

Service/Trip Information

FBCG VBS Service Team- June 21st – 25th

Each year our own church hosts hundreds of local children from the area for our annual Vacation Bible school. Throughout the years, TREK has helped serve during this week to make this outreach happen. Students have had the opportunity to work with the worship team, craft team, games or even to serve as a student leader in the children's groups. This is a great way to serve during the summer that is local and of no cost. Students interested in being a part of the VBS Service team only need to fill out the personal information component of the application (page 4). Students that help with VBS at FBCG need to be available for the entire week for the morning hours (8 am till noon). The Children's Ministry staff at FBCG will contact you in the spring with further information. Current 8th grade through 12th grade students may apply.

Tier #1: Roseland (inner city of Chicago) – June 18th – 23rd

The Tier #1 trip is to the south side of Chicago, in the Roseland neighborhood. We have been partnering with Roseland Christian Ministries for nearly a decade. RCM is a drop-in center for local residents providing two meals per day, an interim housing facility for women and children, a food pantry, a housing rehab program and much more. Each year our students have the opportunity to help with light construction on one of their housing projects, minister to the women and children in the shelter and host a block party and BBQ for the local residents. This trip is a powerful example of the needs that exist near our own community and serves to open the eyes of our students to the needs in practical ways.

Current 8th grade and 9th grade students may apply. **(Application due Feb. 14th)**

Tier #2: Mexico: Baja Peninsula – June 22nd – 30th

The Tier #2 trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico is a new initiative for TREK (although I (Sterling) have lead this trip at a previous church). The trip is facilitated by an organization called LEAD 222 that seeks to offer service and mission experience for students, while simultaneously teaching lessons on leadership. We will be in Cabo with 3 or 4 other student ministries from the United States and gather all together for evening sessions, meals, worship and activities. As a group, we will have the opportunity to partner with a local church in their ministry development to the Mexican people. Cabo, like many other tourist driven areas, has the high contrast of immense wealth juxtaposed against the background of extreme poverty. Our projects can range from light construction on churches and their facilities to more relational projects with the local residents.

Current 9th grade (who have been apart of a previous Roseland trip) 10th grade, and 11th grade students may apply. **(Application due Feb. 14th)**

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Tier #2: Quito, Ecuador – June 19th – July 1st

TREK has a long history with El Refugio in Cala Cali, Ecuador. El Refugio is a Christian training and retreat center strategically placed in the mountains outside of Quito, Ecuador. This team stays at the camp, as they seek to serve El Refugio by working on their facilities. In years past we have poured concrete, dug lots of utility ditches, laid patios, cut trails, removed stumps, painted buildings and so much more. Additionally, the TREK students minister directly to the children of the area by hosting a VBS during the week. El Refugio has a vision to train local leaders in their churches for the purpose of ministry and this TREK team has the opportunity to be a part of that. Students on this trip will also have the opportunity to experience the Ecuadorian culture during a trip into the jungle, a day of shopping in the open market and worshipping together in several Quito Churches.

Current 10th grade and 11th grade students may apply. **(Application due Feb. 14th)**

Tier #3 Czech Republic- July 6th – 21st

aboveground, FBCG's college/career ministry will travel to the Czech Republic for our fourth time this summer to work with our partner church Bratska Jednota Baptistu Church . We will be hosting an English camp for Czech high school students with the goal of exposing them to the gospel, many of them for the first time, because the Czech is predominately atheistic. We will be teaching English to Czech students each morning and in the afternoons and evenings developing relationships with them to introduce the gospel to them throughout the week. This trip also includes a short stay in a Czech, home as well as two days in Prague, widely considered the most beautiful city in the world. Current high school seniors and college students may apply.

Personal Information (Please Print)

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____/_____/_____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Cell: _____ Parent E-Mail: _____
(for Tier I and Tier II trip applicants)

To which *FBCG Student Missions* team are you applying?

FBCG VBS Service Team (only needs to turn in this sheet).

Tier I-SUMMER SERVE

Tier II-QUITO QUEST

Tier II-MEXICO

Tier III-CZECH REPUBLIC

TIER II TRIP APPLICANTS ONLY: If your first Tier II trip choice is full, would you like to be considered for the other Tier II trip?

Yes No

Do you have a current passport (*Tier II and Tier III trip applicants only*)? Yes No

If yes—

Passport Number: _____

Expiration date: _____

(Your passport must be valid for at least six [6] months beyond your departure date from the country you will be visiting.)

Full name *as it appears on passport*: _____

T-Shirt Size:

Adult: S M L XL XXL

1. Describe in your own words what it means to be a Christ follower.

2. When and how did you come into a relationship with Christ?

3. What are you currently doing to grow spiritually?

4. What has God been teaching you lately?

5. Why do you want to be a part of this mission team?

6. What do you think you have to offer the team on this trip? What special skills, spiritual gifts, or character traits do you have that might be used on this team?

7. What are your concerns regarding working in a different culture? How do you react when things don't go according to plan?

8. Describe how well do you work with and get along with others. Would others describe you as a leader or a follower? Explain.

