

THE ROCK OUTREACH CENTER

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MISSIONS TEAM GENERAL INFORMATION

VISITING TEAM

Each ministry team that comes must have one person (or couple) who will assume responsibility and leadership for the team. Leadership sent from the church must have the endorsement of the senior pastor, ministry director, or elder board.

The main areas of responsibility for the team leader include the internal pastoral and administrative needs of the whole team, while on the mission trip. Leaders must be sure to have the *Medical Release Forms* for each minor in their group at all times- a notebook works well!

Your group should consist of members from your church- Youth and Adults who you know and who know you. It has been our experience that for most Jr. High kids the ministry is often too intense. Exceptions can be made at the leaders discretion if the young person displays and active interest in evangelism and missions or is with a parent.

THE STAFF HERE AT THE ROCK

Our goal is to provide the best atmosphere possible for a great inter-city experience. We try to minister through our lives, devotion and messages. For this reason, we feel strongly that your group must come prepared to ministered to as well as through.

It has been our experience that God will minister to those who set themselves apart to minister for Him, and come hungry to learn more about Him. Your group should come bathed in prayer, with a servant's heart and an attitude worthy of the calling.

MINISTRY DECISIONS

As ministry arrangements are set up, The Rock Outreach Center will retain the authority to determine the best way your team could further the work of the Lord on this missions trip in our community. We will work closely with you to find out your specific ministry needs. We try hard to hear and act on the needs and concerns of the leaders to make you stay a pleasant one!

CULTURE SHOCK

When missionaries arrive at their new place of ministry, frequently there are periods of "culture shock" which can lead to discouragement and disillusionment. Although you will not be on the field very long, you can be adversely affected by what you see, especially if you or any member of the team has had family members with drug or alcohol addictions!

Remember we are their guests. Let's respect and remain sensitive to our brothers and sisters on the streets or who are in housing projects. We are their church.

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

All team members must be in reasonably good health. Those who have prescription medications, or are otherwise under the care of a physician, must have written authorization from their physician and must consult with the team leader.

It is in our best interest to report any injury however slight, or illness to your team leader immediately. If in the event one of your youth needs medical attention, one of our staff will take the injured leader or sponsor with them. NOTE: Each team should bring a first aid kit, i.e. aspirin, bandages, Imodium, etc...

WHAT TO BRING LIST:

CLOTHING

- Five sets of mix and match casual outfits/T-shirts, basketball shorts, cargo shorts (Girls-all shorts must be knee length)
- Underwear and socks
- Sleep wear
- Comfortable shoes you wouldn't mind getting "ruffed-up"/ closed toe shoes for all street ministry

BATHROOM SUPPLIES

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Brush/comb
- Toothbrush/paste
- Towels and washcloths
- Sunscreen
- Any other needs

BEDDING - TWIN SIZE BUNK BEDS

- A light sleeping bag/sheets
- Pillow

STREET MINISTRY NEEDS!

- 1 pair of work gloves per person
- 1 can of bug spray per person

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DON'T FORGET!

- Bible, notebook, pen, personal diary or journal
- All minors must have medical release form

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- The girls need to dress conservatively
- We strongly discourage any boyfriend/girlfriend relationship while here on the outreach. The outreach will be so full there won't be time for the distraction of dating
- Keep in mind that during your stay here the temperature will be HOT & HUMID, so dress accordingly and drink lots of liquids.
- We will have an itinerary planned out and it will be very full. Everyone should be prepared to keep very busy and to be on time!!

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Most likely you've received a "What to Bring List" before. You've packed everything it said to bring plus a whole suitcase full of "just a few extras" that you might need. Experience tells us that a "What Not to Bring List" might better assist you in packing. Sleeping quarters are tight enough without you bringing too much "stuff."

