



Don't
Waste Your
Summer
2019
Middle School

Dear Middle School Families & Students,

We know it is early to be talking about NEXT summer, but we also know that there are many families who are making plans on their calendars as we speak. IBC Middle School believes that summers should be filled with adventures and journeys with various people to various places! Summers should be doing and being a part of something that impacts lives (our own and others) forever! *That's* the kind of summer we're talking about!

“We Serve because HE Served”! This is a phrase that we hope will echo beyond all of our minds, reaching deep within our hearts as well. So let's take a look at the opportunities to serve for summer 2019.

“I have a packet...So now what?”

1. Students, take some time with your parents to **read** through all these incredible opportunities you have to serve this summer.
2. Students & Parents, take time to **pray** about what service opportunity God may want you to be involved in.

A few need to knows:

* Your **packet with deposit should be completed and turned** in to the Student Ministry office or the Front Desk **by January 13, 2019**

* As you read this packet, **be mindful of the *purpose and reason* behind serving** is to do so with a joyful and open heart. Ask yourself, **“Why do I want to serve?”**

Moses & Melissa
Middle School Team

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2019

San Antonio, TX

Date: July 15-19

Cost: \$625

We will be ministering to and serving a number of organizations in San Antonio, TX that may include the disadvantaged, physically handicapped, special needs, the homeless and/or low income communities. Our goal is to serve the people, communities, and organizations of San Antonio and for our students to be challenged in thinking outside of themselves to see what it looks like to serve others no matter the social status, age, background, or nationality. *This* is what it means to serve in the name of Christ.



SERVING AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Vacation Bible School

Irving Bible Church

Date: June 10-13

Get ready for an African adventure that engages the whole herd! Life is sometimes wild, but God is always good! This VBS experience provides a space where kids discover a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. *Please note: There are restrictions to your serving based on grade.



DATES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIPS

These dates are mandatory because we believe strongly in creating community and team work at our training meetings as well as learning how to come together in prayer and preparation for the upcoming mission that God has called us to. However, we understand that conflicts may arise keeping you from attending one or two. If for some reason you are unable to attend a meeting, please let Moses know and be proactive in finding out what you have missed in order to keep up with the group.

Please put these dates on all of you and your parents calendars so that there are no surprises:

December 2 - January 13:

Be in prayer about what God has for you next summer

Begin writing your Friends and Family draft letters (letters should include details from the trip you expect to attend)

Possibly ask for Christmas money to be paid toward your summer trips

January 13:

Turn your completed packet into the Student Ministry office. A completed packet includes:

- * Participation Choices/Agreement with signature and choices of serving opportunities
- * IBC Medical Release
- * Wonder Voyage Release for San Antonio
- * A typed draft of your Friends and Family letter
- * **\$50** nonrefundable deposit required for missions trip to San Antonio

January 14 - February 3:

Student ministry staff will contact and spend time with each student individually to discuss their choices. **Please bring your Friends and Family draft letter to this meeting.**

February 4:

Mission trip teams will be announced and communicated via email/Facebook. Friends and Family letters can be mailed by this date.

February 24:

Mission trip training #1

Meet in West C at 12:30-1:30

\$150 must either be raised or paid by this date toward the San Antonio trip

March 24:

Mission trip training #2

Meet in West C at 12:30-1:30

\$300 must either be raised or paid by this date toward the San Antonio trip

April 1:

Anyone who drops out of the trip after this date will be financially responsible for the entire cost of the trip

April 28:

Mission trip training #3

Meet in West C at 12:30-1:30

\$450 (or the same as full balance) must either be raised or paid by this date toward the San Antonio trip

June 2:

Mission trip training #4

Meet in West C at 12:30-1:30

\$625 (or the same as full balance) must either be raised or paid by this date toward the San Antonio.

RAISING PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We believe God is going to use you for His Glory over the summer on our short-term mission trips. Of course, not everyone can make the trip with you, but many will want to be a part by praying and giving.

