

STUDENT MISSION TRIP INFO – JUNE UPDATE

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

- 1 Peter 4:10 (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!

■ TRAVEL DETAILS

We will leave from the Sweetwater South Campus Parking Lot June 11th, between 6:30am & 7:00am. Please be on time, as we need to arrive at our destination at a specific time.

We are traveling in 3-12 passenger vans, as this was significantly more economical than a charter bus (less than 50% of the cost). Thanks to the generous donations of church members, this will allow us to do a fun activity on Friday.

We will return to the Sweetwater South Campus Parking Lot June 17th, between 8pm & 9pm.

■ CODE OF CONDUCT

Respect God

- Let your words and actions be Christ-Like
- Honor God with your time
- Serve God joyfully, with gratitude
- Rest after "lights out" so that you can give God your best the next day

Respect others

- Let others go first
- Don't invade the personal space of others
- Be considerate of your roommates/seatmates.
- Listen to and obey your leaders.
- Treat the people that you minister to as though they are the most important people on earth.
- Be quiet after "lights out." Others need their rest

Respect Property

- Don't mistreat the vans, lodging, and mission sites
- Don't mistreat the places we visit
- Don't touch the property of others
- Don't go in a other sleeping room other than your own
- Don't leave your room without telling a leader.
- Be careful with the gear we bring and use at mission sites.

■ DRESS CODE

See the attached dress code. These guidelines are set by our partners at Team Effort.

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■ LODGING

We are staying at Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens, TN.

The rooms are dorm style, with 2 students to a room.

Genders will be housed separately by floor. In one building, the bathrooms are shared at the end of the hallway with individual stalls for showers and toilets. The other building has jack and jill-styled restrooms which is two bedrooms sharing one bathroom. Each person must bring either twin-sized sheets/linens or sleeping bags and pillows for their bedding as well as towels.

■ WORSHIP

We will end each night at Chapel will be at a Keith Memorial UMC.

Our Team Effort staff will lead us in worship and a message. Our theme for the week is "Mountaintops." We will focus a few different mountaintop moments throughout scripture.

■ TO BRING

- **See attached Packing List*****

- **Other Items To Consider**
- Soap, Deodorant, Brush
- Dryer sheets for stinky shoes and dirty clothes bag
- Dirty clothes bag
- Medicine (Don't forget prescriptions. We'll have basics covered in our first aid kit).
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Underwear & Socks
- Hat
- Hair product
- Phone Charger
- Earbuds or headphones
- Snacks that can fit in your bag

- **Funds to Cover** (approximately \$125)
 - 3 meals on the trip to Gatlinburg--breakfast, lunch, dinner (*updated)
 - 2 fast-food meal on the trip home.
 - 1 fast-food & 1 fast-casual meal on Friday (free day)

■ FORMS AND FUNDS

- The attached release form must be notarized. Students will not be allowed to travel without a notarized release form
- Tuition must be paid no later than June 5th.

■ FRIDAY

- We are planning a fun event on Friday.
The cost has been covered due to our savings on travel. Stay tuned for details.