



Junior High Summer Mission Trip
Information Packet

July 5-9, 2021

Junior High Mission Trip Quick Details

Why?

- We partner with Galveston Urban Ministries because we believe they are a ministry in the 4B area that is impacting people with the gospel of Jesus Christ through hands-on service, relentless love, and strategic Kingdom partnerships. This trip exposes students to the first area of our missions strategy as a church.

When?

- Depart Monday, July 5, at 8:15 am (be at Bay Area **NO LATER** than 7:30 am)
- Return Friday, July 9, approximately 5:00 pm (subject to change)

Where are we staying?

- Bay Area Church

How are we getting there?

- BACS van, church suburban and chaperone vehicles

How much does it cost?

- \$150.00 This can be paid in full at the time of registration or the following payments:
 - \$75.00 deposit at registration
 - \$75.00 due by June 15, 2021
- This covers all meals, transportation costs, GUM costs, and Schlitterbahn ticket.

How do I sign up?

- www.bayarea.church/events, click on the Student Missions box
- Requires at least a \$75.00 deposit upon sign up
- This trip is open **only** to members and regular attenders of Bay Area Church

What action steps do I need to take from here in order to secure my spot?

- Register online (registration opens Monday, March 29, 2021)
- Pay deposit or full amount
- Fill out and return GUM release
- Fill out and return Bay Area Mission Trip application
- Fill out and return Bay Area medical release form, if not already on file for 2021

- Students will need one reference form submitted to the Student Ministry office by June 15, however, it is not required to hold your spot. This may be filled out by a family member, friend, teacher, coach, etc. and can be found at www.bayarea.church/studentreference.

MANDATORY MISSION TEAM MEETINGS

Sunday, May 23 • 8:30 - 9:30 am

Sunday, June 27 • 8:30 - 9:30 am

Packing List

What to Bring

- Bible, pen
- Clothes for 8-10 days (You will want to have multiple sets of clothing for each day, if you desire to change at night, as we will be working outside most of the day.)
- Work gloves - please label them with your name
- Closed-toe shoes that cover your entire foot
- Shoes for Schlitterbahn
- Refillable water bottle (This is a **MUST** and it cannot be a disposable plastic bottle.)
- Sunscreen, sunglasses
- All toiletry items needed (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Two towels - one for showers, one for Schlitterbahn
- Shower shoes (optional)
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Swimsuit (girls, please wear a one-piece suit or bring a dark t-shirt to wear over a two-piece)
- Personal snacks - we will not provide food outside of meal time
- Additional spending money (not required)
- A great attitude

What NOT to bring

- Electronics (cell phones are a family decision)
- Jewelry
- Shorts that are too short or any clothing that is too tight or revealing - no tank tops or spaghetti strap tops)
- Clothing with questionable or inappropriate sayings, slogans, etc.
- Weapons of ANY kind
- Tobacco, drugs, or alcohol
- Pranking items
- A bad attitude

Daily Schedule

7:00 am	Wake up
7:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Leave for Galveston
9:00 am	Meet with GUM staff for devotional
9:30 am	Head to work projects for the day
12:00 pm	Clean up work site
12:30 pm	Lunch at GUM
1:30 pm	Prep, pray, get instructions for street camp *Street Camp is Monday - Wednesday only*
1:45 pm	Depart for street camp
2:00 pm	Rec games
2:45 pm	Songs and Bible story
3:00 pm	Arts and crafts
3:30 pm	Snack time
4:00 pm	Return kids home
5:00 pm	Return to BAC
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:15 pm	Free time/beach time
8:30 pm	Group download
10:00 pm	Shower and get ready for bed
11:00 pm	Lights out



Work Group Information

Since its start in 2010, Galveston Urban Ministries (GUM) has been building relationships and learning about the community in which it serves. GUM has moved into the neighborhood and is creating programs based on the assessments and the needs voiced by the community. Since GUM is a relationship-based ministry, your time with us will be focused on building and growing relationships, while we serve the neighborhood through work projects and street camps.

