

Root Cellar:

Description:

The Root Cellar SST is a week-long trip to serve the community of Lewiston, Maine. Lewiston is located about 30 minutes north of Portland and is Maine's second-largest city. The Root Cellar serves refugees who make their way to Lewiston, helping them with English classes, work, housing, and other needs. [Click here](#) to see The Root Cellar's description of their missions weeks.

Service days are very full. The typical day starts with wake-up call at 6:30am and we often go without a stop or free time until bedtime at 11pm. Students should expect some unpredictability and on-the-fly changes to be a part of their daily routine. Although the trip does not have much free time during the week, our trip finishes with a day retreat of fun and reflection. Our team will stop at Gordon College for ~24 hours on the way home, so that we can spend time journaling, praying, and processing what God has taught us over the course of the week. We will then return to Grace Chapel around 2pm on Saturday.

Details:

- **TRIP LEADER:** Akash Ahuja
- **WHEN:** July 5-11
- **WHO:** Open to students currently in 10th-12th grade.
 - This trip is more relational than work based. Students should be ready to be challenged in the area of interpersonal community engagement.
- **HOW MANY:** Our maximum size is 18 students and 4 adults
- **FUNDRAISING AMOUNT:** Expected to be \$1,100
- **LOGISTICS:**
 - Transportation: We will be driving up to Lewiston, ME, which is about 2 hours away
 - Leave after lunch on Sunday 7/5 and return after lunch on Saturday, 7/11.
- **APPLICATION:**
 - Open Dec. 9 – Jan. 15.
 - Interview with Akash
 - Many factors considered – including previous experiences, seniority, current involvement with Grace Chapel
 - Students who apply for this trip but don't get invited to join it are still able to go to the Philly Project or serve as a Student Leader on CIY.
- **TRIP PREPARATION**
 - 4 required in-person meetings
 - ~February, parent + student meeting with logistics, fundraising, and team covenant
 - ~Late March, team-bonding
 - ~April/May – training
 - ~mid-June – final team dinner