

2010 HPSM Mission Experience Application Info

This coming summer, Christ Community Covenant Church will be traveling all over the globe to help others who are in need and learn what it looks like to follow Christ, by serving others daily.

This application will be the primary vehicle for determining which experience best fits the applicant. As a staff, we feel that it is very important that each mission experience attendee should not be motivated by location or other team members, but feel a strong desire to serve and learn from others.

The Application Process:

We are encouraging students and their parents to take filling out this application seriously. We recommend that a copy be downloaded from our website and be filled out electronically. If you do choose to hand write copies, please know that grammar and handwriting will be used to gauge your interest level.

When you have completed this application form, please email it to Amanda.tate@christcommunitycovenantchurch.org. If you handwrite it, please turn it in to a staff member or drop it in one of the silver HPSM drop boxes. Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 2010**. Staff members will then review the applications in order to determine the best trip for the student. Keep in mind that we do have a limit on how many people we can take on each trip, so get your applications in early.

During the last week of January, letters will be sent to each applicant. These letters will serve as acceptance letters, which may include up to 3 possible trip locations. Also included will be a specific date and location for an informational meeting. At this meeting, all the details for each trip will be given, thus allowing each family to decide if the student should accept a trip and in which trip their student will be able to participate. While we have not finalized the locations, we know that two of the trips will cost around \$1,000 and one of the trips will be around \$3,000 per person.

By February 15th, 2010, students who are interested in accepting their trip assignment will need to turn in a \$100 **non-refundable** deposit along with a signed parent agreement form. Again, spaces are limited, so we suggest getting your deposit in as soon as possible. If there is any discrepancy between which trip a student would like to attend and what has been assigned, students and/or parents can arrange to meet with Amanda Tate to resolve the conflict.

As teams are formed in mid February, there will be multiple fundraising opportunities and team meetings that must be attended. It is important to keep in mind is that we feel these are not just one-time summer trips. We are engaging in a mission experience that starts the moment you choose a location. When you sign-up for a trip, you are signing up to be a part of the preparation (team meetings and activities) as well as the actual trip itself. This preparation time over the next few months will be crucial to truly having the full mission experience, and will be a requirement for those going on the trips.

If any questions or concerns arise, please feel free to contact Amanda Tate (303.467.2020 x36 or the email address listed above).

2010 Mission Experience ~ Application Form

(Please include full legal name below)

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Birthday (M/D/Y): _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Parent Email: _____

Please type your answers to the following (take as much room as you need):

1. Why do you desire to go on a mission trip? Including scriptural references in your answer is highly encouraged.

2. Do you have any previous mission experience? If so, please explain your experience.

3. Tell us briefly about how you accepted Jesus Christ/started a relationship with Christ:

4. Please describe your walk with Christ over the past year:

5. What steps will you take during this semester to continue growing in your faith and preparing for a mission experience?

6. What do you feel is the purpose of a cross-cultural mission trip?

7. Do you feel comfortable and/or prepared to share your faith with others? Why or why not?

8. I feel most comfortable sharing my faith by:
 - ___ Telling my personal story of why I believe in Jesus.
 - ___ Explaining to others from scripture how they can come to know Christ.
 - ___ Living a Godly life and hoping people see the difference in my life.
 - ___ Doing something for someone in the name of Christ.
 - ___ Building a relationship with people and helping them answer their questions about God.

9. If you could go on a mission trip anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

10. What service projects have you participated in during the past year and which did you most enjoy?

11. What do you feel you could personally add to a mission team?

12. Do you speak any foreign languages? If so, what are they and how well do you speak them? Would you enjoy using your foreign language skills on a mission trip?

13. Please indicate what type of ministry you would like to be involved in, ranking the following from 1-10, 1 being what you would be most interested in:

- Children's ministry (VBS type projects)
- Orphan ministry
- Peer ministry
- Teaching English as a second language
- Building project
- Street evangelism
- Homeless ministry
- Immigrant ministry
- Camping ministry (serving as camp staff/counselors)
- Elderly ministry

14. Do you have any allergies or physical limitations that might hinder you from a mission experience? Please list:

15. Are there any locations or areas in the world that you would **NOT** want to go to? Please list:

16. What do you anticipate being the hardest part of your mission trip experience?

17. What excites you most about going on a mission experience?

Time Line:

1. Are there any weeks during the summer months that you **would not** be able to participate in a mission experience?
2. Which summer month would be your first choice for going on a mission experience?

Cost:

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Depending on how diligent and proactive you are will determine how much money you raise. As you mark the following boxes of what you feel comfortable investing in this trip, please note that these figures are the total cost and do not reflect any fundraising. As you consider what works best for you, please remember that approximately 50% of your costs, if not more, can be raised through fundraising.

1. How much are you willing to invest on a trip? Please mark all that apply:
 \$50-\$100
 \$100-\$400
 \$400-\$900
 \$1,000-\$2,000
 \$2,000-\$3,000
 \$3,000-\$4,000
2. What ways do you hope to contribute financially towards your mission experience? (Example: Save money each month from job, give up Starbucks to save money, participate in fundraising events, etc.)

Final thoughts or additional comments (is there anything else you'd like to add or that you think we should know?):

Mission Application ~ Parent Feedback:

As your child expresses interest in being a part of our Summer of Service, we want to help you as a parent to walk beside your child throughout this process. Our desire is for you to be a voice in the application process and we encourage you to read your student's application before filling out this part. We value your honesty and welcome any personal feedback.

1. Why do you think your student wants to be a part of a mission trip?
2. What do you hope your student will gain by being a part of a mission experience?
3. Are there any locations in the world that you would **NOT** want your student to go? Please list:
4. What most concerns you about having your student participate in a mission trip?

Cost:

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How diligently and proactively your student works will determine how much money will be raised. As you mark the following boxes of what you feel comfortable investing in this trip, please note that these figures are the total cost and do not reflect any fundraising. As you consider what works best for your family, please remember that approximately 50% of your cost, if not more, can be raised through fundraising.

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2. What do you anticipate being the hardest element of a mission trip for your student?
3. As you read through your student's mission application, what information would you like to clarify, comment upon or disagree with?
4. Thank you so much for taking the time to be a part of this process. All applications are due by January 15th 2010 and can be emailed to

Amanda.tate@christcommunitycovenantchurch.org, turned into a staff member or the HPSM drop box. Students will be receiving acceptance letters by the due date.