

SWEETWATER STUDENTS MISSION TRIP INFO

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

– Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV)

■ THE GOAL

The goal of our S2M Summer Mission Trip is to create an opportunity for Sweetwater Students (6th-12th grade) grow as followers of Jesus by serving others in a unique setting, as part of a team, guided by committed Christ-followers, who will encourage them to seek God in focused way and discover life-changing lessons, while creating an environment that fosters deeper relationships, aha moments, a selfless attitude, and fun!

■ OUR PARTNERSHIP

Team Effort is an established organization, based in Jacksonville, FL, that specializes in student mission trips all over the country. They provide a quality program that includes:

- LODGING & FOOD (dorm style at Tennessee Wesleyan University)
- SERVICE PROJECTS (site selection, planning, direction, & materials)
- THEMED CHAPEL SERVICES (worship & messages)
- THEMED DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL (for personal reflection)

Our team is responsible for Free Day activities on Thursday & Friday and 2 meals, in addition to travel. Travel is the largest cost associated with this trip. We are working to figure out the most cost-effective solution. Regardless of our travel plans, group fundraising is essential.

■ OUR THEME

This Year's Theme is "Mountaintops" We will focus a few different mountaintop moments throughout scripture. Sunday we will be looking at Elijah when God met him in a cave through a gentle whisper. Monday's focus will be on Moses and the Covenant with God. Tuesday will be the women at the well. Wednesday's story is The Transfiguration. Thursday is Jesus with Jesus's crucifixion at the Mount of Olives and Calvary.

■ OUR TEAM

Spots are limited and fill up fast. We can take up to 24 students and 6 chaperones.

- > Preference will be given to High School students, if we are over capacity.
- > Indicate your level of interest on our sign up sheet today.
- > Chaperones should be active Student Ministry Leaders. Please let Pastor Dan know if you desire to serve as a chaperone ASAP.

Those who desire to go on the trip must commit with a **deposit of \$75** no later than April 2nd. Fundraising credits may not be used for deposit, with the exception of discount card sales (see fundraising opportunities).

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■ THE COST

Mission trips are never cheap. Our **cost** per student is somewhere between \$700 & \$875, depending on travel solutions. We are committed to fundraising to offset the cost of this trip so that our students can participate in this life-changing experience, and a Sweetwater tradition.

Sweetwater Students who are active members of our church and student ministry, and who participate in our planned fundraisers are responsible for **\$275.00** of this cost. A **\$75** deposit is due no later than April 2nd, for those who desire to go on the trip.

COST BREAKDOWN

Lodging, Programming, Food.....\$359
Travel (trip, plus daily travel).....\$240 - \$415
T-Shirt.....\$12
Free Day Activity.....\$65
Additional Food.....\$24

Total cost per student.....\$700 - \$875

Cost to Sweetwater Students, with the generous support of First Baptist Sweetwater, and Student Fundraising efforts.....\$275

■ FUNDRAISERS

In order to make this trip a reality, we need to raise a minimum of \$6,000 as a team.

How will we do this? Here are some upcoming fundraiser opportunities that will help.

- Sweetwater Envelope Fundraiser – historically successful
- Discount Card Sales – *see below
- Rent-A-Student – Sweetwater members hire students for yardwork, cleaning, etc
- Flocking – Don't ask. There is extortion involved =)

**Stay tuned for dates and times.*

We understand that the cost of this trip may seem unattainable, even at a significant discount. Here are some ways to earn funds for your trip:

- Discount Cards – You may sell our printed discount cards at @\$20/card to people in your neighborhood or circle of influence.
Cards sold to Sweetwater attendees at FB Sweetwater on Sunday mornings will go toward group fundraising efforts. Any cards sold personally, outside of Sweetwater may offset your personal costs. You are responsible for cards taken and must return the appropriate funds or unsold cards.
- Rent-A-Student – The Rent-A-Student fundraiser will help offset the costs of those who participate.
- Support Letters – we will provide a form letter that you may use to request financial support from family members and invested adults.
- Work Days – If you received a work-day credit, we have applied \$30 per work-day to your account.

We believe this trip is worth the cost and that we can trust God to provide what we need.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- **Philippians 4:19 (NIV)**

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