



Student Ministries Short-Term Missionary Application

Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____
 (As it appears on your birth certificate)

Passport # _____ Date of Birth _____

Which mission trip are you applying for? _____

If applying for more than one trip, please list the order of preference.

I. Personal Testimony (please type and attach to the application)

Order your testimony according to the following outline:

1. **“Before I Knew Christ, I lived and thought this way.”**
 Share your background spiritually; what you thought of God, what things characterized your life, etc.
2. **“How I received Christ”**
 Share how you heard the gospel and how you came to understand it for the first time and received it for yourself. You may want to clear up misconceptions you had about what a Christian was. Incorporate the plan of salvation into this part of your testimony so that those listening can learn how they also can be saved.
3. **“After receiving Christ, my life changed...”**
 Share how your thoughts about God, yourself, life, the Bible, etc. have changed since your salvation. Talk about how God is presently working in your life to make you more like Christ.

II. Personal Information

(To be completed with input from and discussion with your parents)

1. Why do you want to go on this trip? To which aspect(s) of the trip are you most looking forward?

2. Do you have specific areas in your spiritual life in which you want to see growth as a result of serving this summer in missions? What areas?

3. What abilities, spiritual gifts, and interests do you have that will help the mission team on the trip? What contributions can you make that will help the overall ministry of our team?

4. In which area(s) of ministry would you like to serve on the trip? (e.g. music, skits, games, crafts, construction, cleaning, cooking, etc). Do you have a desire to take leadership in a certain area of ministry on the trip?

5. How are you currently doing spiritually? Why? How do you plan to prepare yourself spiritually for the mission trip?

6. Do you consistently spend time reading God's Word and praying to Him? Is your study of God's Word part of your school curriculum, or is it something that you are doing on your own?

How consistently are you spending time in reading the Bible and in prayer? (e.g. three times a week for 15 minutes per day)

What are you studying?

What are you learning?

7. In what areas of your life are you most like Christ? How have you demonstrated this? In what areas of your life are you least like Christ? Why?

8. Are there any attitudes or behavioral patterns that would potentially cause conflict on the trip, with either youth leaders or fellow students? Please explain.
9. How can we as your youth leaders be specifically praying for you as you prepare for the trip?

10. What ministries (other than Student Ministries) are you currently serving in at BCLR? (e.g. Choir, Care Group Childcare, AWANA, etc.) What ministries or service projects are you involved in outside of BCLR?

11. What service projects have you already completed that would fulfill one of the service requirements for this trip? (Service must have been completed between August 2009 to present).

International Friendship Partner's Picnic _____

Reformation Celebration _____ Thanksgiving Eve Nursery _____

Detention Center Gift Bags _____ Marine Care Packages _____

Other (Please list) _____

12. In your mind, what are the greatest challenges that will face you concerning Summer Missions? (e.g. raising support, health issues, relational issues, boldness in sharing the gospel).

13. Do you have any health conditions that we need to be aware of on the trip?

14. Are you confident in your knowledge of the gospel so that you are comfortable sharing your faith with someone else?
15. What previous mission trips have you participated in with BCLR Student Ministries? What mission trip with groups other than BCLR?

III. Personal Commitment (simply mark with a check)

_____ I understand that I am representing Christ and the Bible Church of Little Rock on this mission trip, and will conduct myself in a manner worthy of His name

_____ I agree to complete three service projects as a requirement for going on the trip

_____ I agree to attend all the team training sessions and team fund-raisers in preparation for the trip

_____ I will faithfully attend BCLR Student Ministries and corporate worship services

Signed (Student) _____ Date _____

IV. Parental Commitment (To Be Completed By the Parents of the Applicant)

1. Do you believe that your son/daughter is spiritually ready to minister on a short-term mission trip? (i.e. Do you believe that they give a credible profession of faith in Christ and live a life that reflects that profession? Do you believe that they have the spiritual maturity and spiritual commitment to represent and share the gospel well? Do you believe that they are going for the right reasons and motives?

2. Is your child exhibiting a desire to grow spiritually through: (1) consistent personal devotions; (2) regular attendance at church worship services and youth group meetings; (3) involvement in opportunities for service to others or in evangelism of others? In what areas of your child's life are they most like Christ? How have they demonstrated this? In what areas of your child's life are they least like Christ? Why?

3. Are there any attitudes or behavioral patterns that would potentially cause conflict on the trip, with either youth leaders or fellow students? Please explain. Based upon their submissiveness to your authority in the home, how do you believe that they will respond to the authority of the youth leaders while on the trip?

In light of the above questions, do you recommend your child's participation on the trip:

_____ Without reservations.

_____ With reservations. Please list:

_____ Do not recommend at this time.

I will work with my son/daughter to ensure that they fulfill the above requirements and attend the training meetings and fund-raisers. I will discuss the questions listed in this application with my son/daughter and if necessary, meet with the youth pastor and trip leader to discuss any issues or concerns.

I desire a "Parent/Youth Pastor" conference to discuss my child's spiritual health:

Yes _____ No _____

Signed _____ Date _____