centered ministry at home, on the reservation, and to the ends of the earth.

Our Venues: The structures through which we seek God's vision.

- **Lakota Journey Week:** A weeklong summer trip in June where church groups build and nourish relationships with a specific community on the reservation.
- **Summer Internships:** An 8-week summer program where college-aged students volunteer with organizations on the reservation and form deeper relationships with the local community.

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- **Alumni Presence:** A community of individuals who have been involved in the Lakota Journey Week or Internships who now live in the reservation, seeking to act out the gospel in their daily lives.

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Section 2: About The Summer Internship June 10- August 5, 2022, Rosebud Reservation, SD

Our Purpose: The main purpose of the Lakota Journey Summer Internship is to provide an accessible next step for those who feel the tugging of the Holy Spirit to explore their relationship with God and the Rosebud Reservation further. Many participants in the internship are strongly considering whether or not they may be led to live for Christ on the reservation longer-term. Others know that living on the reservation long-term is not for them but feel led by the Holy Spirit to engage further in the work that God is doing and to learn more about the communities we seek to partner with. Throughout the 8 weeks of the internship, participants live in a Christ-centered community and volunteer with organizations on the reservation related to their post-secondary area of study. Through it all, they seek what God's vision is for the Rosebud Reservation and what their personal relationship with it may be.

The Support We Provide: Lakota Journey provides for the basic living needs of interns. This includes housing, food and gas for their travel around the reservation. Interns essentially customize their own internship experience by developing their own goals and seeking out their own volunteer opportunities. In order to have a successful experience, interns must be courageous, self-driven and sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Lakota Journey provides minimal structures of support to guide interns through professional growth, spiritual growth and relational growth throughout the summer. Each intern has a supervisor to check in with throughout the summer. However, the largest emotional and spiritual support of interns comes from the gospel-centered community they share.

The Financial Commitment: \$700 is the minimum financial commitment for the internship. Lakota Journey strongly encourages interns to raise their own support. After interns complete the summer experience and fulfill the internship requirements, interns receive a salary check based on their support raising. If interns raise \$7,000 or more, 90% of the money raised is given to them as a salary. If interns raise less than \$7,000, they receive the amount they raised minus \$700. Lakota Journey requires that interns provide at least \$700 dollars to the organization. If they choose not to raise support, they may pay Lakota Journey \$700 directly.



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Why Interns Raise Support: The idea of raising support can be uncomfortable. However, we strongly encourage interns to go through a support raising process. The reality is that support raising is not simply about asking others to pay for your summer missions experience. It's about much more than that.

1. Raising support builds a strong Christ-centered community to encourage you throughout your journey this summer and beyond.

God created us to live in community and we experience the grace of God through community with each other. Raising support leads us to rely on the body of Christ financially, emotionally and physically. The people you connect with through support raising will support you in many more ways.

2. Raising support raises awareness about the people of the Rosebud Reservation and the hope for God's vision in Native America.

Although Native America is all around us in the United States, few people are aware of the current lived experience of our country's indigenous people. If you're at a place in your journey where you are about to spend your summer living and working in Native America, God has placed these people on your heart. Sharing what God has revealed to you and all that you have learned with others is a powerful testimony.

3. Raising support engages more people throughout the Christian family in the mission, vision and values of Lakota Journey.

4. Raising support contributes to the financial security of Lakota Journey.

The tangible cost per intern of the internship varies from year to year. This depends largely on what housing Lakota Journey is able to secure, size of the intern group, the distances interns drive for their volunteer opportunities and other factors. The minimum \$700 financial contribution is based on an average over several years. Raising additional support helps to provide financial security for years when costs happen to be higher.



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Section 3: Internship Responsibilities

Professional Responsibilities:

- Seek out and design your own Monday-Friday volunteer experience for the summer, partnering with existing organizations on the reservation.
- Develop and set goals related to your post-secondary area of study or personal interests that will focus and drive your volunteer experience.
- Perform to the best of your ability for the benefit and aid of the organization you choose to work with.

