LEADERTREKS TRIP LEVELS

Mission Ready (Level 2)

Mission Ready trips allow you to engage with a community through service and outreach. The pre-planned outreach on a Mission Ready trip intensifies the leadership development program as students are given full ownership of that portion of the trip. This is typically a Vacation Bible School, that students will plan and lead. Before the trip ever starts, students will plan and organize the VBS. On the trip, students will have complete ownership and will lead it. Each night, the team will evaluate the day and make necessary adjustments to navigate obstacles and clearly share the love of Christ. This gives significant leadership development opportunities as students work together towards excellence. This is an excellent option for those looking for exposure to missions, different cultures, and looking to step up their understanding and practice of leadership and service to others.

Intense Impact (Level 3)

Our most intense trips, Intense Impact trips are completely student-led, and maximized for leadership development. These student led trips are designed for students who are mature in their faith, prepared to take on significant leadership, and willing to take their personal discipleship and walk with Christ to the next level.

The leadership development program for Intense Impact trips starts with two student leaders who will have ownership of the whole trip. These two students will be selected by the youth worker and will attend a special training called "Student Leader Weekend" at LeaderTreks in Chicago, February 4-6, 2022. They will work together to



assign different roles to each member of the team to help the team accomplish its goals (food team, work project team, cleaning team, etc.). Leadership is given to each student on the team through these roles, as every aspect of the trip is planned and led by students. The LeaderTreks staff facilitate this process, asks hard questions and helps guide the process but doesn't interfere with the students' decision making. Students will be accountable to each other through the use of the LeaderTreks High Performance Team Program.

Intense Impact trips are about challenge. We want students to develop a confidence in God and in themselves. Students will be tested and discover that the only way to get the job done is to bond together.

COSTA RICA 2022

JUNE 26 - JULY 3, 2022

TRIP LEVEL: INTENSE IMPACT (LEVEL 3)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITE:

The natural beauty of Costa Rica attracts many visitors who never realize the overwhelming needs of the children of this emerging nation. Tens of thousands of children are living day to day on the streets of Costa Rica. LeaderTreks partners with local churches with established missionaries in the area to empower the local churches to meet this urgent need and to help develop Costa Ricans who have a passion to share the Gospel with those around them.

MINISTRY:

Our team will work closely with LeaderTreks' local ministry partner organization, Casa Viva, in Costa Rica. Through this partnership, we will have the opportunity to be involved in work projects that may include construction on homes, sports courts, sidewalks, or working in a local school building. All work projects we are involved with are done for the local community in the name of the local church we are serving with.

Our outreach will also include an afternoon 4-day children's ministry that our team will be responsible for creating and producing for the children in the community. This ministry will be another opportunity for unchurched children to hear the love of Christ and the truth of the Gospel in a fun, creative, and memorable way.

TYPE OF STUDENT WHO SHOULD APPLY:

This trip is open to any current 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade student who is involved in the HS Crossroads Student Ministries here at Faith Bible Church. This trip is designed for students who are prepared for a higher degree of flexibility, teamwork, patience, and willingness to learn from others in an unpredictable and often changing environment. This trip will require the ability to do outdoor manual labor for 3-4 hours at a time in high temperatures, as well as be able to lift and move various weights and potential building materials without difficulty. Students must show evidence of no recurrent health problems that result in frequent hospitalization.

STAFF TO STUDENT RATIO:

This trip will be led by Eric and 2-3 other adult youth leaders, to be determined. Approximately 20 participants will be on this trip. If necessary, priority will be given to Juniors & Seniors (International trips will be offered again in 2024).

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The team will fly together from Cedar Rapids to San Jose, Costa Rica and will be transported to our housing site. We will be staying in local housing and LeaderTreks will provide our meals on site (except for 1 team meal near the end of the week). Students will be responsible for food preparation, clean up, and household chores, among other responsibilities.

