

Sr High Mission Trip Meeting #1

July 3-10, 2011

Thanks for coming out tonight

We're trying something new this year with our Sr High Trip

We are going to have 3 meetings this year

- tonight—the first half will be informational—the important stuff for parents to know
 - times, deadlines, what to bring, generally what we'll be doing, all that kind of stuff

- the 2nd half of tonight and June 29 will be for praying together as a team, reading Scripture together as a team, talking about expectations, getting to know one another, and things specifically for while we are on the trip

So let's begin with the informational part of the trip:

Handout #1

Dates: Sunday, July 3- Sunday, July 10

Does anyone have any plans for arriving late on Sunday or needing to leave earlier than the rest of the group?

We will meet at 8:30 am SHARP on Sunday, July 3—that means before Church that day

You should come packed and ready to go

We will meet in the back parking lot to load up the Cargo van

- there's a chance the cargo van won't be arriving til later in the evening so pack your little backpack with any essentials so you have that with you
 - wallet/money, medications, bible/notebook/pen

We'll return on Sunday, July 10 between 6 & 8 pm in the evening from Ocean City, NJ

Handout #2

Schedule

- let's talk about the schedule

- Sunday**—arrive around 3-4 pm

- orientation

- dinner

- devotions

- setup

-bedtime

Monday-Thursday

- Wake-up around and breakfast around 7
- devotions @ 7:30 am
- 8-12:30--kids camps (I'll talk about these in few mins)
- 12:30-4ish—Work projects (I'll talk about these also)
- 4:30 ish—Showers at YMCA near the church (BRING PHOTO ID)
- 6:00ish—dinner and/or evening activity
- 8:00—devotions
- 11:00—lights out

Friday

- wake-up normal time
- kids camps and goodbyes
- 12:30—finish up work projects
- 4:00 back to church for clean-up
- 5-7ish—debrief and dinner send-off
- 7ish—leave for Ocean City
- 9ish—arrive at OC

Saturday

- spend the day at the beach/boardwalk
- 6:00—dinner together (paid for)
- 8:30—P&W at the beach

Sunday

- 7:30-8:30—wake-up & pack-up
- 9—early service
- 10—leave for home
- 6-8pm—arrive home

What we will be doing:

- Urban Promise is an inner-city ministry that exists all year around
- they have a multi-faceted ministry
 - they have a school
 - they have an after-school program
 - they do mentoring with street leaders—who are teenagers from the city who are employed by UP and help supervise the younger kids.
 - and they run day camps around the city for younger kids in the summer
- In the mornings we'll be working at the kids camps

-We'll help the interns & street leaders with games, crafts, songs, cleaning up, and helping with lessons.

-We'll also get to play with the kids during free time

-In the pm, we will do work projects

-landscaping, building, painting, we worked at a soup kitchen

-UP maintains their buildings and property with volunteers so the work that we do is really important for them

-you will get to work hard and I'll be encouraging you all week to do that

One thing we ask every year—is that you go with a very flexible attitude—plans change, you don't always get to go where you'd like, you're not always with the person or people you want to be with

But this is an incredible opportunity to be stretched and grown

Let's talk about **what to bring**:

Handout #3

-Bring list

Accommodations

- a. Grace United Methodist Church in downtown Wilmington
- b. Very strict about their rules so please be respectful of them and what they ask us to do or not do (read over rules)
- c. Will be air-conditioned pretty nice and safe

Emergency Info:

PHONE TREE: Volunteers to do it

*Pass around list

*For emergencies & to let people know we are in

*Emergency Contact Info (Handout #4)

Blog Spot (reminder on Handout #4)

*www.eastmainyouth.com under Sr High Journey

1. We'll post updates and some pictures of what we are doing
2. You can subscribe to that if you'd like or just check in throughout the week and you can stay updated

3. THIS IS ALL ASSUMING WE HAVE INTERNET ACCESS

Balances due (Handout #4)

- d. \$100 is due as soon as possible and when you are able
- e. Also, if you haven't turned in a Medical Release Form, I must have one from each person before we leave

Challenge to parents to pray:

*I want to challenge every parent to pray for our trip

*Pray for: (Handout #1)

