

High School Ministries Summer Plans

We have a variety of trips planned this year. We have a group going to the Dominican Republic this year as part of our Operation Opportunity project. Also, instead of a summer domestic trip, we are planning a trip over Spring break to New Orleans. Another opportunity this summer is Young Life Camp. We are taking 15 students and at least one of their friends to Young Life Camp this summer. We will also be doing trip again as part of our local ministry. Lastly, we will be having a 4 day long camp called "LEAD Week." This week will be devoted to building student leaders. We are encouraging all student leaders to go on this trip.

International Trips

For Students who have been on our Domestic Missions Trips to New Orleans, Bridgeport and Royal Family Kids Camp

Dominican Republic Trip

June 23-July 1
Tentative Cost: \$1,600

Domestic Missions Trips

These are for students who have never been on a missions trip before. We highly recommend New Orleans to all high school students.

New Orleans Missions Trip

April 14-21
Family/Teenagers
Construction and Relational
Tentative Cost: \$800-1,000

Bridgeport 5 Day Trip

July 23-27
Students will be working with Urban Impact in Bridgeport.
Cost: \$175

Other Trips This Summer

These are not missions trips, but outreach opportunities for students. Lead Week & Young Life Camp

LEAD Week 2012

August 19-23
For students leaders
This is 4 day long leadership experience of fun and leadership building at camp. This is designed for students who want to learn leadership skills.

Young Life Camp

July 22-28
As part of our outreach effort this year, students are encouraged to bring a unchurched friend to young life camp. Limit 15 Fusion students and 15 of their friends

Application Due Dates:

Dominican — January 18
New Orleans — January 18
Urban Impact — May 1
Lead Week — June 1
Young Life — June 1

Youth Ministry Missions Strategy

The Youth Ministry at Black Rock believes that short-term and summer missions opportunities for students are foundational to our ministry. We feel these trips are a significant part in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to our world. These trips help to shape the faith and character of our students and our student ministry. We also feel these trips are an earned privilege. Therefore, there are necessary requirements to be met before a student is considered for a trip. These requirements help develop and prepare each student for the challenges unique to each missions trip. We also believe the best preparation for these trips is to build a progressive approach to our missions programs.

Regular attends Fusion



Domestic Missions

- Regularly attends Fusion
- Demonstrates a teachable spirit and good attitude
- Shows behavioral maturity appropriate for their age
- Has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Has completed all assignments for the trips including application, interview and diligence in raising financial and prayer support.



International Missions

- Regularly attends Fusion
- Has participated in a domestic trip in High School
- Demonstrates a teachable spirit and good attitude
- Shows behavioral maturity appropriate for their age
- Has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Has completed all assignments for the trips including application, interview and diligence in raising financial and prayer support
- Has completed 10th grade
- Has demonstrated a heart for peer evangelism and peer care.

Dear Parents and Students,

It is difficult to believe that this year is ending and that we will soon begin a new year. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with both students and parents and hope that the upcoming year will be another amazing one. There are many things that we at Fusion are looking forward to next year and one being our STAMP Trip to New Orleans, LA. The New Orleans Missions Trip will be on April 14-21. This is a week that most of the area students have off of school.

We at Fusion believe it would be a great opportunity to serve the people of New Orleans, who are continually trying to rebuild their homes and lives. It is difficult to believe that 6 years ago a massive hurricane caused a lot of damage to this city and most importantly that there is much work that still needs to be done.

As we previously stated, the purpose of the STAMP Trip is to help the people of New Orleans rebuild their houses and rebuild their lives. The New Orleans Missions trip is open to anyone who is above the age of 14, and we are encouraging both parents and teenagers to attend the trip. It is not necessary to have any construction skills, but rather a heart that is willing to serve the people of New Orleans. It also is important to note that if your student is planning on attending the Dominican Republic trip that, he or she must participate in one domestic missions trip.