TEACHING:

Students will be involved in a nightly session of praise and worship, along with teaching that will correspond with their morning devotionals. During these nightly small group sessions, students will process what God is teaching them during the week, engage in a time of evaluating our activities of the day, and discuss opportunities for personal growth and accountability.

TO APPLY:

Students must complete and turn in the following:

- √ A completed application with essay answers and all necessary signatures by January 9, 2022.
- √ \$250 non-refundable application deposit

DEADLINES:

- Applications, with \$250 non-refundable deposit, is due Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- 50% of your total trip cost is due in your team account by Sunday, March 6, 2022.
- 100% of your total trip cost is due in your team account by Sunday, June 6, 2022.

Any payments not received by these dates may result in forfeiting your spot on the trip and forfeiting any payments already made for the trip. Additional trip forms will also need to be filled out for LeaderTreks once payments are received and will need to be completed in a timely manner. Failure to complete these in a timely manner may result in forfeiting your spot on the trip and any payments already made.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE, STUDENTS WILL NEED:

- A current US passport or international travel documentation (see deadline on application)
- ✓ Any necessary or required medical shots or immunizations, including any required COVID vaccine requirements, as stated by the Costa Rica Government (consult with your Dr, Center for Disease Control website, and/or Costa Rica government websites for requirements & recommendations). **Beginning January 8, 2022 all visitors to Costa Rica will be required to show proof of being fully-vaccinated in order to be admitted to specific buildings, businesses, and tourism locations.** Note: Our trip will not include visiting places where this is a requirement.
- √ To attend all training meetings

TRAINING MEETINGS:

There will be at least 5 training meetings that the student must attend. These trainings will be approximately 2 hours in length and attendance is required for the duration of each meeting. Meeting dates and times are detailed on a separate sheet.

COST BREAKDOWN:

Total student cost - \$2,000/student. This cost includes LeaderTreks cost, international airfare & 2 checked bags of luggage, local transportation fees, overseas insurance coverage for each participant, work supplies, VBS supplies, and all meals at site (except 1). Any passport and immunization fees are the obligation of the student attending. Students will be responsible for 1 meal on site and 2-3 meals while traveling, along with any snacks, and/or personal purchases they wish to make.

Memphis TN 2022

July 24-31, 2022

Trip level: Mission Ready (level 2)

General Information about the site:

Memphis, TN is where the blues were born. Although home to B.B. King and Elvis, there is still much racial division that exists in the city and is evident in the faces and lives of the people who live there, particularly in the inner city. The area we will be ministering in is considered one of the poorest counties in America, with high levels of poverty, abuse, and neglect. Many people are of different ethnic backgrounds, providing a rich, but challenging environment to live in. Many also lack a solid family structure of a father and mother, leaving grandparents to care for children when the father has left the home and mother is working to meet their financial and physical needs. As a result, most children are left with little hope and promise of life after high school.

Ministry:

Pastor Gary Starbuck and his wife Peggy came to Open Door Bible Church in 1981 and have faithfully served the community there. As one of LeaderTreks' missionary partners in Memphis, they have a deep love and heart for the community, its residents, and the youth that live there. Our team will partner with them and Memphis Athletic Ministries ("MAM") to support their ongoing ministry and outreach in the community to children and students through tangible work projects and a 4-day afternoon children's ministry in or near one of their facilities.

Our specific work projects and details will be determined as we get closer to the dates and may change, depending on the local needs and resources available.

Type of student who should apply:

This trip is open to any current 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade student who is involved in the HS Student Ministries here at Faith Bible Church and is looking for a challenge. Much will be expected from each student who is involved and each student will be challenged and stretched in different ways, but the benefit and rewards will be greater and long-lasting. This trip will require students to do manual labor for 3-4 hours at a time and being able to lift or move various weights and potential building materials without extreme difficulty. Students must show evidence of no recurrent health problems that result in frequent hospitalization.

Staff to Student ratio:

This trip will be led by Eric and 2-3 other adult youth leaders, to be determined. Approximately 20 participants will be on this trip.