- God's Spirit to strengthen and equip us to do what He has for us that week
- God's Spirit would open our hearts and eyes to what He wants to do in our lives
- God to be glorified in and through our group
- for your son or daughter

Questions:

Parents are free to go

PARTICIPANT MEETING:

- 1) Go around the room and describe the reason you signed up for the trip
- 2) Go around and describe one thing you hope to learn or one way you hope to grow on this trip
- 3) Read Philippians 2:3-11
 - What are some phrases or words that stand out to you as you read this passage?
 - As you think about our trip to Wilmington, what do you find helpful or challenging from this passage?
 - Challenge us to focus on this passage over the next few weeks...
 - Ask God to reveal to us areas where we need to grow
 - Ask God to continue to grow these Christ-like characteristics in us
- 4) Assignments for next meeting:
 - a) Goals (handout #5)
 - b) Wilmington 101 (Handout #6)
 - c) Group Pairing Sheet (Handout #7)
- 5) Pray for our trip

Handout #1

Important Dates & Times:

Trip Dates: Sunday, July 3- Sunday, July 10

BE AT CHURCH FOR COMMISSIONING: Sunday, June 26 @ 10am service

Sunday, July 3 Meeting Time—8:30 am SHARP

*come packed and ready to go

*pack your little backpack with any essentials so you have that with you
-wallet/money, medications, bible/notebook/pen

*Meeting Place—East Main's back parking lot

Sunday, July 10 Arrival Time—between 6 & 8 pm in the evening

PARENT PRAYER CHALLENGE:

*Challenge: pray at least once every day while we are gone

*Pray for:

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WILMINGTON BRING LIST

(pack as light as possible)

- Medical Release Form (if you turned in a registration form to sign-up for the trip, that is sufficient)
- Copy of your insurance card
- School Photo ID or drivers license
- Sunscreen (even if you don't burn)
- Bug spray
- Money for meals (\$30-40)
- Water bottle
- Bible/notebook/pen
- Work clothes (shorts/pants, t-shirts, old & sturdy work shoes...no sandals)
- 1 pair of work pants (in case of insulation, digging, etc)
- Casual clothes (for the evenings)
- Shower shoes
- Hat
- Work gloves
- ADULTS:
 - Yard tools for digging (digging bars, pick, mattock, shovel(s))
 - Power tools (if you have them) (circular saw, cordless drill, jigsaw, reciprocating saw, etc.)
 - Hand tools (if you have them) (level, hammer, pencil, utility knife, tape measure, orange extension cord, etc.)
 - Drywall tools
- Shower stuff & toiletries & small backpack for showers
- Pajamas
- Undergarments
- 2 towels (beach and shower)
- MODEST (one-piece if possible) swimsuit (for swimming and showering)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Sleeping bag/pillow/air mattress (if you want one)
- Prescribed medications
- 1 package of snacks (chips, cookies, crackers, granola bars etc.)
- 1 2-liter/bottle of something to drink (pop, juice, Gatorade, etc)
- Camera (if you want one) (not an expensive one)
- Watch or something to tell time at the beach on the weekend (even just something you can throw in a backpack is fine)
- A good attitude and servant's heart

STUFF NOT TO BRING

- Portable DVD players
- Expensive anything (so you don't lose it!)
- Fireworks
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco of any kind
- Weapons of any kind (knives, guns, etc.)
- Clothes that are tight, short, or revealing (BE MODEST!!!)

NOTE ON CELL PHONES

- *If you bring your phone, it is your responsibility to not lose it
- *If you bring your phone, you are NOT allowed to have it out at the kids' camps or worksites
- *If you bring your phone, you should not be using it during ANY scheduled activity
- *If you are using your cell phone too much, you'll be asked to put it away the first time, then give it to a leader the 2nd time

- *It's best to NOT bring one

Important Information

Emergency Contact Information:

- Andy Bishop—724-372-0022
- Keith Johnson Cell—724-967-1368

- Urban Promise—302-425-5502
- Luray Manor in Ocean City, NJ (Ruth)—609-399-5260

Mission Trip Blog

- www.eastmainyouth.com under “Sr High Journey”

Balances Due:

- Remaining \$100 is due as soon as possible (TOTAL COST IS \$150/person)
- Checks can be made out to: *East Main Pres. Church*
Memo: *Sr High Mission Trip*