

Covenant
STUDENT MINISTRIES



HOUSTON SERVICE TRIP

JULY 8 - 13, 2018

INCOMING 9TH - OUTGOING 12TH

CSM HOUSTON TRIP 2018

DATES:

July 8 – 13, 2018

COST:

\$475 before April 1st, **\$525** after April 1st

Full payment is due July 2nd.

We have an incredible opportunity to go serve Houston this summer and it's going to be amazing!

We will be partnering with City Service Mission (www.csm.org). CSM's focus is on giving youth groups and churches a life changing short term urban experience. They help groups experience, learn, and help cities. We will live for a week in the heart of Houston, eat at local international restaurants, learn about what God is doing in Houston, and be integrated into a variety of hands-on ministry opportunities (including possible Harvey relief efforts!). You won't want to miss it!

How are we getting there?

We will be taking vans to Houston, which will also serve as our main transportation while on the trip.

We will depart Covenant at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 8th and will arrive back in the Covenant parking lot around 1pm on Friday, July 13th.

Where will we be staying?

We will be staying at CSM's housing on the northside of Houston.

What does the daily schedule look like?

We will start every morning at CSM's housing with breakfast and a devotion. We will then spend each day getting to serve with CSM's many ministry partners in the city. Dinner each night will be at a local international restaurant (one of my favorite experiences of the trip!). We will then have some time together every evening to debrief the day.

What will we be eating?

Your registration cost covers all meals through our week except for lunch on the way home and any other snacks while we travel. Breakfast and lunch are usually served at the housing site. Our evening meals are eaten at family-owned restaurants. If you have particular food needs, please communicate this with us well in advance.

Who will the leaders be?

We will be taking a mixture of staff, D*Group and lay adult leaders and we are always sure to keep a ratio of 1 adult leader for every 6 students. There will also be at least 2 CSM City Hosts spending the week with us as well.

What do you need from me?

Your payment is due on July 2nd. We also need your attached waiver and release of liability/medical emergency form for Covenant.

Cancellation Policy

All deposits are non-refundable.

In the the unlikely event that a student should have to back out after June 1st, your family will be responsible for the entire cost of the trip. However, if another student is found to replace their spot, you will no longer be responsible for the total cost.

PACKING LIST & PHONE POLICY

- Personal toiletries (soap, shower shoes, etc.)
- Bath towel
- Bible, pen and journal
- Water bottle
- Work clothes
 - Comfortable attire that you don't mind getting dirty, such as T-shirts and athletic shorts. Bring a long-sleeved shirt in case we do yard work.
 - Pants and closed-toe shoes will be required when serving at shelters or serving food. Tights/leggings do not count as long pants.
 - No tight clothing, midriff shirts, short shorts (shorts should be finger-tip length), tank tops, etc. outside of the CSM housing site. If in doubt, don't wear it.
- Shoes: Sandals or sneakers and close-toed shoes.
- Comfy clothes to hang out or sleep in
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Pillow and sleeping bag
- Money for snacks and possible lunch on Friday while traveling

Optional items:

- Backpack
- Snacks
- Money for CSM t-shirts

What not to bring:

- iPods, iPads, laptops, electronic games, etc.
- Large sums of money
- Drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products

We will have more details from CSM one month prior to the trip, and will update you regarding any additions to this list.

Phone Policy:

Technology and specifically phone use is something we have had to adapt and determine how to manage as a part of our trips. In the past, we have tried to teach students self-regulation and have not found success. We will collect students' phones at the beginning of the trip and they will be allowed time to use them while we are at CSM housing. Or you can dare your students to leave their phones at home. Leaders will always have our phones on us; so should an emergency arise, you will be able to get ahold of them any time of the day (we will give you an info sheet when you drop off your student on July 8th).

