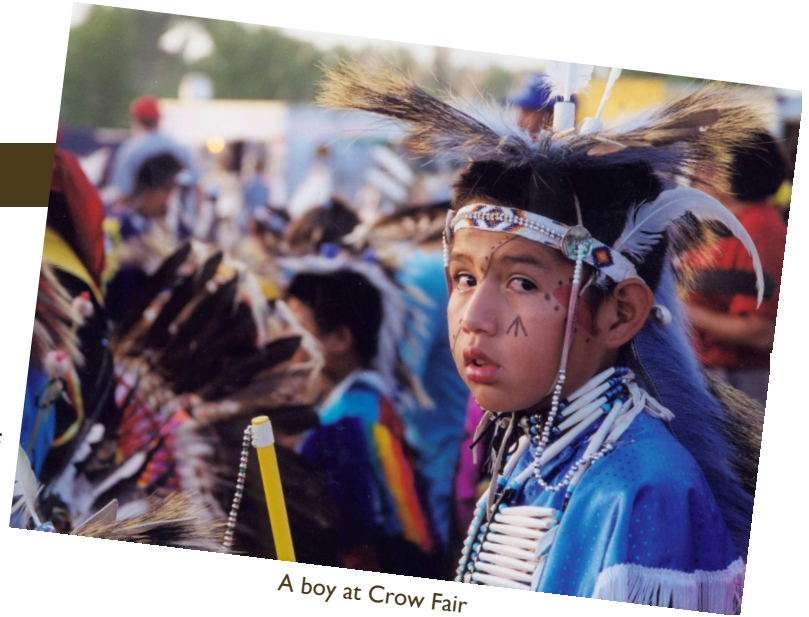


CROW NATION

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. 7th 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.

Forward Edge International has been involved building relationships with the Crow people since the early 90’s. 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.

CROW FAIR—Each August, approximately 25,000 people gather for the Crow Fair celebration, a family reunion of dancing, singing, parades and a rodeo. As the sound of the drum begins, men, women, and children, adorned with magnificent regalia, dance to the customs and traditions of the past and present. There will be many opportunities to share the love of Jesus as you participate in Crow Fair.

IMPORTANT DATES

Total Team Fee: \$525 per person

90 Days Prior

Coordination Agreement & \$175
Non-refundable deposit **DUE.**

60 Days Prior

Application, Liability Release Form and
First half payment of \$175 due

30 Days Prior

\$175 Final Payment DUE.

For More Information:

Nicole Klepec, Team Coordinator for Montana:
360.574.3343 or nicole@forwardedge.org.

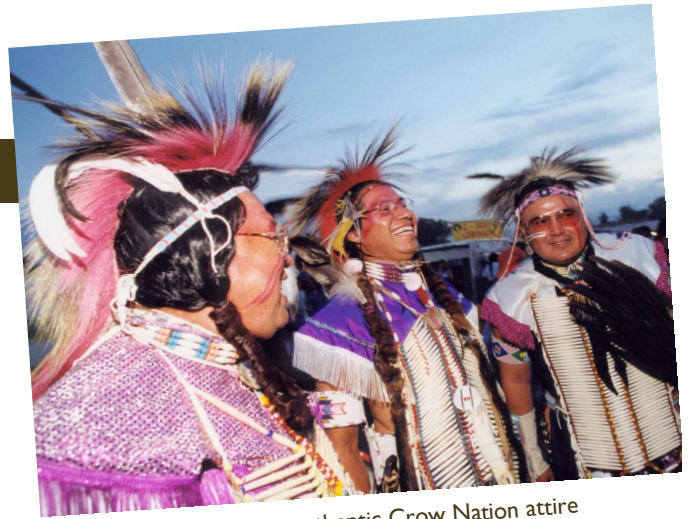
CROW NATION

2012 Teams

Forward Edge International—Team #

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; assisting with the preparation and set-up of camps (including Teepees and Tents), teaching VBS, helping at the Senior Center, and completing minor construction and painting projects.



Men in their authentic Crow Nation attire

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 on the Reservation on the church property out-buildings. Bring a sleeping bag, and pad or air mattress. Pad or mattress **must be a single bed size** (39" X 75" or smaller). Anything larger takes up too much space. Team members will share in the kitchen/cooking duties, as arranged by Doug & Elaine Brannon.

WHAT IS OUR SCHEDULE?

- Day 1 Arrive in Crow Agency, unpack and get oriented.
- Day 2 Attend church services at Spirit of Life.
- Days 3-5 Service and ministry projects, including preparation for Crow Fair.
- Day 6-8/9 Crow Fair / Excursion Day. Re-entry session in the evening.
- Day 9 Departure Day

WHAT WILL IT COST?

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

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.



Build relationships and work along side the local people

For More Information:

Nicole Klepec, Team Coordinator for Montana:
360.574.3343 or nicole@forwardedge.org.

Everyone should have an
opportunity to change a LIFE.