- Don't bring more than one large suitcase. This will hold everything if you heed to the rest of the advice listed below.
 - Don't bring enough soap, shampoo, etc for the whole team.
 - Don't bring a different pair of shoes for every day.
 - Don't bring an abundance of snack food. No Food in Dorm Rooms. Drinks with screw top lids only.
 - Don't bring a loud windup alarm clock. You will have people sleeping close to you.
 - Don't bring water guns, skateboards, or games. (Your extra time should be for devotion, reflection and prayer.)
 - Don't bring expensive cameras. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
 - All I pods/phones will be left at the church when we are out doing ministry outreaches.
 - Don't bring any revealing clothes. (Such as tight jeans, skirts, short shorts, low cut shirts etc)
- We will be working on the streets and the street people have a very strong opinion of how the church people should represent Christ.

LEADERS ORIENTATION

1. Please help make sure your group is drinking enough water and eating properly. Many times the kids fill up on junk food and sodas and they are not use to the intense heat of South Texas.
2. We ask that there be no dating relationships among your group while they are here. It will distract them from

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receiving what the Lord wants to do in their lives.

3. Take note of the schedule when you arrive and emphasize to your group the importance of promptness. This includes lights out.
4. Upon arrival you will receive a cleaning schedule for the kitchen and bathrooms please help us cover this.
5. Please take note of the dress code: no low cut tops, tank tops, or sagging pants.
6. Take showers in the morning or before lights out in the evening please mop up when you are finished.
7. Group breakdowns are times set aside for you and your group to reflect on what the Lord is doing.
8. If your group has dramas already prepared. Let us know upon arrival.
9. Please pastor your group the entire time you are here. This is not meant to be a vacation for you.
10. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
11. You will be issued a key upon arrival. (Please Be Responsible and Return when Finished)

HOW TO PREPARE

There are many things that you can do before your missions trip begins, to help your group get the most from their experience. We suggest that you involve as many of your team members as possible in the preparation and discipleship. Following is a list of suggestions that we have heard leaders use in the past.

1. Have an application. Ask for a personal references, and follow- up on these people. You can require a short report on a topic such as: What it means to be born again, what is God's heart for missions, or a topic of your own.
2. Require students to attend a weekly discipleship class one or two days each week.
3. Have a day each week for teens to do service for the church such as cleaning, painting, or lawn work.
4. Have special prayer services for the trip including prayer points such as:
 - a. God will speak to your hearts while here.
 - b. God will provide all finances needed.
 - c. You will be a blessing to the people you will encounter.
 - d. Divine appointments
- c. Traveling Mercies
5. Require Bible reading/memorization
6. Begin to notice the homeless in your area-pray for them.

Sincerely:

Pastor Phillip Baugh

AUTHORIZATION OF CONSENT

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AUTHORIZATION OF CONSENT TO TREATMENT TO A MINOR THE ROCK OUTREACH CENTER, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Name of Minor(s) _____, _____, _____

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) authorize medical treatment of the above named minor(s), to include, without limitation, x-ray examination, anesthesia, medical, dental, or surgical examination of a life threatening emergency or danger of serious permanent injury resulting from delay of treatment need to be made under this authorization. The possession of this authorization by an adult church leader is evidence that the leader has care and control of the above Minor(s).

I will indemnify and hold harmless from any expenses or claims of any nature any entity which provides or causes to provide examination, treatment, first aid or hospital care pursuant to this authorization and conditionally agree to make or cause to be made, by assignment of third party benefits or otherwise, full and complete payment for such examination, treatment, first aid or hospital care.

I am the person having the power to consent to this authorization. This authorization shall remain in effect for as long as the minor(s) is involved in this church activity. All blanks of this authorization were filled in before I signed this authorization.

Signature: _____

Relation to the above Minor(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone:() _____,

Cell Phone:() _____

Minor(s) _____ is, _____ is not covered with medical insurance. If Yes:

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Family Physician's Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Pediatrician's Name: _____ Phone#: _____

List the Minor's name, birthday, allergies, last tetanus and any medical problems:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Each minor **MUST** have this form signed by his/her **PARENT** or **LEGAL GUARDIAN** and must be turned into the leader.

NOTARY PUBLIC: _____ DATE: _____