An important part of the process is learning to trust God to provide. Believe it not, there are people who will be blessed and excited to partner with you by praying and giving.

Below you will find some important information about how to build a strong prayer/financial support team. You will also find a couple of sample letters to give you some idea of where to begin.

Support letters should contain the following:

- * A little information about where you are going and why. Some basic details about your trip can be found on Page 3 of this packet.
- * Why you want to be involved in the trip. You should briefly explain your own call to participate in this trip.
- * How you would like the reader to be involved. Ask the reader to first and foremost pray specifically for you and your team. Secondly, ask each reader to pray about supporting you financially.
- * The exact cost of the trip that you are responsible to raise.
- * Inform them of the deadline for sending in responses and/or checks. Money may be received after this deadline but giving them a timeframe is helpful.
- * Enclose a self-addressed envelope to assist them in responding to your request. You will receive envelopes and address labels at the first training meeting.
- * A response tab **MUST** be included at the end of your letter in order to process more effectively (see example below).
- * Instruct them clearly on how they are to respond if God has led them to support you.

All Response Tabs should include the following information:

- * Make all checks and money orders payable to Irving Bible Church or IBC
- * If cash is given, the name AND address of the donor must be given in order for them to receive a tax deduction for their contribution
- * The student's name and name of the trip in the memo line of any check or money order
- * Send all contributions to:
 - Irving Bible Church
 - Attn: Financial Department
 - 2435 Kinwest Parkway
 - Irving, TX 75063

Additional Helpful Tips:

- * Emailing your letter out to friends and family is a good way to reach more people
- * Keep a record of your responses so that you can send Thank You notes and inform them of your trip experience
- * You should compose your own letter and it should be personalized
- * Send a minimum of 30 letters. The more the better. Prayer support is vital.
- * Send letters to friends, family, neighbors and even to non-believers. Remember these should be people you already have a relationship with. Send as many outside the IBC family as possible.
- * Keep it brief. One page if possible.
- * Pray that God will raise up a strong support team for you and provide your needs.
- * All donations toward missions' trips are considered a tax deductible donation and the donor will receive a donation letter from IBC to be used for tax purposes.
- * On line giving will be an option through the new database – IBC Connect. As soon as the teams are set, we will send information with specific instructions on how to give via credit/debit cards, etc.

Remember: Raising up a partnership team is about making and developing disciples. Try to keep these ideas in mind as you proceed in this journey of faith.

Instead of focusing on:

Paying for Your Trip
The Finish Line
The Money
Asking for a favor
Individual “What’s my need?”
Anxiety, I may not meet my goal!

Focus on:

Making Disciples
The Process (faithful invitation)
The People
Sharing in God’s blessings
Team “What’s our need?”
Peace, He who began a good work . . .

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUPPORT LETTER – EXAMPLE

Dear family and friends,

This coming summer, I have been offered the opportunity to go on a mission trip with Irving Bible Church to _____. Since I have given my life to Christ about 3 years ago I have wanted to help others like Jesus did for us when he was on Earth. In Memphis we are going to be feeding the homeless people and helping in some orphanages. This trip is great for me to build closer relationships with my friends and leaders of my church by sharing wonderful stories and bringing our lives closer to Jesus. This trip will help me prioritize my life to follow Jesus in every way and live my life to the fullest according to Jesus’s words in John 10:10. This is just saying the least! This trip will be _____, and the estimated cost is \$_____.

One of the biggest things that we are asking for is prayer because God knows the best for us and if he wants us to go on the trip then He will always make a way for this to happen, and it is crucial for this trip to Memphis that we are covered by your prayer support. If you are able, please also consider supporting me financially so that I may go and serve these people in Jesus’ name.