The cost of the trip is between \$800-\$1,000, but we are offering a \$50 dollar discount to those people who sign up by January 18th. The final cost will be determined at the first New Orleans team meeting on February 5th. Finally, we also know that money is tight, therefore we encourage that you write support letters to family members, friends, area churches, etc., to raise money for support. We ask that you read and meditate over 1 John 3:16-20 and ask God for His guidance concerning your decision over this missions trip.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of your year and that you may consider our STAMP Missions Trip to New Orleans, LA.

Thank You,

Fusion Staff

Dominican Republic Missions Trip



**DATES: Saturday, June 23rd Early morning Flight
Sunday, July 1 Afternoon flight**

COST: Tentative amount \$1,600 (The total will not be known until around May)

Students: We will be taking up to 18 students and 4 adults leaders. Students get priority by being involved in Operation Opportunity and their current grade.

Application: The application needs to be filled out by January 18th.

Student requirements before going:

- Attend Fusion on a regular basis throughout the entire winter/spring
- Participate in Operation Opportunity and earn points through sorting cans, and writing letters
- Be living for God and demonstrate that to family and friends

This trip will be in conjunction with World Vision, but we are planning most of the trip ourselves. We will be working with a local church in the Dominican for about half our trip. The other half will be visiting our sponsor child.

Financial Policy of Student Missions Trips

We feel that it is very important for students to have the opportunity to experience different cultures and minister in these cultures. Christ called us to go out into all the world and make disciples. The student ministry emphasizes missions as a vital part of a student's experience while in high school. For this reason, each spring/summer we provide students an opportunity to go on a domestic and international trip if they have met the requirements for each trip. We have a process by which students must have taken part in a local trip before heading on a domestic trip. When they have completed a domestic trip, they then have the chance to go on an international trip.

Domestic Missions Trips:

To keep students from sending out too many support letters during their four years in high school, we would like all students to send as few support letters as possible for their domestic missions trips. This means students are to try to pay for as much of the trip by themselves as possible. If a student has financial difficulty in raising support, we would then encourage them to write letters to raise support. In 2012, with the lack of funding for the missions budget, scholarships will not be given out.

At least 35% of the domestic missions trip cost must be raised through the students' own hard work. Parents may help pay for the rest, but students are required to work for their part of the cost. We want students to take ownership of the big commitment that they are making by going on this missions trip. Students will have over 4 months to raise 35% of the total cost.

International Missions Trips:

Due to the greater cost of International Missions Trips, students are permitted to raise financial support through support letters to people in the church, family members and friends. With the cost of the trips being so high, we see that many students will need to raise this support so they will be able to go. Students are required to raise 20% of the total cost themselves. Again, we feel that it is important for students to take responsibility and ownership by raising some of their own money.

Support Letters:

This year we want all students who are sending out letters to do it with the assistance of the youth staff. This means that students are still required to write their own support letters and address envelopes, but the youth staff will mail out the letters.

Payments:

Months before we go on these trips, we need to put down deposits. Then, two months before we leave on the trips, we have to pay almost the entire cost of the trip. Since we

are covering the cost before we actually get the money from students, we need to make sure that we don't lose money when a student backs out of a trip. Here is the new policy on payments.

- If a student backs out of a trip three months before the trip, their deposit will not be refundable.
- If a student backs out of a trip two months before the trip, their deposit is non-refundable and they are responsible for paying half of the total cost of the trip.
- If a student backs out of a trip one month before the trip, their deposit is non-refundable and they are responsible for paying the entire cost of the trip.

Student Missions Application
Domestic Missions Trip —New Orleans
International Missions Trip — Dominican Republic
If you are desiring to go OTHER STAMP Trips, contact Larry
Fullerton about a STAMP application.

