

# **PLEASE READ!!!!**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Thank you for embarking on this exciting adventure with your child. We realize for some parents this may be a scary idea, but hopefully you are just as excited as your child is to be a part of something so potentially life changing. The leaders of the team would like to communicate with you regarding any questions or concerns you might have regarding the entire Project Serve experience. We have scheduled an informational meeting for parents early on in the process to cover general information and questions. The following information will hopefully help you understand the process a little better right from the start.

### **TRAINING:**

There is much more to this trip than just the trip itself. The team will spend valuable time together bonding as a group, serving together, learning, growing and having fun too. We believe this is a vital part of a successful short-term missions trip.

Parents should be aware that these training times are mandatory for all students and leaders that are part of the Project Serve Team. Please mark these dates on your calendar now, so as to be sure that your child is present at each session and event. We are aware that there can be extenuating circumstances that may prevent attendance at a training session. Please bring this to the attention of the trip leader as soon as possible.

### **MONEY:**

The total cost of the Project Serve trip is **\$1,800**. This includes all the trip expenses: airfare, meals, lodging, supplies and training. Your **\$300 deposit** will be applied to the total cost of the trip if your child is accepted to the team and will be refunded in full only if they are not accepted to the team.

Please take note that your child is responsible for raising their cost for the trip. The team leaders will help assist with various fundraising projects and ideas, but ultimately the responsibility falls on the individual team member. It is vital that all the expenses for the entire group are raised in full before we depart on the trip. The leaders will keep you updated regularly on the status of your child's account.

As soon as your child is accepted we will begin discussing fundraising strategies. The best strategy is to start as early as possible with whatever method they plan on doing.

### **HELP:**

We welcome your help and support in any way possible for this trip. If there is a way you would like to assist with group fundraising, training or the retreat please let us know. We appreciate parent assistance, even for simple things like providing food for a training session, or contacting other parents as a liaison. Feel free to share any ideas, thoughts or suggestions with the trip leader.

For further information, suggestions or volunteers please contact:

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