As we invite groups to join with us in partnerships, we ask that you take this opportunity to really challenge yourself, the group, and even the church that you are involved in, as we learn together what it means to truly love and serve others from all walks of life. You are taking part in the larger picture of what we do, and because your group and others will join us, we ask that your journey begin before you get here and long after you leave. We look forward to the relationships ahead!

Our goal is for your students to gain exposure and experience with urban missions so that they might be challenged and mobilized for a life of ministry within and for the Kingdom of God.

What you can expect

Devotions:

Each morning a GUM staff member will present a devotional that is based on biblical principles, stories, and life experiences. Devotional time will be consistent with GUM's philosophy of ministry, and the GUM "E's" (Engaging, Equipping, Empowering) and be relevant to the work that your group is doing.

Work Projects:

Galveston Urban Ministries is constantly working on ways to improve and develop the neighborhood. There are a range of projects that need to be completed such as painting, roof work, remodeling homes, cleaning, mowing, gardening, building fences, and more. Work projects are subject to organizational and community needs and sometimes cannot be determined until the start of your trip.

Street Camps:

Each day (3 days total) we will host Street Camps at a local park as an outreach to children and young teens in the neighborhood. We play sports/games, do arts and crafts, sing songs, teach stories from the Bible, and have a snack. Prior to Street Camp, GUM will assign the group with a topic for the week that is aligned with the summer's theme. We encourage your students to lead the activities so that they are learning to share their faith in creative ways.

Street Camp

Recreational Games

You can play kickball, soccer, touch football, basketball, hide and seek, etc. You may want to bring jump ropes and chalk for the younger ones. The park has playground equipment available. Just have fun!

Songs and Bible Story

Choose 2 songs to sing with the children. The best songs are ones that are high energy and have hand motions. Keep it simple; the kids will lose interest if they cannot keep up. Your group will also need to prepare a short 3-5 minute skit on any Bible story. Please make sure your skit is interactive and child friendly. The children are more involved in the lesson if the presentation is suited for them. Use visual aids and interact with the children to create participation. Prepare a couple of conversational questions based on the theme. Form small groups for a brief discussion with the kids. Make sure you are prepared to teach and that your materials are ready.

Arts and Crafts

The arts and crafts will follow the Bible lesson to reinforce the theme. Have the materials ready to go when the Bible lesson is over. While the arts and crafts are being led, have a team prepare the snack. Once the craft is over, someone can pray over the children, bless the snack, and start to organize the children for snack time.

Snack and Free Play

Try to get the children organized and settled before you begin with snacks. Tell the children in advance that trash belongs in the trash cans. Make sure they say please and thank you. If you have extra time, continue to play with the children after snack time and have a group tidy up the park. Then walk the children back home if you brought them over.

Street Camp Rules

- Street Camp is only for ages 5-12.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and the occasion, but please make sure that stomachs and legs are covered appropriately. Set a good example for the children.
- Leave all valuables at home.
- Do not let the children hang on your back or shoulders.
- Do not give money to anyone.
- Do not go anywhere alone with the children especially inside bathrooms or behind any other closed doors.
- Do not go into the homes of the children, even if asked.
- If there is a fight, pull the smaller child away and give him all your attention.
- Do not catch the children when they jump off the playground equipment.
- Be considerate of the area and people that live there. Realize that you are a guest in their neighborhood.
- A parent permission form must be filled out for each child who attends Street Camp.
- Please make sure all of the recreation equipment makes it back into the bucket.
- Always clean up the site after you have occupied it.
- Have lots of fun and play hard!

JH Mission Team T-Shirt Fundraiser

Encourage friends and family to show their support of this trip by purchasing a t-shirt for \$20.00. Students and leaders on the team will receive one shirt for themselves, included in registration price.



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shirts are \$20 each

**ALL MONEY AND ORDERS ARE DUE
NO LATER THAN MAY 24**



RELEASE OF LIABILITY STATEMENT FORM

I understand the Galveston Urban Ministries goal is to provide Christian programs and activities that enhance maturity and development. I will comply with the policies and expectations of volunteers and will support and respect the authority of those providing leadership and supervision.