Relational Responsibilities:

- Live in Christ-centered and gospel-centered community with all Lakota Journey interns.
- Engage in the intern community through regular participation in team meetings, team dinners, curriculum discussions, team prayer and other means of support.
- Seek out ways to regularly nourish relationships with the local community outside of your volunteer experience, engaging with individuals and communities as the Spirit leads.

Spiritual Responsibilities:

- Spend time with God daily and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout the summer.
- Develop and follow your own personal plan for spiritual growth over the summer.
- Get plugged in with a local community of believers and regularly worship with them.

Responsibilities Related to Lakota Journey Week:

Typically interns assist in supporting our large group missions week. However, in 2022, we will not be holding our missions week as usual. We may have multiple weeks where we provide minimal support for churches who are making the trip to connect with the communities they serve this summer. Interns may have a role during the summer months helping to support church groups in their ministry endeavors. This could include the following.

- Facilitating communication between church group leaders and community leaders.
- Serve as a resource for and assistant to participating church groups as needed.
- Work with Bre Stroh, our director, to respond to housing-related needs.



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Potential Volunteer Experience Opportunities for 2022:

Although professional opportunities vary from year to year based on the state of local organizations, the table below provides a picture of some professional options. Interns may explore the options here and are also free to seek outside opportunities. Do not hesitate to seek out new organizations that may fit your professional needs. We are always looking for more organizations to get plugged into.

Local Organization	Potential Volunteer Positions/Opportunities
Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud	<p>The Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud is a growing organization with many opportunities to serve.</p> <p>Check out their website here: https://www.rosebudbgc.org/</p> <p>Contact Glen Marshall for information regarding programming needs for summer 2022: glen.marshall@rosebudbgc.org</p>
REDCO: Rosebud Economic Development Corporation	<p>REDCO's mission is to generate Rosebud Tribal government revenues and promote economic development on the reservation through managing companies, assisting the tribe in economic policy analysis/development and engaging in community development projects. Current projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Sovereignty Initiative: increase local cultivation and consumption of quality food - Tribal Credit Coop: provide an alternative to predatory lending - Tatanka Fund: provide financial services to support local entrepreneurship <p>Check out the website here: https://www.sicangucorp.com/</p>
Todd County School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended School Year: work with the exceptional education department to assist with services they provide regularly throughout the summer. - Kool School: A 3-week program of educational enrichment for middle school students - Elementary Summer School Programs: depending year-to-year on financial and human resources <p>Check with Lakota Journey Alumni (Bre Stroh) as summer approaches for possible opportunities.</p>



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<p>White Buffalo Calf Women's Society</p>	<p>WBCWS is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide shelter and advocacy for individuals victimized by domestic violence. They've established the first women's shelter on a reservation. They also work cooperatively with other community organizations including health, education and criminal justice. Examples of positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer Advocate - Resource Development
<p>Wanbli Wiconi Tipi Juvenile Detention Facility</p>	<p>WWT offers structured care for tribal youth law violators and their families. Youth receive education as well as restorative cultural disciplinary practices. Past interns have volunteered in a variety of capacities. Inquire further for more information.</p>
<p>SGU Horse Ranch</p>	<p>SGU Horse Ranch provides equine-assisted mental health therapy for children with mental, emotional or behavioral needs.</p>
<p>Ministry in Local Churches/Ministries</p>	<p>Although these options may not be a Monday-Friday volunteer opportunity, if ministry is your professional area, you could focus your experience around working with any of these individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Mitchell: Pastor in Mission and White River - Jerry Miller: Pastor in Mission - Johnny and Heidi Wade: Pastors in Mission with summer outreach in communities - Dr. Lauren Stanley: Episcopal Rev. with many active ministries - Rev. Andrew Utecht: Pastor in Rosebud and Parmelee

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Section 4: Applicant Requirements

In order to be considered for the internship, all applicants must:

