



2019 TRIP | INFORMATION PACKET

WHERE:

Memphis, Tenn.

Our work will be in the Binghampton and Orange Mound neighborhoods.

WHEN:

Week 1 (All campuses but Carmel) June 9-15

Week 2 (Carmel Campus) June 16-22

WHAT:

Service Over Self (SOS) exists to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in underserved neighborhoods through home repair and leadership development.

WHO:

Students currently in grades 7-12

COST:

\$525 (\$50 deposit is part of registration; remaining balance due Sunday, June 2, BEFORE FINAL MEETING on June 5)

HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration is only online at www.northviewchurch.us/sos and opens on Thursday, March 7, at 9 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 7: SOS registration opens
- March 12: SOS students confirmed
- June 2: All donations and/or final payments due
- June 5: SOS Pack & Pray and final meeting (both weeks on the same night)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Check out Service Over Self at www.sosmemphis.org

REGISTRATION OPENS: Thursday, March 7 at 9 p.m.

1. Go to www.northviewchurch.us/sos.
2. Click on the register button.
3. Fill registration form out and hit submit.
4. After you hit submit, you are done!
5. You will be confirmed by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.
6. After you are confirmed, you MUST do three things by March 17:
 - a. Fill out the Managed Missions Application (video training to come)
 - b. Pay your \$50 deposit
 - c. Turn in your medical forms
7. After you have completed all three steps, you will be officially signed up for SOS!
8. If all three steps are NOT turned in by March 17, your student WILL LOSE their confirmed spot for the trip and will be moved to the waitlist.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

- ***Can I register for either week?***

Yes, but know that campus staff will be on their designated weeks, and we are highly encouraging students to go then. We want campuses to experience the week all together.

- ***What if the website is slow?***

Our IT department has prepared the website as much as they can for the insanity that is SOS registration. Please be patient and know that if it is slow for you, then it is slow for everyone else as well. Continuing to refresh the page will not help.

- ***Will bribing the student staff help my son or daughter get on the trip?***

No, but trying couldn't hurt! We love a variety of baked goods in the office.

Why should I seek ministry partners?

Raising partners in ministry is often perceived as a rather awkward experience. Many missionaries sheepishly approach prospective partners. However, the Bible itself gives examples of missionaries asking for assistance. The apostle Paul was not ashamed when he wrote a letter to the Romans appealing to them to offer prayers with him on his behalf (Romans 15:30). Paul understood the importance of partnership, particularly prayer partnership. Like Paul, you need partners in the ministry, whether through prayer or financial contributions.

What information might I relate to prospective ministry partners?

1. Description of what you will be doing.
2. The investment necessary for you to participate in this ministry trip.
3. Your reasons for being involved in this ministry.
4. Clear instructions on how your partners should respond, such as:
 - Make the check payable to Northview Church
 - When do they need to respond by?
 - Where do they mail responses? Is a return self-addressed envelope provided?
 - What you are requesting (prayer, financial assistance or both)

Who should partner with me?

1. Family and relatives
2. Friends (yours and your parents')
3. Neighbors
4. Members of the church
5. Northview Students volunteers

What must I remember when contacting potential ministry partners?

1. Keep your appeal short. Most people desire for you to get right to the point.
2. Answer promptly any questions potential ministry partners raise.
3. Remember the importance of prayer. Prayer is the most essential support you can receive.
Make sure you properly express gratitude to those who contribute with faithful prayers.
4. Send out thank you cards and a ministry follow-up letter to all who respond with prayer or financial support.

What happens if I raise funds that exceed my trip cost?

Any funds above and beyond the cost of your trip will remain as part of this trip's overall income. We will use it to purchase supplies needed for the trip or to help those team members who need more funds to complete their trip cost.

How do I raise support?

1. Prayer support letters: We are asking that you send at least 10 letters asking for prayer and to raise awareness of our trip. (See following example.)
2. Financial support letters: We are asking that you send at least 10 letters asking for financial gifts. (See following example.)
3. Support raising service projects: Mowing lawns, washing cars, babysitting, etc. (A great way to raise money is to approach your neighbors and friends asking if they will donate money toward your mission trip fund if you provide them with a service.)
4. Personal Funds: Participants should exhibit ownership in this trip by providing as much to their trip fund as they feel they possibly can.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT LETTER EXAMPLE:

Dear _____,

I hope all is well! This summer I have been blessed with the opportunity to travel to Memphis, Tennessee, on a mission trip with my youth group at Northview Church. I, as well as other members of my group, will have the opportunity to invest in the lives of underprivileged residents in the Binghampton community near Memphis.

Thousands of homes in Memphis are in shocking condition. Many are unsafe to live in. Elderly persons and families live in fear of the next rain, the next cold snap, the next inflated utility bill due to poor insulation or the next salesperson promising a quick fix for a “small” monthly payment.

On our trip we will be partnering with an organization called Service Over Self (SOS) to help repair homes in the Binghampton neighborhood. In the Bible, Jesus tells us that next to loving God, the greatest commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. We will live out this commandment all week by showing love to our neighbors in need.

This is my first mission trip and I'm sure it will be a life-changing experience for me. The cost of this trip is \$500, which includes my travel, lodging, supplies and meals. I pray and trust that God will provide. If you would like to help me financially, please make your check payable to Northview Church and send it to my home address (address shown below).

In order to stay organized, I will turn the money in myself. I need to turn all my support in by _____. If you want to receive credit for tax purposes, do not put my name anywhere on the check. You can also make an online donation to me by going to www.northviewstudents.us and clicking on the banner that says SOS.

If you cannot support me financially, that's okay. Your prayers are greatly appreciated! Please take time to pray for me, that I would have the heart of a servant and that I would be a good example of Christ's love to the people we meet.

If you have any questions about the trip, you can call me at _____.

In Christ,

(Your signature)

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

PRAYER SUPPORT LETTER EXAMPLE:

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Please pray for:

Our group:

- For health, safety and protection in all our travels
- Group bonding
- Strength to work long hard days in the sun and heat

The people of Memphis, Tennessee:

- That God would prepare their hearts to receive His love
- That the local people will be abundantly blessed

Me personally:

- That God would guide me each step of the way
- That I would have a servant's heart
- That I would grow and learn more about God

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