Please complete this form honestly, completely, neatly, and in ink. Your signature and your parent's signature are required on the back of this form. ***Applications are due January 18, 2012***

Please Note: Completion of this form does not "secure" a spot on a missions team. Your next step will be to go before an interview panel. Interviews will take place on during the few weeks following February 3rd

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME MISSIONS TRIPS YOU HAVE BEEN ON BEFORE: GRADE AND YEAR

What did you learn from those experiences? _____

What trip are you applying for:(Circle) New Orleans or Dominican Republic

If you desire to go to Dominican Republic, what domestic missions trip(s) have you been on in the past?

Requirements for International AND Domestic Missions Trips

Please CIRCLE if they apply to you now:

Please UNDERLINE if they will apply to you before you leave for trip:

International Missions Trip *(only if you are applying for this trip)*

- Attends Fusion regularly
- Has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Demonstrates a heart for serving Christ
- Demonstrates a teachable spirit and good attitude
- Shows behavioral maturity appropriate for their age
- Has participated in a local missions project in the last year. (Martha Project)
- Has gone on a domestic missions trip while attending Fusion
- Has completed all assignment for the trips including application, interview and diligence in raising financial and prayer support.
- Has complete 10th grade
- Has demonstrated a heart for peer evangelism and peer care

Domestic Missions Trip *(only if you are applying for this trip)*

- Student must have a personal relationship with Christ
- Student must regularly attend Fusion
- Student must go on a local missions trip (Martha Project) before leaving for WV (There will be three is spring)
- Student must be teachable, willing to serve, and passionate about ministering to others
- Student must attend all pre-trip meetings and functions
- Student must complete application, interview and be diligent in raising financial and prayer support

Please type out your testimony and save it. We don't want you to have to write it again. Testimonies should be no shorter than half a page, single spaced.

Testimony should be written like this:

Describe your life before you came to Christ

How did you come to Christ?

What has happened since you came to Christ?

Please explain why you want to go on this missions trip.

What talents/strengths/abilities do you bring to the team?

Do you understand generally what you will be doing on this trip i.e. working, sharing your faith, prayer etc.? _____

Do you understand there will be mandatory team training meetings for this trip? _____

Do you understand that if you miss your meetings you may be removed from the trip? _____

How do you plan to fund your missions trip?

May you need a scholarship for the missions trips? _____

*Due to the economy and the church budget shortage, there are no scholarships available at this time. This might change by the summer, but no promises.

Agreement:

- I promise to participate fully in my team's preparation process (including support raising & group meetings) and keep the terms of our Team Covenant.
- I will endeavor to not complain during the preparation process and project and will do my best to have a servant's attitude at all times.
- I will obey the leadership of my team.
- I will not use drugs, alcohol, tobacco, foul language, or participate in sexual immorality.
- I will display behavior in my words and actions that are a positive reflection of Christ.
- I will follow all safety precautions during the project.
- I understand that if I break the terms of this agreement, my leaders may choose to send me home at my own expense, so as to not destroy the testimony of the group or mission with which we are working..

I have read the agreement stated above and will follow it.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Student contract:

If accepted for this trip, I will participate voluntarily and of my own free will. I will not hold trip leaders, the sponsoring mission/missionaries, or BRCC responsible for any accident, injury, illness or other personal loss that might result from this trip. I authorize trip leaders, as my agent, to consent to any emergency treatment that is necessary in the case of an accident or illness which is deemed advisable. I will submit to trip leadership and maintain a cooperative spirit in all activities. To the best of my availability, I will participate in trip preparation and evaluation sessions. If I do not have health insurance coverage, I agree to purchase a policy specifically for this trip. If for any reason my behavior conflicts with the guidelines set forth for the trip or places the team or myself in personal danger, I understand that I will be sent home at my personal expense. I completely understand the following contract and will keep to it.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent:

I have read the above contract and agree with it. I also agree that every effort will be made to protect and safeguard all participants. Therefore, I agree not to hold Black Rock Congregational Church, any of their officers or the sponsoring mission/missionaries liable for illness or mishap occurring during the event. I understand that adult supervision is being provided for the trip and I authorize treatment by an accredited hospital and/or physician if it is deemed necessary for my child.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____