- Be at least 17 years of age by the start of the internship experience, June 10, 2022.
- Have had at least two different short-term missions experiences totaling at least two weeks of full time involvement prior to application. Both experiences can be with the same organization.
- Be able to participate in training sessions leading up to the internship in person or remotely.
- Be available for and present on the reservation regularly and work full time for the duration of the internship, June 10 to August 5, 2022.
- Be able to raise his or her own support for the summer and provide Lakota Journey at least \$700 to supplement your cost of living for the summer.
- Provide 2 character references that are not immediate family members, to be mailed directly to Lakota Journey.
- Demonstrate the ability to handle administrative responsibilities, a high level of stress and a certain amount of unpredictability and instability.
- Demonstrate the ability to be self-directed with little imposed structure. The internship experience is custom-designed by each intern and only includes minimal structure. Interns must be able to set their own schedules, develop their own goals and plans, and hold themselves accountable.
- Agree to contract with Lakota Journey as Independent Contractors under Lakota Journey's terms and conditions. Contracts, including terms and conditions, will be distributed upon acceptance into the internship.

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Section 5: Internship Application

Basic Information:

Name (Last, First Middle): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (s): _____

Email: _____

Church Affiliation/Membership: _____

How long have you been attending your current church? _____

*If you are not currently attending a church, please take the time to explain with attachment.

Education:

High School (City, State): _____ Grad Year: _____

College/Tech School (City, State): _____ Grad Year: _____

Degree and Major: _____ Minor: _____

Other education, training, or licenses: _____

Recent and Notable Ministry Experience:

Ministry (Name, City, State)	Dates	Area of Service	Contact Person	Phone

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Application Questions (Please feel free to type out your answers here or attach your answers):

1. Why do you want to be a Lakota Journey Intern? What do you hope to gain from the experience? What impact do you expect to have?
2. What is one thing you hope to accomplish in your life and why?
3. Describe your most recent experience living in or working in community. How do you relate to others in a close working or living environment?
4. What is one major lesson you feel God has taught you in the past year and how do you intend to carry this lesson into the future?
5. Please describe your experience with any cross-cultural ministry. What role do you feel cross-cultural ministry plays in the Kingdom of God?
6. What does long-term perspective mean to you in terms of ministry? What does it mean for your relationship with the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations?
7. What does having a gospel presence mean to you in your daily life? What does it mean for your relationship with the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations?
8. Tell us about a time when you were way outside of your comfort zone. How do you react when things are not familiar or as expected?

References: Please provide 2 character references who can identify your strengths and weaknesses, describe your background, and provide evidence regarding your ability to meet expectations for the internship. Please mail the letter of reference information to them and ask them to return it directly to us.

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Applicant Disclosure Statement:

Please respond to the following questions and sign the disclosure statement. Any falsification or deliberate misrepresentation, including omission of a material fact or failure to answer any of the following questions to the best of your knowledge may result in grounds for denial of contract or dismissal from the internship experience at any point in time.

1. Do you have or have you had any significant physical condition or special limitations that may impact your participation in internship activities/responsibilities? If so, please describe below.
2. Have you seen a counselor or therapist for any reason? Please let us know when you received counseling and why.
3. Have you suffered any type of abuse? If so, when? How have you dealt with it? How do you continue to deal with it?
4. Have you ever had an arrest for any violation that resulted in a conviction, a plea of guilty, or a no contest, probation, community service, a summary report or some other form of adjudication? Also, do you have any pending charges or are you under any type of legal investigation?
5. Have you ever been accused of abusive behavior?
6. Are you currently involved in a dating relationship? If so, how do you anticipate the summer internship will be affected by your relationship?

Applicant Disclosure Waiver/Release:

To the extent of my knowledge, the information on this application is truthful and accurate. I understand that background checks or inquiries revealing undisclosed information of any kind may disqualify me from consideration for The Lakota Journey Summer Internship or serve as grounds for dismissal. By means of this release I authorize The Lakota Journey to make inquiries about me with the authorities as well as with any persons or organizations listed in this application:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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