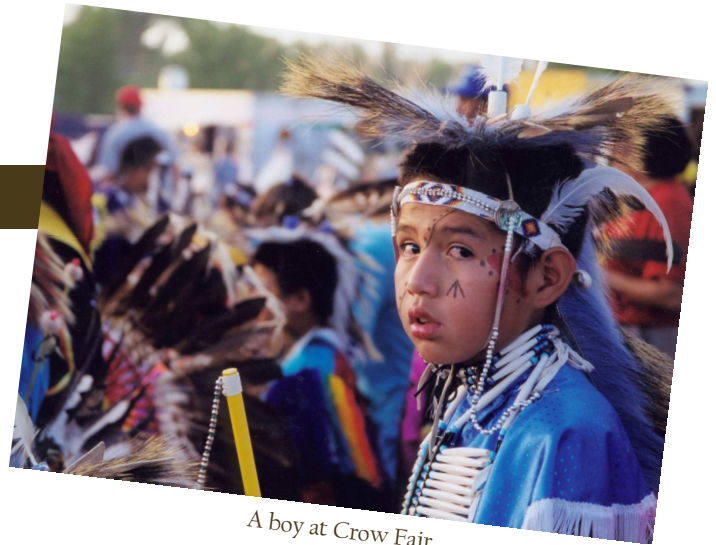


# CROW NATION

## 2012 Teams

Forward Edge International—Team #



A boy at Crow Fair

### WHAT IS THE NEED?

You will be serving in the community of Crow Agency, which is located on the Crow Indian Reservation, approximately 60 miles from Billings, Montana. Crow Agency is in the valley of the Little Big Horn River, adjacent to the site of the legendary battle between tribes of Plains Indians and the U. S. 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

A proud people with a rich culture and heritage, the Crow people today face obstacles such as high unemployment and alcoholism. In fact, 67% of Crow young people, grades 9-12, have had at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days. Nearly 26% of them have also attempted suicide.

The history of the Whites and the Crow people has been one of alliances and friendships for survival and preservation of a way of life.

The Crow People treasure their families and relationships with others, including Whites, although sometimes there is an obvious level of intolerance, based upon direct and indirect conflicts, both past and present.

It is perceived by many, due mostly to misguided Christian evangelism, that Christianity is a “white man’s religion”, and it has been equated with exploitation.

FEI has been involved building relationships with the Crow people since the early '90s. Crow Agency is unique in that it provides a platform to work on reconciliation between First Nations People and their American counterparts. Through our relationship with the Crow people, we have begun a dialogue that people like you can get involved in! There will be many opportunities to share the love of Jesus as you serve in Crow Agency.

### For More Information:

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Promoting VBS for Crow Nation

### IMPORTANT DATES

(Total Team Fee: \$525 per person)

90 Days Prior

\$100 non-refundable deposit applied toward team fee. Application & Liability Release Form DUE.

60 Days Prior

\$215.00 First Payment DUE.

30 Days Prior

\$210.00 Final Payment DUE.

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### WAYS YOU WILL SERVE:

You will build upon more than two decades of developing trust and friendship between FEI and the Crow people by reaching out in the communities on the reservation. You will be demonstrating God's love through a variety of opportunities: teaching VBS, helping at the Senior Center, completing minor construction and painting projects or other outreach that your group may be called to do. Forward Edge will work directly with your group leader to match the gifts and desires of your team to the projects as we prepare a schedule for the week that best fits your team.

### WHO WILL WE WORK WITH?

Your host will be Kenneth Pretty-On-Top, pastor of Spirit of Life Foursquare Church. Kenneth and his wife, Hannah, are highly respected both on and off the reservation by Christians and non-Christians alike.

### WHERE WILL WE STAY?

You will stay in small cabins on the church property that have wooden bunk beds. Bring a sleeping bag or sheets and a pillow. There are bathroom facilities adjacent to the cabins with showers and facilities. Team members will share in the kitchen/cooking duties, as arranged by your FEI facilitators.

### WHAT WILL IT COST?

The fee of **\$525 per person** covers food, lodging, and ground transportation in Crow Nation. Practical preparatory materials, an experienced on-site facilitator and complete logistical coordination are also included. This also includes your transportation from the Billings airport to Crow Nation.

**PAYMENTS:** There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit due at the time of application submission. The non-refundable deposit will be applied towards your team fee. Payments can be paid by check or by credit card at [www.forwardedge.org](http://www.forwardedge.org) (Pay Team Fee) Make checks payable to: Forward Edge International. All payments need to reflect the team member name and team number.

Once Forward Edge receives completed applications, we'll send you a team pack: which includes a T-shirt, training materials, and details on what to pack.

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