



Junior High Spring Break

Missions Trip To HBC St. Louis

Application Due March 1

Welcome to the Spring Break Missions Trip

We are excited to present to you an incredible way to spend your spring break serving the Lord. Enclosed you will find information and the application to participate in our Spring Break Missions Trip to St Louis. **This trip is open to 25 Junior High Students who have shown a growing passion for Christ and commitment to our church and student ministry.** If you are interested in being part of this trip, please fill out this application. We will then give you a call for a short phone interview in the following weeks.

The focus of the Spring Break Missions Trip this year is to serve HBC St. Louis. Throughout the week, you will have numerous opportunities to serve in practical ways. As a team, we will work together to minister to the community surrounding HBC St Louis, as well as support their church body.

Trip Details

Dates: March 28-April 1

Cost: \$150

We look forward to what God has in store for us this spring, but we know that the first step is forming our team. We are looking for students who have specific qualifications and those that have exemplified Christ in their life through service and leadership. You completing this packet does not guarantee participation on the Missions Trip, but is merely an invitation for you to participate in this process. Below are the criteria we used to select which students who will be invited to participate in this experience.

1. **Spiritual Growth** (in measurable ways) - Notice that we didn't say "Spiritual Maturity". Now spiritual maturity is important (and we want spiritually mature students attending), but it is more important to us that the student is actively growing in their walk with Christ. This trip is not for the student who is spiritually mature in merely knowledge but is stagnant in their walk.

2. **Ministry Staff/Small Group Mentor Recommendation** - Your ministry staff/small group mentors know you best and we are interested in the students who have demonstrated service qualities, consistency in their walk with Christ and attendance to Junior High Ministry programs and events. Your mentor's recommendation is necessary.

As you know, we are really excited about the work God has done and will continue to do through our short term missions trips. Please remember that the deadline for this application is **Thursday, March 1. We will call you for a phone interview in the weeks to come.** Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the Trip or this application process. We look forward to the work that God can do through this team to the people in the our community! Please call us with any questions at 847.398.7005.

The Junior High Ministry of Harvest Bible Chapel

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We've intentionally made this application process more involved. We want to honor the Lord as we prayerfully consider who the right students are for this outreach. Below you will find the three steps you must go through to apply for this trip. Remember that it is your responsibility to accomplish these steps by

March 1, 2011.

STEP #1: PRAY, READ THROUGH TRIP OVERVIEW, DISCUSS WITH PARENTS

- Make sure you spend time seeking advice from your parents and others who know you well before you apply for this trip. Go through this application packet with them and ask them to give you honest feedback regarding your physical, mental, and spiritual readiness for this trip.
- We never want to run ahead of the Lord when we make decisions, so make sure you spend some time alone with the Lord. Get on your knees and spend some meaningful time asking the Lord to lead you through this decision making process.

STEP #2: APPLICATION, BIO, REFERENCES

- Don't rush through the application. Take your time and answer all the questions openly and honestly.
- Make sure the application is signed by you, your parents and your small group mentor, and turned in by the registration deadline.

STEP #3: INTERVIEW and PARENT MEETING

- You will be contacted by the Junior High Ministry for a short phone interview.
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- There is an informative parent meeting that both you and your parents need to attend. This date is yet to be determined. We will send you an email with this date, as well as any updates for this trip.

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General Information:

Name: _____ B-Day: ____/____/____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ @ _____

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

School: _____ Current Grade: _____ G.P.A: _____

List any extra curricular activities. Include any involvement in athletics, art, drama, music, etc...:

HEALTH INFORMATION:

Are you in good physical health?: *(circle one)* **Yes** **No**

*If NO, please explain: _____

Have you been under a doctor's care in the past 6 months? **Yes** **No**

*If YES, please explain: _____

CHRISTIAN & MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:

Describe your spiritual growth in the past 6 months. How have you been growing? What is God showing you? _____

List all past and present ministry / service experience that you have been a part of (children's, food service, parking, worship, etc.): _____

What goals are you hoping to accomplish through this experience? What do you hope to learn?

Describe why you would like to be involved in this Spring Break Missions Trip:

Why do you think that you would be an effective member on this team? _____

Do you feel ready for this trip? Explain.

CURRENT SMALL GROUP MENTOR RECOMMENDATION

I agree that this student is exhibiting a daily, committed walk with Christ!

Small Group Mentor Signature: _____

PARENT RESPONSE

Parents' response to the possible participation of their student in this Mission Project. (to be answered by parent/guardian): _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE:** _____
