

NYC Inner-city Trip FAQ's

When are the dates for the trip? June 23 – 30, 2012

What is an inner-city mission trip? An inner-city mission trip is an opportunity for students to grow and learn by connecting with God and serving others.

Who will be going? Students ages 14 and up by June can apply; Chris, Rachel, and other adult sponsors will make up the rest of the team.

Where are we going? We will be traveling to New York City, and staying at Living Waters Fellowship in Brooklyn. Students should bring sleeping bags, a pillow, and a towel.

What will we be doing? We will work with a variety of ministries, including soup kitchens, feeding the homeless, working with children, working with inner-city churches, and throwing a neighborhood block party in Brooklyn.

How much will it cost? The total cost is \$500. However, the mission's department has generously offered to cover the \$100 transportation cost, bringing the total to \$400. This covers all food, travel, and accommodations for the week. This cost is all-inclusive, except any personal items or souvenirs you may wish to purchase.

All students can also apply for a grant through the mission's department covering 20% of the trip.

How will I raise the money? You can raise money for missions through sponsorship letters, or VSM fundraising opportunities, as well as other means you may have. You may use funds from your VSM account towards missions.

Once I apply — then what? Students will hear from Rachel or Chris within two weeks of applying to discuss readiness and team expectations. Those accepted will receive a sample support letter to begin fundraising, and a schedule of prep meetings. Once accepted, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due upon acceptance.

Please direct any questions to Rachel Wilson at rwilson@victoryhighway.com.

Space is limited, so we encourage you to apply promptly.

The application and references* must be turned into the VSM Café or church office by

March 11, 2012

*Three references must be completed. One each by:

- ✓ A significant adult that is in your life from within the church. (not a relative)
- ✓ A significant adult that is in your life from outside the church. (not a relative)
- ✓ A peer

The team selection process is based on the following criteria...

- ✓ Your personal relationship with Christ
- ✓ Attitude
- ✓ Reference forms
- ✓ VSM involvement

SHORT-TERM MISSION APPLICATION

First name _____ Last name _____ M.I. _____

Male ___ Female ___ Age ___ SS# _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Are you a US Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, what country? _____

School Currently Attending _____ Current Grade _____

Place of Employment _____ Occupation _____ Phone (____) _____

Physical Health: Excellent Good Fair Poor

Do you have any physical limitations/diseases, disabilities, or allergies? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you presently taking medication? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please explain _____

Spiritual Health: Influences others Growing New Christian Stagnant

Mental Health: Unshakable Good Control Moody Unstable

Social Health: Outgoing/enthusiastic Enthusiastic/friendly Friendly/reserved Reserved/tolerated

Have you ever been on a mission trip? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, where? _____ When? _____ With whom? _____

If accepted, I agree to be a responsible member of the 2012 NYC Missions Team. I will faithfully attend all scheduled team meetings. I understand that raising support will be my responsibility, and that my trip must be paid in full prior to leaving on the mission trip.

Signature _____ Date _____

I fully support my child's participation in the 2012 NEW YORK CITY Missions Team. Should my child be approved to be a part of this team, I understand the commitment for him/her to be at all team meetings & his/her responsibility to raise the faith fund for the trip.

Parents' Signature _____ Date _____

(Please answer the following questions in detail on a separate sheet of paper.)

1. Describe how you decided to follow Jesus, and your current relationship with him.
2. Why do you want to be a part of this trip?
3. How do you react to:
 - a. new experiences and challenges?
 - b. taking direction from leaders?
 - c. Getting along with others & being inclusive?
4. What have you done this year to try to impact others for Christ?
5. Are there any skills or passions that you could use on this trip? (music, drama, speaking, children, art, other)



VICTORY STUDENT MINISTRIES

SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM

PERSONAL REFERENCE

Applicant's Name _____ Phone _____

The above-named applicant desires to serve the Lord on a short-term mission trip this summer. Please complete this form as candidly as possible. All replies will be held in strict confidence.

Note: The applicant cannot be considered until this form is completed. The applicant's deadline is March 11, 2012.

Reference's Name _____ Phone _____

What is your relationship to the student? _____

How long have you known him/her? _____

How well do you know him/her? Very well Acquaintance See only occasionally

Character reference

- Work Ethic, Socially, Responsibility, Team Work, Spiritual Status, Moral/Honesty, Leadership, Reaction to Authority, Willingness to Serve, Emotional Stability. Each with four checkboxes for various traits.

Is there anything about the applicant or their home life that you feel we should know? _____

I find this applicant is:

- Four checkboxes: Fully qualified and recommended for the mission field, A good missionary candidate, Recommend with slight reservation, Not presently recommendable.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope or mail to:

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C/O Pastors Chris and Rachel Wilson
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