Here are some of my favorite verses that inspire me to go and serve our Lord by serving others in need:

Matthew 28:19-20 “ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Acts 20:35:– In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Thank you.
Name of student

Please cut and send the completed form below to IRVING BIBLE CHURCH Attn: Financial Department, 2435 Kinwest Pkwy Irving, TX 75063

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

*Please make checks payable to Irving Bible Church and write my name and the trip name on the memo line.

_____ I agree to support students and the missions’ trips in prayer.

_____ I agree to support __(name of student) financially and the missions trip with a donation of \$_____.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUPPORT LETTER – EXAMPLE

Dear _____:

I am excited about our upcoming trip to _____ on _____ to participate in a mission with my youth group. I feel that God has graciously provided a unique opportunity for me to participate in a trip to help meet the needs of others in Christ. Some of the projects we may be working on while there are:

- construction and cleanup of facilities and property
- serve local ministries that have a long term commitment to the area

It is essential that we have two things as we prepare for this exciting trip: first, prayer support and second, financial support. Asking for your prayers is easy because we earnestly desire your prayerful support in all we do for the Lord. But asking for financial support is much more difficult. In humbleness and great appreciation, I would like for you to consider partnering with me to meet my goal of \$_____ to cover the cost of the trip.

Please return the Support Response portion of this letter that has all the details about how you can participate in helping our team reach out to the people in this needy area of our country.

Some things you can begin praying for include:

- our witness as we represent Jesus Christ
- our health and safety as we travel to and from _____
- a loving, servant attitude

Thank you so much for being willing to support me in these ways.

_____(name of student)_____

Please return this Support Response to:
Irving Bible Church
Attn: Finance Department
2435 Kinwest Parkway
Irving, TX 75063

I will support (name of student) in the following ways:

____I/We will pray daily for you ____I/We will give a onetime gift of \$_____

*If cash is given, the name AND address of the donor must be given as well

*Please include the students name and name of trip location in memo line of checks

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

PARTICIPATION CHOICES/AGREEMENT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

I am choosing to participate in the following mission and/or service opportunities during the summer of 2019.

Make your choices by placing an X in the appropriate line or you may fill out:

Mission trip(s):

_____ Mission trip to San Antonio, TX (July 15-19)

VBS Leadership Service Opportunities (June 10-13)

_____ Crew Leader (Incoming 7th and 8th Only) _____ Station Leader

_____ Set Design and Décor _____ Tech Volunteer

_____ Preschool VBS

What is the best way to contact you?

Your Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Your Cell: _____ Your Email: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Cell: _____

*** If I (the student) am selected to participate in any service opportunity or a mission trip, my intention is to be at all training meetings and I agree to cover all financial responsibilities required.**

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent

You may also fill out this form online. Link below for online submission.

<https://irvingbible.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/584/responses/new>

IBC MEDICAL/LIABILITY FORM

Student Name: _____ Current Grade: ____ Date: _____
Parent Name: _____ Student Email: _____
Phone number: _____ Parent Email: _____

Name of Event: Summer 2019

In consideration for being accepted by Irving Bible Church for participation in student ministry event, we (I), being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Irving Bible Church and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participate that occur while said child is participating in the above-described trip or activity.

Furthermore, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant if under the age of 21 years] hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said church, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

(If the participant has not attained the age of 21 years):
We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our (my) permission for him (her) to participate in said trip, and hereby give our (my) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, if any.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs.

Parent Signature: _____

Additional contact in case of emergency:
Name: _____ Contact #: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Physician's Contact #: _____
Current Medications: (dosage & directions): _____
Allergies: _____

Insurance Information

Covered Individual: _____ Insurance Co.: _____
Insured ID #: _____ Policy/Group #: _____