For and in consideration of the right provided me to participate in the Volunteer Program at Galveston Urban Ministries (G.U.M.), I hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify G.U.M, its directors, employees, agents and/or associates from and against any and all claims, losses, costs and/or expenses which might arise as a result of my participation in the Volunteer Program, unless the event giving rise to the claim is caused solely by the negligence of Galveston Urban Ministries.

My signature affirms that I will be responsible for any damage or loss to physical property or expenses incurred due to my negligent or irresponsible behavior. I further release, hold harmless indemnify G.U.M. from and against any and all claims, losses, costs and/or expenses for sickness or disease which I may contract as a result of my participation in the Volunteer Program, regardless of whether G.U.M. is negligent in allowing me access to its facilities and programs. I knowingly elect to participate as a volunteer at my own risk.

In case of emergency, I hereby give permission to Galveston Urban Ministries to render first aid or to take me to an available treatment facility for medical care; to give the treatment facility permission to provide necessary medical services. I accept any financial responsibility for said services as rendered by the treatment facility and medical staff.

I also understand that I am not, nor will I be, considered an employee of G.U.M. and thus have no expectation of nor will receive any remuneration or any other benefit of employment for my participation as a volunteer in the Galveston Urban Ministries Volunteer Program., specifically including coverage under G.U.M. workers' compensation program.

This Liability Release is binding on me and my beneficiaries, successors and assigns. Any changes will be submitted in writing, bearing my original and dated signature.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Printed Name in Full _____

**IF ABOVE-NAMED IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HEREBY CONSENT
TO THE ABOVE VOLUNTEER RELEASE LIABILITY.**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Dated _____

4. What talents, gifts, and skills do you feel God has given you that might be helpful during this trip?

5. Please explain the gospel message (as if you were sharing with a non-believer).

6. What do you hope to get out of this mission trip personally?

By signing this document, I am stating that all of the above information is true information. I am agreeing to set aside differences and work together peaceably with any team members I am placed with, for the sake of the gospel. I agree to set aside my personal desires, relationships, and comfort during this trip for the sake of the gospel, and to submit to the leadership and direction of the Mission Team leaders.

_____ student signature

_____ parent signature

MEDICAL AND LIABILITY RELEASE

This form covers all events with Bay Area Church Student Ministry
August 2020 - July 2021

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Student Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
Dad Cell Phone _____ Mom Cell Phone _____
Insurance Company _____ Phone _____
Policy # _____ Name of Policy Holder _____
Family Physician _____ Phone _____
Tetanus Shot Up to Date? Yes _____ No _____
List any allergies or dietary restrictions _____

FAMILY AUTHORIZATION: In consideration for your agreeing to accept the above-named individual on the trip, I/We hereby assume all risk in connection with participation on the Student Ministry Trip (including transportation). I/We further release and hold harmless Bay Area Church, its employees and representatives for any injury, harm, damage arising out of my child's participation in any form or fashion on the trip.

I/We authorize medical and surgical treatment of my child as may be needed in the judgment of the treating physician if we cannot be contacted.

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Permission for swimming activities:

Swimmers must wear one-piece suits or two-piece suits with a cover-up.

I realize that there may be swimming activities at some of the student ministry events. To provide guidance to the adult sponsors during the activities, I indicate below the level of activities my child has my permission to engage in. (check one)

_____ My child, _____ may not engage in any swimming activities.

_____ My child, _____ is a beginner/marginal swimmer and may engage in swimming activities in water not over chin deep to my child.

_____ My child, _____ is a proficient swimmer and may engage in swimming activities in water depth exceeding my child's height.

Furthermore, I realize that I am free and welcome to assist in supervising if I deem necessary.

Parent's Signature _____ **(if not signed, child will not swim)**

I **do/do not** (circle one) give permission for photos of my child to be used in brochures, websites or other places on the Internet. I understand that if I do not sign this section, my child may appear in photos and social media websites.

Parent's Signature _____