

LA DREAM CENTER

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Dream Center 2019

I. Where are we going?

We will be traveling to Los Angeles, CA to an organization called the Dream Center.

II. When are we going?

Our dates at the Dream Center are July 29th – August 4th. Depending on how you travel and you're plans after our time at the Dream Center, your stay could be longer.

The youth ministry will be arriving in Los Angeles Monday, July 29th and leaving Tuesday, August 6th.

III. Who is able to go on this trip?

This trip is designed so that families can attend together. Our desire is that we provide an opportunity for you as a family to experience the mission field together. The Dream Center requires that students must be at least 15 years old to attend without a parent. Also, because of the nature of the outreaches, the Dream Center does not allow students under the age of 12 to attend at all. Here is a breakdown for clarification:

- **Ages 12-14** must be accompanied with a parent.
- **Ages 15+** are allowed to travel without a parent.

IV. What organization are we working with?

We will be working with an organization called the Dream Center.

<http://www.dreamcenter.org>

A. The History of the Dream Center

Founded in 1994, The Dream Center is a volunteer-driven organization that finds and fills the needs of over **80,000 individuals and families each month**.

We do this through mobile hunger relief and medical programs, residential rehabilitation programs adults, a shelter for victims of human trafficking, transitional housing for homeless families, foster care intervention programs, job skills training, life skills, counseling, basic education, Bible studies and more. We work to meet people where they are at, to bring them hope and a way off the streets.

We're also equipping others to serve. The Dream Center's record of success has attracted urban missionaries and Christian leaders from across the U.S. and the world. As they volunteer with us, they gain insight and skills that they can take back to their own communities.

In this way, **more than 100 independent Dream Centers have been launched** nationally, as well as internationally. Many more churches and ministries have become more effective as we teach those who give their time and talent to do what we do. Many who once needed our services also go on to help others.

V. How will we get there?

How you decide to travel will determine how you get down there. Our desire is to provide two options so that families can come on this trip. If you decide to travel with the church, as a group, we will take the church vans and drive from Longview to L.A.

However, if you are taking your family, you may find it more cost effective or convenient to provide your own transportation (AKA: Flying or driving yourself). We just ask that you be at the Dream Center the evening of *Monday, July 29th*.

Any youth (Ages 15+) not going with their parents **MUST** travel with the Youth Ministry. They cannot travel with others another way on the trip.

VI. What is the Cost of the trip?

The trip is set up two different ways. The first way is for families to travel with the church the entire time, however, if you are taking other members of your family and want to drive down yourself; we have a separate cost for you.

A. Church Cost: \$925.00 (Deposit of \$100.00 per person by Feb 1, 2019)

B. Travel Yourself: \$479.00 (Deposit of \$100.00 per person by Feb 1, 2019)

a. If traveling yourself, you will need to cover the following costs:

i. Plane Ticket if flying (Roughly \$200).

ii. Gas if driving separately.

iii. Car rental if flying.

iv. Travel Day expenses.

v. Free day at Disneyland if you wish to join us on August 5 (\$99-\$180).

vi. If joining for our free day, you will need to book a hotel stay the night of Sunday and Monday after our week at the Dream Center.

VII. What does that cost include and exclude?

A. Church Cost Includes

- a.** Gas
- b.** Food while in L.A.
- c.** Lodging while in L.A.
- d.** Ministry Supplies while in L.A.
- e.** Mission Trip Insurance
- f.** Travel day expenses
- g.** Free Day at Disneyland

B. Travel Yourself Cost Includes

- a.** Food while at the Dream Center
- b.** Lodging while at the Dream Center
- c.** Ministry Supplies while in LA
- d.** Mission Trip Insurance

VIII. How will we eat?

Three meals per day are provided once we get to the Dream Center. You will be responsible for covering all meal costs on travel days to and from the Dream Center if your family is not traveling with the youth ministry. It is important to prepare each youth to understand they will need to eat the food that is served to them. It is considered rude to not eat what is given and we want to make sure we don't come across as thinking we are better than them.

