

August 16, 2010

Dear Parents of Students in Grades 8-12,

It is with great excitement that I write to you today about the opportunity for you and your child/children have to travel to Mescalero, NM as part of the 2011 Mission Trip! This trip will give us an opportunity to serve at an Apache Indian Reservation. Dates for 2011 (including travel time) are estimated to be, Friday, July 22 at 7pm – 11pm Sunday, July 31st. I have included details of the trip for you to look over.

Registration deadline: Friday, September 17th, 2010 (at 4pm)

I'd like to address a couple of issues that sometimes cause families to disregard this experience before they give it serious consideration:

I can't think about this now...I am too busy! Grab a coke or a cup of coffee and take a break. Now is the time we have to share this information and ask you to consider it, as there are deadlines we must meet. Otherwise I would not have bothered you. Please don't miss this great opportunity because you are busy. We'll all be plenty busy until the day we go to heaven. Please keep reading!

The cost is too high. Please read the enclosed page that details what is included, and how families contribute to the trip. A good portion of the funds needed for the trip can be earned through consistent fundraising efforts. Fundraising for this trip has already started!

We're too busy to fundraise. Parents may make a larger family contribution and do less fundraising, however, participation in 2 of the 3 major fundraisers is required, and serves to connect students and families preparing for the trip.

We cannot come up with the family contribution. The family contribution is made in payments over several months. If a family is still unable to meet this, I can apply for supplemental funds through the endowment fund. Usually we know if funds will be approved within 45 days. I want ALL students to have an opportunity to attend, and will work with you to make it work financially.

It's too far and too much...(money, time, etc). If you are not sure of the value in this experience, I encourage you to speak to families at OSL who have been a part of a mission trip in the last few years. There are more than 115 students and eighteen adults you could speak with. I'd be happy to connect you! Just zip me an email (kristin@oslme.com)

I don't think anyone I know will be going. Maybe not, but you do have some control over that. Get on the phone, talk with other friends and families. Make sure a friend is going by registering together. A student does not have to be a member of this church to participate in the trip.

I need more information. Wonderful! You can visit groupworkcamps.com to find out how these trips work. There is an informational meeting at church on Sunday, September 12th at 9:30am.

Praise God that we have this opportunity for students at Our Savior's! I hope to hear from you soon!

Kristin Hildebrand, Youth & Family Minister

2011 Mission Trip Registration

Deadline: 9/17/10

Statement of intent: To reserve my spot on the mission trip team I am submitting a check for \$50 per person attending written out to *Group Workcamps*. This is a non-refundable deposit that will be applied to my account at Group Work Camps. I am aware that my family will be expected to cover a total of \$250 toward this trip (including the deposit). I understand that if my family is unable to make these payments they must contact Kristin by January 1, 2011 so that funds can be requested from the Endowment Fund at OSL. As part of the mission trip team I commit to participate in team building events (usually 4 meetings in May on Wednesday evenings) held prior to the trip. I understand that I will earn funds toward the trip each time I participate in a fund raiser, and that participating in 2 of 3 major fundraisers is required for the 2011 trip. Kristin Hildebrand will communicate with my family every 4-6 weeks to let us know how my mission trip account is growing. If I have not participated in the required or extra fundraisers and have not earned enough to pay for the trip by June 1, 2011 I understand that my family will be responsible to write a check for the difference.

Signature of student

Signature of parent

Name _____ Date _____

Names of Parents _____

Name of Parent interested in attending as chaperone/driver _____

Email address: parent _____

Email address: youth _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Parent Cell _____ Youth Cell _____

Current School Grade _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____

What gifts or abilities would you contribute to the 2011 team? _____

***Registrations for up to 50 students and chaperones will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If students register after September 17th, it will be on a space availability basis, and with a \$25 late fee.**

For more information about Group Workcamps—please see their website www.groupworkcamps.com
Or contact Kristin Hildebrand, OSL Youth & Family Minister 235-0693 or kristin@oslme.com