Accommodations:

We will drive from Cedar Rapids to Memphis on Sunday, July 24. We will stay at Open Door Bible Church in Memphis, TN and LeaderTreks will be providing all our meals on site, except for 1. Students will assist with food preparation, clean up, and household chores, among other responsibilities. Upon leaving Memphis on Saturday morning, we will spend the day in the Memphis area for a day of fun & team activity. We will spend the night at a hotel, where we will debrief the week together and reflect on what God has taught us through our time of ministry and service together. We will return to Cedar Rapids on Sunday, July 31.

Teaching:

Students will be involved in a nightly session of worship, along with teaching that will correlate with their morning devotionals & trip journals. We will also have nightly small group sessions to help the students process what God is teaching them during the week, a time of evaluating our activities of the day, and opportunities for personal growth and accountability.

To Apply:

Students must complete and turn in the following:

- A completed application with essay answers and all necessary signatures by January 9, 2022.
- \$150 non-refundable application deposit (made payable to Faith Bible Church)

Deadlines:

- Applications, with \$150 non-refundable deposit, are due Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- A second, non-refundable payment of \$150 is due Sunday, March 6, 2022.
- A third, and final, non-refundable payment of \$175 is due **Sunday, June 6, 2022.**

Any payments not received by these dates may result in forfeiting your spot on the trip and forfeiting any payments already made for the trip.

Additional trip forms may need to be filled out for LeaderTreks once payments are received, and will need to be completed in a timely manner. Failure to complete these in a timely manner may result in forfeiting your spot on the trip.

Training meetings:

There will be at least 5 training meetings that the student must attend. These trainings will be approximately 2 hours in length and attendance is required for the duration of each meeting. Meeting dates and times are detailed on a separate sheet.

Cost Breakdown:

Total student cost - \$475/student. This cost includes LeaderTreks registration fees, onsite lodging, transportation, work supplies, VBS supplies, overnight hotel, fees for team activity day, and all meals at the site except for 1. Students will be responsible for 1 meal on site and 4 meals while traveling to and from Memphis, along with any snacks, and/or personal purchases they wish to make.

COSTA RICA 2022

JUNE 26 - JULY 3, 2022

TRIP LEVEL: INTENSE IMPACT (LEVEL 3)



TRAINING DATES & TIMES:

There will be a minimum of 5 training meetings & 2 combined team cookouts that each student is asked to attend. These trainings will be approximately 2 hours in length and attendance is required for the duration of every meeting. The team will meet for a time of teaching, group interaction, discussion, and planning for various aspects of our ministry. Each student is expected to make arrangements in advance to ensure they are able to be in attendance at each meeting. Meeting times and dates are listed below. All meetings will be held at church unless otherwise listed:

Sunday, February 6 1:00-3:00pm

Sunday, March 6 1:00-3:00pm

Sunday, April 3 1:00-3:00pm

Sunday, April 24 1:00-3:00pm

May Team Training Day: TBD (to be finalized as a team)

Sunday, June 5 1:00-3:00pm

Thursday, June 23 5pm @ FBC - Combined Mission Trip Teams: BBQ Cookout & Prayer Time

Thursday, July 21 5pm @ FBC - Combined Mission Trip Teams: BBQ Cookout & Prayer Time

Any additional dates or times for team training meetings or events will be communicated in advance at training meetings.

Memphis TN 2022

July 24-31, 2022

Trip level: Mission Ready (level 2)



Training Dates & Times:

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Sunday, March 6 3:30-5:30pm

Sunday, April 3 3:30-5:30pm

Sunday, April 24 3:30-5:30pm

May Team Training Day: TBD (to be finalized as a team)

Sunday, June 5 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday, June 23 5pm @ FBC - Combined Mission Trip Teams: BBQ Cookout & Prayer Time

Sunday, July 10 1:00-3:00pm (Note the time change from previous trainings)

Thursday, July 21 5pm @ FBC - Combined Mission Trip Teams: BBQ Cookout & Prayer Time

Any additional dates or times for team training meetings or events will be communicated in advance at training meetings.