

2020 HS MISSION TRIP



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INFORMATION PACKET

WHO CAN GO?

Students who are currently in 8th through 12th grade are eligible to attend.

WHEN IS THE TRIP?

The trip will take place from Saturday, July 11th – Saturday, July 19th, 2020. We are aiming for a 9-day trip. The drive will take the majority of one day there and back and we will take some time for a fun activity at the end of our trip.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

To register there is a deposit of \$100 which is part of the total cost of the trip. The cost of the trip adds up to around \$800 per person before fundraising which includes housing, transportation, food, and activities. This cost will however be dramatically reduced by fundraising. As a team we aim (and have succeeded each year so far) to cut that total payment in half with fundraising and many have not had to pay anything towards the trip after individual fundraising efforts and the deposit. Any payments made towards the trip are non-refundable for any reason. If you are interested in the trip but hesitant due to the cost please speak to the Pastor of Student & Family Ministries Tim Drake.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

We will be joining Next Steps in Knoxville, TN. Students will partner with local organizations already serving the city. This will be an urban mission trip so we will look to meet the typical needs of a large city setting.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF TEAM MEMBERS?

- All team members are expected to attend team-training events
- Participate in required church fund-raising efforts including writing at least 10 support letters.

HOW DOES A STUDENT REGISTER?

Fill out and turn in your 2020 Youth Mission Trip Registration form along with your \$100 non-refundable deposit no later than Wednesday February 26th, 2020. Registrations received after January 8th cannot be guaranteed a spot on the team. Registrations and deposits are to be turned in to Tim Drake or left in his inbox in the church office.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Student: _____

Current grade in school: _____

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

By signing below both parent/guardian and student have read and understand the 2020 Youth Mission Trip team member requirements as listed on the Mission Trip Information handout. Parent/guardian and student also understand the fundraising requirements in the Fundraising handout.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Return this registration form along with your \$100 non-refundable deposit to your trip leader by January 8th, 2020.

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FUNDRAISING

Raising funds for a mission trip can be intimidating but fund raising can also be an opportunity for team building and a chance to invite others to partner with you on the trip. At Emmaus, we invite students and their families to raise funds in three ways:

- Participate in team fund-raising events
- Write and send support letters
- Participate in individual fund-raising opportunities

Team Fund-Raising Events:

We will host a variety of fundraising events to reduce the cost as much as possible. These will include events throughout Northfield as well as focused here at Emmaus. This year, students going on the mission trip will be expected to participate in a variety including but not limited to:

Grocery Bagging at Cub Saturday, Feb 2nd, 2020 (Date is subject to change)

Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 12th, 2020.

Strawberry Sales through Lorence Berry Farms in May/June.

Support Letters:

Included in the packet is information on raising support with personal letters. This exercise is beneficial in so many ways we are making it a requirement this year to at least 10 different people. While it may feel awkward to ask others for financial support it brings others into our main goal of bringing the love of Jesus to the world. If you do not feel comfortable asking for funds, we will ask that you ask for support by other means and in prayer.

Raising funds individually:

There are a number of ways that students can raise funds on their own. If you are in need of some of these opportunities let us know. We would be happy to work with your family in seeking and participating in your fund-raising efforts. A reminder that funds raised in excess of the trip cost will go to the general mission trip budget. This allows us to cover team costs as well as to be a financial blessing to the people we are going to serve.

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MISSION TRIP SUPPORT LETTERS

Inviting others to partner with us on our mission trip is a valuable part of serving others. As a team we will send out support letters, thank you notes, and report letters. Each step is an important part of communicating how God is using this trip for his purposes!

SO WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- Writing a letter helps us to think about our trip and communicate our trip.
- Writing a letter helps us to gain appreciation and empathy for others who God asks to raise support for their ministry.
- Writing a letter invites others to partner with our trip financially and/or in prayer, and not just for you, but for those we will be serving as well.

HERE IS HOW TO GET STARTED:

1. **PRAY:** Talk to God about who He wants you to send this letter to, and what He wants you to write in the letter.
2. **WRITE:** Write a rough draft of your support letter. Here are some important things to keep in mind:
 - Why are you going on this trip? Express what is on your heart.
 - Where & when we are going, who is going, and what will we be doing?
 - Have a cut off portion, including whom people should make their tax-deductible check out to, where to send it, and the deadline for support.
 - And keep it to one page!
3. **LIST:** List the people to whom you will send this letter. Send a minimum of 10 letters.
 - Family members/relatives, Family friends, Parents of your friends, People from church, Teachers, Coaches, and other Youth Leaders.
4. **EDIT:** Be sure to proofread your letter again and again. You should have your parents and Tim approve your final copy before you send it out. Have a rough draft to Tim before April 12th.
5. **SEND:** Our goal is to have our letters sent out by Friday May 1st
 - Write down the names and addresses of those to whom you send the letter.
6. **THANK:** Your thank you note will be a letter that expresses your gratitude for those who support you. It will also express your excitement for the trip! Please send them to your supporters BEFORE we leave on July 11th.
7. **INFORM:** The final step in this process is writing a letter after the trip is over informing your supporters of how God used this trip in your life and thanking them once more! These letters should be sent out to your supporters by Friday, July 31st.