**Liability and Medical
Release Form**

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Event date: _____

For the event IBC – San Antonio (hereinafter “EVENT”) I, being 18 years of age or older, for myself and/or on behalf of my minor participant if said minor is not 18 years or older and for my/minor’s heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators do hereby fully release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Wonder Voyage Missions, Inc., its directors, employees, contractors, sponsors, or agents (hereinafter “WVM”) thereof from any and all liability to myself and/or my minor participant for any claims of damage to or loss of property, any injury to person, death or any one or more of the foregoing, arising directly or indirectly out of either mine or my minor’s participation for any purpose in the EVENT. **THIS RELEASE INCLUDES ANY DAMAGE, LOSS OR INJURY THAT IS CAUSED BY ANY ACT OR OMISSION ON THE PART OF WVM, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENT CONDUCT OF WVM** but excluding any gross negligence or willful misconduct of WVM. **IT IS MY EXPRESS INTENT THAT THE ABOVE RELEASE INCLUDES THE RELEASE BY ME ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND/OR MY MINOR PARTICIPANT OF WVM FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF WVM'S OWN NEGLIGENCE. I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS WVM** for, from, and against any and all liabilities, damages, claims, lawsuits, costs (including court costs, attorneys fees and costs of investigation), and actions of any kind for any damage to or loss of my property or the property of another, any injury to me or my death, or the injury or death of any other person or any one or more of the foregoing, arising out of either mine or my minor’s participation in the EVENT, **INCLUDING ANY DAMAGE, LOSS OR INJURY CAUSED BY ANY ACT OR OMISSION ON THE PART OF WVM INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENT CONDUCT OF WVM** but excluding any gross negligence or willful misconduct of WVM. **IT IS MY EXPRESS INTENT THAT THE ABOVE INDEMNITY INCLUDES INDEMNIFICATION BY ME OF WVM FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF WVM'S OWN NEGLIGENCE.**

I hereby acknowledge that I recognize and assume for myself and/or on behalf of my minor participant all of the risks associated with the EVENT. **I UNDERSTAND THAT WVM DOES NOT PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ANY KIND, AND THAT NO INSURANCE COVERAGE MAY EXIST THROUGH WVM TO COVER ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES WHICH MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS MY SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MYSELF AND/OR MY MINOR IF I SO DESIRE SAID COVERAGE.**

The terms of this Release and Indemnity Agreement are to be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas, and **VENUE WITH RESPECT TO ANY DISPUTE ARISING BETWEEN WVM AND ANY OTHER PARTY THAT INVOLVES THIS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT OR MY PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY IN DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Each provision of this Release and Indemnity Agreement is severable and if one portion is invalid or illegal, such invalid or illegal portion shall not apply, but the remaining portions shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

In making this Release and Indemnity Agreement, I have not relied upon any statement or representation pertaining to this matter made by WVM or any other person or entity which is hereby released. **I WARRANT THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT AND KNOW ITS CONTENTS, AND THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS DOCUMENT AND THAT I HAVE EXECUTED THIS**

DOCUMENT VOLUNTARILY AND AS MY OWN FREE ACT. I EXECUTE THIS DOCUMENT FULLY INTENDING TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

Furthermore, I, and on the behalf of my minor participant if under the age of 18 years, authorize and permit WVM to furnish any necessary transportation, food, lodging, and possible medical attention for this participant.

(If the participant has not attained the age of 18 years):

I am the parent or legal guardian of this participant, and hereby grant my permission for him/her to participate fully in said EVENT, and hereby give my permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not limited to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and I assume the responsibility of all medical bills and expenses, if any. Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action, or otherwise, I hereby assume all transportation costs.

