



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

SPRING BREAK APRIL 2-8
SERVING IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

INFORMATION PACKET

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP OVERVIEW

DATES: Saturday, April 2 – Friday, April 8

LOCATION: Orlando, Florida

MINISTRY PARTNERS: Servant Life (servantlife.com) and Serve Orlando (serveorlando.org)

MINISTRY OVERVIEW: With tens of millions of people flocking to Disney World each year, it's easy to overlook that the city of Orlando is not a perfect utopia like the Disney resort. Like other major U.S. cities, Orlando is marked by poverty issues (including a significant demographic of children under the age of 18) and homelessness. Servant Life and Serve Orlando work with short-term mission teams throughout the year to meet the needs of the community through showing the love of Christ by actions and sharing the hope of the gospel with those who need.

MINISTRY SITES: We'll be serving with multiple ministry sites throughout the week to show and share the love of Christ in practical ways. Our Lakewood student ministry staff team will be working with ministry partners to determine the specific ministry sites based on current needs and the skills of our team. Here are some examples of the types of ministries where we'll serve:

- Soup kitchens and food pantries
- Food/clothing distribution centers
- Local church outreach
- Nursing homes
- Children's clubs
- Donation processing and sorting
- Community cleanup/landscaping
- School projects, community gardens
- Supply packing
- Habitat for Humanity
- Organize groceries
- Poverty and homeless ministry

LODGING AND MEALS: While we will primarily be serving with different ministries in Orlando, FL, we will be staying nearby at a Christian School in Apopka called Forest Lake Academy (forestlakeacademy.org). We will stay in dorm style accommodations with bathrooms and showers. The dorm is fenced in and requires an access code to enter. Most of our meals will be provided on campus in the cafeteria.

SCHEDULE: We will provide a full schedule closer to time, but the plan is to leave from Lakewood on Saturday, April 2 and travel to Apopka. We'll eat lunch on the road then have dinner when we arrive that evening followed by some team prep time. On Sunday morning, we will worship at First Baptist Orlando then serve at some ministry sites that afternoon. From Monday-Wednesday, we will continue to serve at various ministry sites in Orlando during the morning and afternoon. We'll eat dinner on campus each evening except for Wednesday night when we'll go out to dinner. On Thursday morning, we'll head to Universal Studios to wrap-up the week. We'll head back to Gainesville on Friday and arrive back at Lakewood by dinner time.

COST: \$400

- Actual cost of the trip is \$500 but Lakewood is generously providing a \$100 scholarship.
- A deposit of \$100 is required to hold your space along with a mission trip application.
- Space is limited. Juniors and Seniors can register starting in December. In January, Freshman and Sophomores can register (see eligibility on the next page).
- Cost includes: transportation, lodging, Universal ticket, all meals (except lunches on the road and 1 dinner out), pre-trip training materials, post-trip devotions, t-shirt
- Students are encouraged to raise funds (as needed) through sending out financial support/prayer letters to a mission support team.
- Students who have funds available from the 2020 Guatemala/Scotland mission trip can apply these funds to this trip (along with siblings per parent approval).

ADDITIONAL MISSION TRIP DETAILS

MISSION TRIP ELIGIBILITY: This mission trip is open to all high school students involved in the Lakewood Student Ministry. Juniors and Seniors can register starting in December. Freshman and Sophomores can register in January.

MISSION TRIP EXPECTATIONS:

- You are responsible for turning in all payments/paperwork on time (see dates below).
- Be actively involved in the student ministry of Lakewood Baptist Church. This will help you to spiritually prepare for our trip and unify our team.
- Actively participate in all team trainings (dates are listed below) unless there is an unavoidable conflict (in which case other meetings will be scheduled).
- Be a good team-player and pursue unity with others on the team.
- Be flexible, available, teachable and willing to serve wherever you are needed.
- Build a mission trip support team through sending out letters. Recruit at least 5 people to be part of your prayer support team (beyond your parents) and recruit people as needed to serve on your financial support team.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- December 1 – Mission Trip registration is OPEN to all Juniors and Seniors
- January 1 – Mission Trip registration is OPEN to all Freshman and Sophomores
- January 31 – Final deadline to register (all deposits are non-refundable after this date)
- February 13 – Training Meeting 1 (following the worship service)
- March 13 – Training Meeting 2 (following the worship service)
- March 13 – Final balance and paperwork are due
- March 30 – Final Mission Trip MTG (following Fusion)
- April 2-8 – Mission Trip
- April 13 – Share Service at Fusion

NEXT STEPS

- Discuss the details of this trip with your parents and pray about this opportunity.
- Fill out the mission trip application along with a \$100 deposit (both can be done through our website: lakewoodlife.org/fusion).
- Put all of the dates and deadlines above on your calendar.
- We will send you some information about fundraising and prayer support letters.

STUDENT APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

In what ways have you been involved in the Lakewood Student Ministry over this semester and how often do you come?

Briefly describe how you entered into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

How would you describe your relationship with Christ right now? What has God been teaching you lately?

Why are you interested in participating in this mission trip to Orlando? What do you hope to learn or gain from this experience?

List any talents, gifts, abilities, interests you have that could potentially be used on this mission trip to serve others.

Have you ever been on a mission trip before? If so, where did you go and what did you learn from this experience? If not, what are you most excited about and/or nervous about with this mission trip?