Emergency Contact and Beneficiary Information

Emergency contact name(s): _____ Relationship: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Alternate contact name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Beneficiary (if different from emergency contact): _____ Relationship: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Identification #: _____ *Policy/Group #:* _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Medications/Doses/Side Effects: _____

Allergies: _____

Special Conditions: _____

While FBCG Student Missions staff will not be responsible for the administration of medication, we do want to have knowledge of medications students will have in their possession for medical reasons. All prescribed medications must be in an original container or vial, as provided by the pharmacist, with the prescription/dosage affixed. Non-prescription (over the counter) medications must be provided in the original container labeled with the student's name. All medication must be listed. **Your signature below indicates your permission to allow your student to take listed medications with dosage indicated if needed.**

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Expectations and Participation

- ✓ Attend all team training sessions prior to the team's departure (reference the Team Commitment Dates fact sheet for specific dates)
- ✓ Participate in the Student Ministry fundraising auctions or other fundraisers planned by the team
- ✓ Attend the debrief meeting after the team arrives home
- ✓ Raise prayer and financial support (Tier II and Tier III teams)
- ✓ Commit to...
 - ...praying before, during, and after the mission project
 - ...submitting to the authority of leader(s)
 - ...the unity of the team
 - ...preparation for the mission project
 - ...having a flexible, servant attitude
 - ...living by the Team Covenant as written by the team

I have read this application in its entirety, understand everything that is required of me, and will abide by these guidelines. I have paid special heed to the Support-Raising and Financial Policies (Tier II and Tier III) and agree to submit to their terms and conditions if I am accepted as a member of this FBCG Student Missions team.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Name if under 18: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Support-Raising and Financial Policies

Purpose: Raising support is a God given opportunity to bless other people by allowing them to participate in God’s work around the world. Sending letters seeking prayer and financial support is important for all of us as we learn to know God as our Provider (I Kings 17:1-16), depend on the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:25-26), and identify with missionaries who rely on our support.

Support Raising Process

1. Each individual will send letters with the goal of raising his or her portion of the total team expenses. Letters are due no later than two weeks after the first training session. Team members will ask for both financial and prayer support. If team members have the means to cover their own costs, they may indicate on their letter, “All of my costs have been covered, but please consider supporting me and the team in prayer.”
2. Team members are encouraged to tell those outside the church about what God is doing through them. Letters may be sent to friends, family, co-workers, classmates, etc. Team members may send support letters to those inside the church whom they know personally and would expect to receive a letter from because of their close personal ties, but keep in mind that those inside the church are already supporting the team through donations to the general fund and by coming to our fundraisers.

Support Raising Policy: Trip Coverage

1. Mission trip fees include all airfare, lodging, most meals, ground transportation, most ministry supplies, visas or exit fees, tips, travel insurance, training preparation, administrative fees, and special event costs.
2. Mission trip fees do NOT include passport application or renewal fees (including expediting passports), immunizations, airport meals, souvenirs, or most sightseeing fees unless directly related to the mission project. Any personal expenses incurred (phone calls, laundry, medical needs not covered by travel insurance, etc.) while involved with a First Baptist Church mission project are the responsibility of the team member who incurred the cost. Costs, travel arrangements, and schedules are subject to change.

Support Raising Policy: Reimbursement

1. All payments toward *FBCG Student Missions* teams are considered donations and are NOT available for refund as defined by the IRS. The following options are available for a team member, who for extenuating circumstances, is not able to be a part of the team after donations have been received:
 - 1) Funds can be applied toward the support of another team member.
 - 2) Donations/payments can be sent to the partner ministry as a donation.
 - 3) If expenses have been incurred (i.e. airline tickets, visas, etc.), any donations/payments for that individual will be put toward those expenses first. There are no refunds, except for application fees, if for any reason the applicant is not accepted.

Support Raising Policy: Tax Deductible Donations

All donations should be made out to First Baptist Church of Geneva in order to be tax deductible. Team members will be given donation cards and response envelopes to send to potential supporters, and the responses will be sent back to the church.

Support Raising Policy: Personal Responsibility

1. Applications will not be processed until the deposit is received.
2. Each team member is expected to raise 100% of their funding after their application fee and a share of Student Missions budget money is applied toward their trip. This is done by participating in FBCG Student Missions fundraisers and by sending out support letters. Therefore, the cost of the trip is paid for as follows:
 - a. Application fee
 - b. Student Missions budget money will be distributed evenly into the accounts of each team member.
 - c. Proceeds from the Servant Auction, Pie Auction, and other Student Missions fundraisers will be distributed evenly into the accounts of the Tier II and Tier III team members who have contributed to the fundraising efforts.
 - d. Team members will be asked to write a minimum of 25 support letters.
3. *If the team is at a deficit*, team members who are contributing to that deficit will be responsible for making up their portion of the deficit by contributing their own personal funds. The team members with deficits will be responsible to pay their remaining funds or work out a payment schedule with the FBCG Student Missions Director within two weeks of returning from the trip.

Support Raising Policy: Surplus Funds

1. All receipts and expense documentation (for approved ministry supplies) need to be turned in to the FBCG Student Missions Director within 14 days after completion of a trip.
2. *If a team is at a surplus*, the excess will be applied toward the purchase of additional ministry supplies, a donation to the hosting mission organization, or toward a need in the community being served.
3. *In cases where individual team members have raised more than their needed funds*, their surplus of funds will be applied toward individuals on the team who may still have a deficit or toward the purchase of additional ministry supplies. This policy is in accordance with II Corinthians 8:13-15: “For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, ‘Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.’”