Participant:	_____	Age:	_____
Home #:	()	[Parent] Cell #:	()
[Parent] Work #:	()	Emergency Name:	_____
Emergency #:	()	Relation to Person	_____
Hospital Insurance:	() Yes () No	Insurance Name:	_____
Policy #:	_____	Physician and Phone #:	_____

ARE THERE ANY MEDICAL DIETARY NEEDS / GUIDELINES FOR THIS PARTICIPANT? PLEASE DETAIL:

Medical Authorization

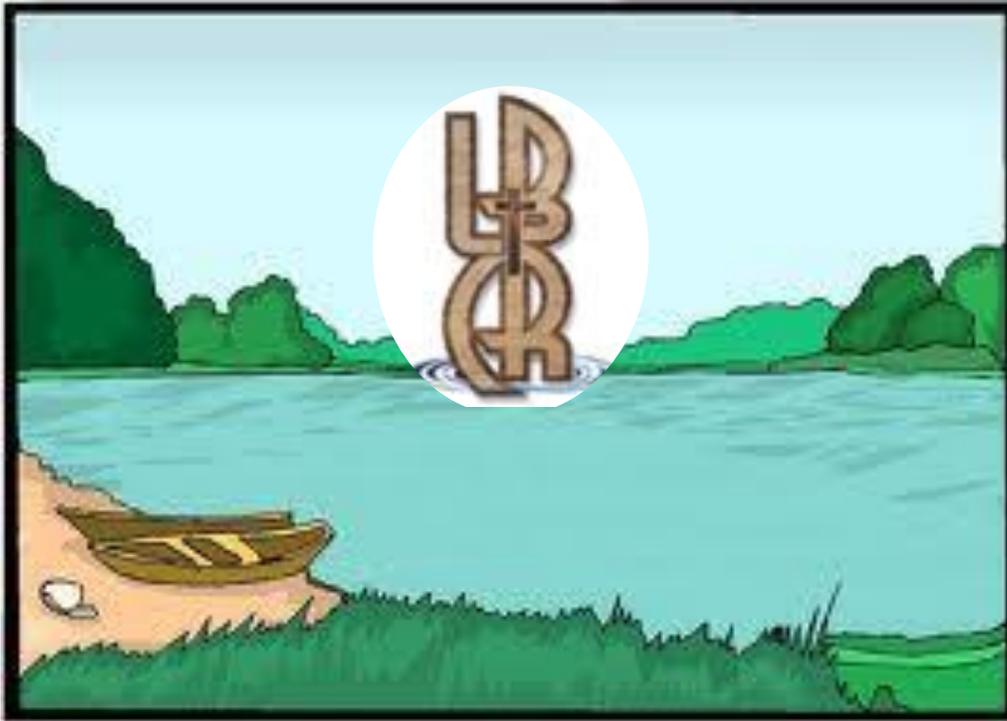
In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the Pilgrimage leaders to secure and administer treatment for my child including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, and necessary transportation. I will not hold these leaders responsible for the consequences of exercising this power so long as they act in good faith with the best interest of my child in mind. I further consent to any treatment by any hospital or physician, which, in their judgment, is in the best interest of my child. I expect to be informed of my child's condition and of treatment provided as soon as possible.

I do hereby testify that all the information on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Guardian or Participant (if 18 or over)

Date

**A scanned, imaged or photocopied version of this executed agreement will have the same force and effect as the original document.*



!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
LAKE BROWNWOOD CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER
BROWNWOOD, TX**

CURRENT 5TH - 7TH GRADERS:

**LAKE BROWNWOOD CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER,
BROWNWOOD TX**

DATE: JUNE 27-30, 2018

COST: TBD

**CURRENT 8th GRADERS WILL ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL
CAMP AT**

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA

DATE: JULY 22-26, 2018

COST: TBD

Also – Don't Waste Your SPRING!



In lieu of a second mission trip for the summer, we are going to take our weekend service projects up a notch for Spring. This spring we will be doing day long service projects. Some of our possible locations are below with dates to be announced. Please pray about serving in this capacity as well.

-Mission Waco (missionwaco.org)

-Women's Shelter (genesishelter.org)

-Habitat for Humanity

-Tarrant Area Food Bank (tafb.org) or North Texas Food Bank (ntfb.org)

-Irving Bible Church (special opportunities)

**Read the packet and still have questions??
Contact any of the folks below and we will help you out!**

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