



Elevations is a unique experience that combines the heights of adventure and contemplation in the wilderness with dynamic depths in the city. We design these trips to be inspiring, educational, fun, and uniquely spiritual - both in the city and the mountains.

We prefer the description of *Vision Trip*, instead of *mission trip* for Elevations. Everything we plan during your time with us in Colorado is designed to share a vision that will inspire deeper participation in this world and God's kingdom. We hope you'll experience a nearness to God and catch a spirit of adventure in following Christ that simply won't stop once you leave Denver. You will certainly serve alongside Dry Bones and will hopefully leave Denver a better place when you leave. But, our hope is ultimately that you are able to return to see your world back home with new eyes.

A few promises: You will observe beauty you've never seen before. You will encounter the Great Creator in interesting ways and places. You will be out of your comfort zone and discover the joy of an adventurous life. You will spend time in silence, time in conversation, focus on being present in all circumstances, and will find yourself asking many important questions. And all of this will happen both up in the mountains and down in the city!



What can you expect in the mountains?

At the start of our week, we spend 3 nights away from the city, camping out in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. This camping will not be over-the-top intense but we'll "rough it" together.

During this portion of the trip, we will set up a campsite out away from civilization and enjoy the peace and beauty of God's creation. These 3 days will include day hikes and outdoor fun where we'll explore the wilderness around us and be inspired by the magnificence of nature. We'll observe and experience God's creation some very distinctive new ways. We will also spend time playing games around a campfire and share in conversation about God under the stars. Sleeping in a tent might be outside of the comfort zone for some, but it will all be well worth the experience!



We will share a deeply contemplative experience together in the mountains. We hope to introduce you to some new ways of connecting with God - practices that you'll want to take home with you. It will be a time of fun, seeing and learning some new things, and soaking in God's creation. We'll laugh and talk a lot together,



but we will also take time for silence, solitude, and introspection. Our three days of contemplative mountain life will inspire action and lead us back into the city.

What can you expect in the city?

The second half of the week will be spent in the downtown Denver area working alongside Dry Bones. Dry Bones Denver is a ministry among Denver's large houseless youth and young adult population.

We will do some adventuring in the city of Denver while discovering some of the realities for those who live without homes. We will introduce you to our friends who happen to camp out year round. These will be some of the greatest, most interesting, and genuine people you'll ever meet. These new friendships will make an impact, likely for the rest of your life. We will share a couple of meals together, take part in some fun activities (likely hosting picnics, bowling, movies, etc), and listen to each others' stories. Each night, you will sleep at a local church building.

This part of the week is sure to be eye-opening and a ton of fun as well!

Experiences from higher elevations will be tied directly into those you will discover in the city. A contemplative life will always lead to action and ongoing contemplation and further action. (*You see a pattern? Hopefully, this pattern will become one that you practice for the rest of your life.*)

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We hope you'll jump in and sign up for Elevations this summer! We love inviting groups like yours to come and join the Dry Bones community, and we feel confident that you will have an incredible week. Hope to see you this summer!

Your group will have the option to add certain activities to your time in the Rockies and in the city. These extra activities will be discussed and arranged with your youth leader prior to your trip and may require additional fees.