

Summer Mission Trip 2011

Here's the information you've been waiting for...

- ✓ Dates: Saturday June 25th – Saturday July 2nd
 - We will leave Salem June 25th and drive to the Pittsburgh or Cleveland Airport. Our flight will depart in the early morning. We will arrive at San Diego in the early afternoon. After arrival, we'll pick up our rental vehicle(s) and head to a local hotel. The next day we will drive into Mexico. We will drive back into San Diego July 2nd and fly back home, hopefully to arrive in the early evening.
- ✓ Location: The Ensenada Outreach Center (EOC) is a mission organization located in Baja California, Mexico
 - We will stay in the outreach center. It is a gated gathering of buildings that posts a guard at night for added security. The outreach center is located in a safe area of Mexico and the surrounding community has come to embrace the people who visit. It has many bunk rooms that can each sleep small groups of people, modern plumbing, a fully functioning kitchen, large eating area. We can potentially share this location with up to 200 other people from mission groups.
- ✓ Mission Work
 - We will take part in the Homes of Hope program. Utilizing days Monday – Thursday, we will build a house for a local family! These families are chosen by local church pastors. Not construction experience necessary! If you can hold a hammer, you qualify! On Thursday, we will dedicate the home to the local family, building a relationship with them.
- ✓ Tourist Activities
 - On Friday, we will likely visit a local market place where we'll be able to purchase souvenirs. There are some other possible things, including swimming in the ocean, that we might also do.
- ✓ Cost
 - With the information available right now, the estimated actual trip cost is around \$1,000 per person. That total includes flights, lodging, meals (except Sat. travel days), and van rental costs. Every effort will be made to keep the trip cost near this estimate. But, the cost of plane tickets and the total number of participants will determine the total. As usual, each student is responsible for any amount not covered by team fundraisers. In the past, our church family has supported us greatly and allowed us to raise close to 50% of our cost. Monthly payment plans will be available. Please contact Pete with concerns about the trip cost.
- ✓ Application
 - The attached application is due by Sunday February 27th at 8pm. After submitting an application, it will be reviewed by the youth ministry team and you will be contacted about your acceptance. The team list will be finalized by late early March and fundraising will begin soon after. Students are expected to adhere to the Mission Team Covenant. Airline tickets will be ordered soon after the team list is finalized, and any student who backs out after that time (for whatever reason) will be required to pay the full cost of the airline ticket.



M-68 Student Ministry
Summer Mission Trip 2011 Application
Trip Date: June 25 – July 2 Trip Location: Mexico

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____

E-MAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____ ACCEPT TEXT MESSAGES? ____ Yes ____ No

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This application is simply that – an application. Filling out this form is in no way a guarantee of your participation in this trip. Your acceptance will be based on a variety of things including: your spiritual maturity, your recent involvement in our church and youth ministry, your emotional/social maturity, your respect for authority, your mission/service experience, and more.

EXPERIENCE

Please list any experience in missions, service projects, or other ministry opportunities (camps, AWANA, 30-HR Famine, VBS, etc.)

COMMITMENT POLICY

Upon completion of this application, a group of youth sponsors will review and consider it. If you are accepted as a mission team member, your acceptance is solid, but not necessarily permanent. Your continued acceptance will be dependent upon your ability to adhere to a commitment policy. According to this policy, you must agree to attend BOTH a Sunday morning service (either 8:30 or 11:00) **AND** M-68 *Main Event* (Sunday nights) **at least** 3 Sundays of each month. If you fail to adhere to this policy, you will be asked to reconsider your application. If you need to miss more than the allowed absences due to emergency situations beyond your control, please contact Pete and explain your reason for missing. In addition, you are **HEAVILY** encouraged to participate in M-68 special events, especially service-oriented events (like the 30 Hour Famine). The purpose of this policy is for you to show that your continued spiritual growth and fellowship with other Christians are high priorities in your life.

ESSAY

Please include with your application a one-page typed essay explaining why you want to go on this trip. You can talk about things like: the purpose of mission trips, what you hope to give to/get from the trip, why missions are important to you, etc. Your essay will not be “graded.” The purpose is to see your heart and motivations. Please type it in a normal 12-point font with normal margins (about 1”). If you need help with typing or need to use a computer, please hand-write your essay and see Pete.

VERBAL TESTIMONY

You will be required to share your personal testimony in front of a few youth leaders before we leave. It should be about 2-5 minutes in length. The purposes are: 1) To strengthen the team relationships and 2) To give you a chance to get more comfortable sharing verbally about your relationship with Christ (which you should be ready to do during the mission trip).

MISSION TEAM COVENANT

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR APPLICATION:

I understand to my satisfaction the details of this mission trip. I understand that this will not be a vacation or pleasure trip. I am committed to going on this trip to be a servant. I will respect and obey all those in authority over me at all times. I understand that I will be expected to be a regular part of the Salem First Friends Church and Student Ministry, and I commit to that. I understand that there will be future meetings, fundraisers, etc. in the coming months, and I commit to attend them unless prior major plans or emergencies interfere. In short, I will make this trip (and the preparation for it) a priority in my life. I understand the costs of this trip, and I take responsibility to pay for any amount of money that is left after fundraisers and donations have defrayed my cost. I understand that by signing this covenant I am counting myself as part of the mission team for June 25 – July 2, 2011, unless an emergency arises (should my application be selected). This means that plans can be made to include a place for me on/in vans, planes, etc. because I will be there. If an emergency does arise, I will contact the church as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made. If I have questions about the trip, they have been answered to my satisfaction.

I, the parent / guardian, allow my child to be a part of this trip and I understand the commitment level that is involved. I will not hold Salem 1st Friends Church or any employees or volunteers responsible for injuries or damages resulting from the activities of this trip. (Formal medical release form to be completed and signed at a later time.)

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

STUDENT NAME _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME _____

Application due date: Sunday February 27th, 2011