IX. What are the standards for the trip? (i.e. dress code, conduct...)

- Be on time for all meals, work details, ministry areas, church services, travel times, and all other events.
- Use the Buddy System. Because you're traveling as a family you will be responsible for your son or daughter on this trip. You will be responsible for getting them to where they need to be, knowing their whereabouts at all times, and making sure they're following the rest of the standards for the trip.
- DO NOT bring any weapons with you on the trip.
- Drink a minimum of 48 ozs of water a day.
 - Bring a water bottle with your name on it.
- Do not leave the Dream Center without letting the leader of the trip know.
- Wear socks at all times during scheduled ministry times.
- Tank tops are NOT permitted (Modest shorts are OK).
- You should wear hats and sun lotion in the sun.
- Be polite and considerate of others.
- NO smoking while on the trip.
- Come prepared to serve and share God's love to others.
- Finally, we ask that everything we do during our scheduled ministry time we do together as a team. After dinners there will be free time throughout the week that your family will have the opportunity to explore LA separate from the group. We just ask that your family is back at the Dream Center before lights out.

X. Payment Plan

Detailed below is a payment plan to help you navigate budgeting for your family. The following dates are when money must be turned in by. Please contact Levi Sturgeon at the church office at (360) 578-2424 if for any reason your family is unable to make one of these payments but is still interested in going.

February 1st - \$100 per person attending the trip will be due.

April 28th - 50% of the total cost of your family will be due. *(At this point, all money given will be non-refundable except in extreme emergency situations. The reason is we have to send a non-refundable check to the Dream Center reserving our spot the very next day.)*

June 30th – 75% of the total cost of your family will be due.

July 21st – The remainder of the total cost of your family will be due.

XI. Fundraising

There are a number of ways your student can raise money to attend the Dream Center Missions Trip. Here are a couple ways the Youth Ministry will provide opportunities for your teenager:

1. Letter to family and friends.
2. Participating in “Pink Flamingoes” during the month of April.
3. Participating in “Grill Fest” during the month of May.

More details will be given about these events at our informational meeting.

XII. What do I need to bring?

- ☐ A good attitude
- ☐ A prayed up person
- ☐ Your bible
- ☐ Notepad and pen
- ☐ Sleeping Bag
- ☐ Plastic Bag with name on it
- ☐ A small pillow if you need it
- ☐ Close Toed shoes for outreaches
- ☐ Flip Flops for the shower
- ☐ Something warm to sleep in
- ☐ Personal hygiene items – Don’t forget a hat and sunscreen!
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Body Wash
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Hair supplies
- ☐ Ladies, be sure to bring enough feminine products for the length of the trip. Even if you are not expecting to begin your monthly cycle, plan ahead because trips like this can cause the female body to start early.
- ☐ 2 Towels and 1 wash cloth
- ☐ Offerings for church
- ☐ Spending money for free day
- ☐ Cameras or video

XIII. What will the sleeping arrangements be?

We will be staying at the Dream Center. The grounds of the Dream Center take up a city block and have dormitory style bedrooms within the property, which people will be split up to stay in the rooms while we are there.

We’ll do our best to make sure families are placed together as much as possible, however, realize that this is not a hotel and we’re on a mission trip; which means we must be flexible.

XIV. What will we be doing while there?

We will be doing a variety of ministry while at the Dream Center, however, we will not be nailing down the details of what we will be doing the week we are there until it gets closer to the trip. Below is a tentative schedule of what our week at the Dream Center could look like:

Tentative Schedule From the Dream Center

Monday (Check-in Day)

Arrive at the Dream Center between the hours of 12:00-3:30pm. The orientation/tour will begin at 4:00pm and will go until 5:15pm. Dinner will be served right after and then the evening is free to have individual team meeting.

Tuesday - Wednesday

7.00am Breakfast

8.30am Ministry Assignments

12.00pm Lunch

12:30-1.00 Ministry Assignment

5.00pm Dinner Evening is free

Thursday

7.00am Breakfast

8.30-9.00am Ministry Assignment

12.00pm Lunch

12.30-1.00 Ministry Assignment

5.00pm Dinner

5.15pm Bus Ministry (optional)

6.00pm Kid's Zone worker

7.00pm Service at Angelus Temple

Friday

7.00am Breakfast

8.45am Team Debrief Meeting

12.00pm Lunch

12.30-1.00 Ministry Assignment

5.00pm Dinner

6.00pm Dream Street/Skid Row Outreach or Jonah Project/Skid Row Outreach

Saturday

7.30-8:30am Breakfast

9.15am-1:30pm Adopt-A-Block

3.30-4:30pm Dinner

Sunday (Check-out Day)

7.00am Breakfast

9.15am Bus Ministry

9.00am Service at Angelus Temple

11.00am Service at Angelus

1.30pm Lunch

6.30pm Dinner