

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

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"Live on mission with God everyday, everywhere, with everyone"



- TRIP DATES:** June 30 – July 6
- WHO CAN GO:** Students who have completed grades 7 – 12, and adult leaders
- LOCATION:** New Orleans, Louisiana
- EVENT:** Challenge 2012
A bi-annual conference hosted by the EFCA (Evangelical Free Church of America, of which our church is a member) focused on challenging and equipping students for ministry.
<http://challengeconference.org/>
- WHAT WE'LL DO:** Half youth conference/half mission trip
In the mornings and evening we'll attend sessions with thousands of other students fill with worship and teaching by some of the leading Christian voices of our day, such as Francis Chan.
In the afternoons we'll serve in the New Orleans area, probably coming alongside an EFCA church plant to do Vacation Bible School or Sports Ministry. More details on that will become clear as the conference announces specific opportunities in January and February.
We'll also have times in the late morning and at night to gather as a youth group.
- HOUSING:** New Orleans Hilton, Riverside
We'll stay 4-to-a-room in most cases. The conference is at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center, two blocks from the hotel.
- TRAVEL:** Three church vehicles.
We'll be driving the two church vans and the church minivan, which can hold 34 people. We'll take a fourth vehicle if needed.
- SCHEDULE:** June 30 – Departure
Meet at the church at 6:00 am, and we'll drive to New Orleans.
We'll spend the first night in a church there as on previous trips.
- July 1 – Fun day & Session 1
We'll spend July 1 sightseeing around New Orleans (including a swamp tour!) before going to the first conference session at 7:00 pm.

July 2-5 – Challenge!

Sessions and group time in the morning.
Serving in New Orleans in the afternoon.
Sessions and group time in the evening.
Fun activities at night.

July 6 – Return home

Leave New Orleans approximately 8:00 am
Return to Fellowship Bible Church approximately 8:00 pm.

COST:

\$600, minus what a student raises through fundraisers

\$625 if you sign-up after Sunday April 15.

This looks like a big jump from previous years, but it's really not. We're just handling the money differently.

In previous years, the cost per person was actually \$500 - \$550, but we only charged \$300 - \$350 based on projections of money we would raise through fundraisers.

This year we're stating the cost upfront and distributing fundraiser money based on the fundraisers each student or their parents participate in. The more a student or family participates in the fundraisers, the more they'll earn towards their trip.

Cost includes a \$275 per person conference fee, \$156 per person hotel fee, 9 meals on the road, fuel, group fun activities, and ministry supplies. Students will not need to bring any money with them on the trip beyond what they want to spend on snacks and souvenirs.

**SIGN-UP &
PAYMENT:**

Wednesday, January 11 – Early sign-up begins

Students sign-up by paying a \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Sunday, April 15 – Last day for early sign-up.

Students who sign-up after April 15 will have to pay an additional \$25.

Sunday, May 13 – Sign-up deadline and second payment of \$100 due.

No one can sign-up after this date someone else drops out.

Everyone will have now paid \$200 – non-refundable unless someone else takes their place on the trip.

Sunday, June 24 – Balance due

FUNDRAISERS: Our goal is to provide enough fundraising opportunities so that each student can potentially work off \$300 from their trip. If a student or family needs additional financial help to go on the mission trip, contact Jeb Barr.

Parents' Night Out – Friday, December 16, 6:30 – 10:30 pm

Students, parents, and leaders provide childcare for youth families.

Helpers should arrive by 6:15 pm so that we are staffed by the time children arrive. We'll have snacks, but everyone should eat dinner before they arrive so that they can focus on the kids.

Students must be there for at least 2 ½ hours to get Fundraiser credit.

Adopt-A-Youth

Beginning in February.

Students are hired by families in the church, and the money paid goes toward their trip.

Students put themselves up for Adoption by filling out and turning in the Adopt-A-Youth form on the back. The information will then be used to make Adoption Cards for students, with each card being worth approximately a \$50 donation. Students are encouraged to fulfill the work for at least two cards but may do more if they have time or need to raise extra money.

Yard Sale – Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5

The Yard Sale will take place at the church.

We'll spend Friday afternoon and evening collecting and organizing.

The Yard Sale will be from 6:00 am – 2:00 pm Saturday, so we'll need people from 5:00 am – 5:00 pm for set-up, clean-up, and transporting unsold items. Fundraiser money will be distributed based on hours worked. We'll need lots of parents as well as students. Anyone who has a truck or trailer that we could use to picking-up large items and taking away unsold items would be very helpful.

Parents' Night Out – Friday, June 8, 6:30 – 10:30 pm

Students, parents, and leaders provide childcare for youth families.

Helpers should arrive by 6:15 pm so that we are staffed by the time children arrive. We'll have snacks, but everyone should eat dinner before they arrive so that they can focus on the kids.

Students must be there for at least 2 ½ hours to get Fundraiser credit.

Silent Auction

We'll have some sort of Silent auction in the spring.

Money will be distributed based on the number of items they collect for the auction.

If an item is not donated through a specific student or family, that money will be distributed evenly among mission trip participants.

DRESS CODE:

When on a mission trip, dress is extremely important. It communicates our first impression to the people we are attempting to minister to during the week. We want to avoid any sense of misunderstanding or judgments based on our clothing.

- Shorts must come to mid thigh
- No visible undergarments
- No spaghetti straps, tank tops or sleeveless shirts
- Shirts should fully cover tummy at all times
- No tight clothing
- Avoid messages on t-shirts – the plainer, the better
- Use modesty in order to witness through your dress
- Daily shoes should be extremely comfortable
- Daily clothes should be able to get dirty and messy

PACKING LIST:

BRING

Bug spray
Sunscreen
Water bottle with your name on it
Walking shoes
Camera
Video games
Prescription medication
Bible
Pen
Journal
Sunglasses
Toiletry Items
Modest clothes
Modest, one-piece bathing suit
Visor/hat
Money (enough for snacks and souvenirs)

DON'T BRING

Cell phones
Ipods/other music players
DVD players
Weapons/explosives
Lighters
Alcohol/illegal drugs
Happy Fun Ball