

SMCC Student Ministries  
**Houston March 25-30, 2018**

Partnered with CSM

**Who:** 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**Where:** Houston, TX

**When:** Monday March 26 - Friday, March 30

**Cost:** \$550

CSM cost \$68 USD per person per night. This covers all housing, meals (including the evening meals at an international restaurant) your service program coordination, and one or more CSM City Hosts who are dedicated to your group the entire time you are with CSM.

4 Nights: \$272

Transportation: \$278

Estimated Cost = \$550

**Why Houston:**

The destruction in Houston caused by Hurricane Harvey is enormous and devastating for so many people. Although CSM is still assessing the needs of our ministry partners, we know Houston continues to be recovery mode for months and months ahead. Since the CSM Houston program was already established pre-Hurricane Harvey, they have adjusted their normal work trips to accommodate Harvey relief, while still serving the programs that they regularly work with.

Houston was founded more than 150 years ago by the Allen brothers, frontier explorers who stood on the grassy banks of Buffalo Bayou and dreamed of what today is modern Houston.

Houston is America's fourth-largest city, with a population of 2.09 million people located in an area more than twice the size of Rhode Island. There are almost 6 million people in the greater metropolitan area. More than 100 different ethnic groups reside in Houston's city limits, making it one of the world's great multi-cultural urban centers.

Houston is the headquarters for America's manned space flight effort, capital of the international energy industry, home to the world's largest medical center, and a showcase for contemporary commercial architecture.

Houston possesses the third highest homeless population in the nation. An estimated 15,000 homeless individuals live in shelters, abandoned buildings, in encampments, and on the streets. Among these, 1,500 are children. In the greater Houston metropolitan area, one child out of every five lives at or below the poverty level. More than 760,000 Gulf Coast residents live in poverty. 150,000 are marginally homeless—taken in by friends or family because they have nowhere else to go. An additional 250,000 are only one paycheck away from being out on the streets.

CSM has the great privilege of partnering with multiple organization and ministries who striving to make a change in Houston.

# Houston 2018 Application

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe any past mission trip experience you have had:

Why do you want to participate on this trip?