



# Erie, PA

## The Area

The boroughs adjacent to Erie, PA have seen a cultural change over the last several years as major industrial businesses have left and caused the community to rely on tourism for the foundation of their economy.

This beautiful area draws many tourists, being only two hours from Niagara Falls and directly along the lengthy shores of Lake Erie. Welch's grapes are also grown here and are a great excuse to enjoy grape jelly or juice! However, the same weather that makes Erie perfect for growing delicious grapes creates harsh winters along the south shore of the lake that boasts the "Best Sunsets in the World." Nonetheless, tourism is slight during the harsh winters and many businesses have struggled to survive during the off-season. With such, residents need your assistance to help preserve the beautiful community of homes in the city. We can guarantee your week of service will greatly impact the residents of Erie and you will not regret taking a week off to be around the amazing city and people of Erie.

## Our Partner

Our amazing Cosponsor in Erie has impacted surrounding communities for several years. The return to Erie will again establish a strong presence of Group Workcamps and the impact we have together with locals dedicated to their hometown.



## Lodging Information

Participants will stay in an air-conditioned facility that has private showers. Everyone will have a bed, so no need to bring air mattresses! There will be 4-6 people per room.

## The Need

Many elderly and disabled residents need assistance with exterior projects. Your group will improve homes replacing gutters, helping the house-bound access to the community with the aid of a wheelchair ramp, and sprucing up many weather-beaten homes with paint and siding—all while enjoying the beauty of this great lake community.

## Area Activities

Enjoy the breathtaking views of Niagara Falls, just a two-hour drive from Erie. Don't forget your poncho!

Hit the beach or explore the lagoons at Presque Isle State Park, located right in Erie on an arching, sandy peninsula that juts into Lake Erie.

For more outdoor adventure, visit Waldameer Water World or the Erie Zoo. Take a short walk from the school to the beach in the evening and see what the locals boast as one of the best sunsets in the world!