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that Covenant Presbyterian Church (“the Church”) is sponsoring a Houston Service Trip for high school students on or about July 8th-13th, 2018 and that the Event involves driving from Covenant Presbyterian Church to Houston and back. In partial consideration for being allowed to participate in the Event, I understand and agree as follows:

1. I fully understand that participation in the Event may result in personal injury or property damage. Although I fully appreciate these risks, I desire to be allowed to participate in the Event. I further ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT NO WARRANTY, EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, is made by the Church regarding the Event, as to any conditions concerning the Event, THAT DANGEROUS CONDITIONS MAY EXIST AND THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS SUFFICIENT WARNING that travel to and from and my presence on the Event may expose me and my property to risks. I EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS with the understanding that I am voluntarily exposing both my person and property to same.
2. For the privilege of being allowed to participate in the Event, I agree to fully release, indemnify and hold harmless Covenant Presbyterian Church, its Session consisting of the Board of Trustees, employees, agents, representatives, assigns, officers, affiliates, insurers, attorneys and all persons, natural or corporate, in privity with it or any of them (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Released Parties”), from any and all claims, causes of action, including any sort of personal injury or death which arises out of or occurs to the undersigned or his or her personal property or minor child while participating in the Event and while involved in any activities associated with the Event, including but not limited to lodging, meals and other accommodations and travel to and from the Event, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SAME MAY RESULT FROM THE RELEASED PARTIES’ NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE. I further agree for myself, my heirs, successors and assigns THAT I WILL NOT MAKE ANY CLAIM OR INSTITUTE ANY SUIT OR ACTION AT LAW OR IN EQUITY AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS. I further covenant and agree that I SHALL DEFEND AND HOLD THE RELEASED PARTIES HARMLESS FROM ALL SUCH CLAIMS, SUITS OR ACTIONS BROUGHT NOW OR IN THE FUTURE BY ANY PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER ME.
3. I understand that if I am sending my minor child or children, or bringing any minor child or children with me, on the Event, it is expressly understood that I am signing this Release on behalf of my minor child or children and that the Release and Indemnity paragraph above fully applies to said minors.
4. I understand and agree that the Released Parties are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses that I may incur due to delay or changes in air travel or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, acts of God or other causes. I understand that I will bear such losses or expenses, including damages incurred due to baggage loss and/or loss of personal possessions.
5. I understand and agree that once airfare has been arranged, I assume responsibility for payment of airline tickets, unless other arrangements have previously been made. I understand that if I cannot attend the Event or the Event is cancelled, I may still be responsible for full payment of the airline tickets.
6. I agree that the terms of this Waiver and Release of Liability shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and that jurisdiction and venue for any legal proceedings shall be in the courts of Travis County, Texas.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE

PARTICIPANT’S PRINTED NAME

PARTICIPANT’S ADDRESS

DATE

MINOR CHILD’S INFORMATION*

CHILD’S NAME

CHILD’S AGE

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S PRINTED NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S ADDRESS

<i>*IF APPLICABLE</i>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE AND ZIP

TELEPHONE

CELLULAR TELEPHONE

EMAIL

RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

STUDENT'S NAME _____

GRADE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ M/F

E-MAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) _____

PARENT GUARDIAN HOME PHONE(S) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN WORK PHONE(S) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CELL PHONE(S) _____

OTHER PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT'S PHONE _____

DOCTOR AND INSURANCE

PHYSICIAN'S NAME _____

PHONE _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY _____

PHONE _____

GROUP NUMBER _____

ID/POLICY NUMBER _____

NAME OF POLICY HOLDER/PRIMARY INSURED _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

PERTINENT MEDICAL INFORMATION, E.G. ALLERGIES, MEDICATIONS (INSTRUCTIONS/DOSAGES), MEDICAL CONDITIONS. USE BACK OF FORM FOR ADDITIONAL WRITING SPACE.

DATE OF LAST TETANUS SHOT (OPTIONAL, BUT BENEFICIAL FOR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER)

I hereby authorize participation by the student named above in the activities, retreats, and camps of the student ministry at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

In case of accident or serious illness, I request that the student ministry personnel contact me. If the student ministry personnel are unable to reach me using the contact information provided above, I hereby authorize and instruct them to call the physician indicated above and to follow his/her instructions. If the student ministry personnel are unable to contact me or the physician indicated, I hereby authorize the student ministry personnel to seek whatever medical attention/treatment they deem to be necessary or appropriate for the welfare of my child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

*PLEASE FILL OUT REVERSE SIDE