



SEFC STUDENT MINISTRY MISSIONS TRIP 2017 INFORMATION PACKET & APPLICATION

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Thanks for your interest in our student ministry's 2017 missions trip to Pawleys Island, SC. Included in this packet is information regarding the trip, trip requirements, and fundraising information. Please read over this information carefully before filling out the application.

WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR THE TRIP?

July 30*-August 5

It is possible that we would begin driving to SC on July 29

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

We are partnering with an organization called LeaderTreks (www.leadertreks.org) which is a Christian organization committed to youth missions and developing students into leaders.

This trip is for you IF:

- You want to develop as a **LEADER**
- You want to see **LIVES CHANGED**
- You want to be seriously **CHALLENGED**
- You want to genuinely **SERVE OTHERS**

Pawleys Island, located off the coast of South Carolina, is something special. The LeaderTreks base camp is located 5 minutes from the water's edge. Yet in the middle of this vacation paradise is a broken community. For many years, racial division has been ignored as the community has enjoyed a growing and expanding economy. *Unfortunately, there only seems to be one community benefiting from all the growth: the affluent white community. As Pawleys continues to grow and expand, so does the division between the white and African-American communities.*

WHAT WILL WE DO THERE?

During the day, we will have the chance to work in the African-American community to minister to at-risk kids and vulnerable families by partnering with a ministry aimed at breaking the cycle of generational poverty. Our team will be involved in children's outreach in the community through VBS programs as well as doing a variety of work projects including carpentry work, painting, trash removal, and landscaping.

WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

We will be staying at Pawleys Island Community Church with separate sleeping quarters for guys and girls. Students will sleep on the floor on an air mattress or sleeping pad and will be able to utilize showering facilities daily. A complete packing list will be provided for everyone.

WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE?

That's an interesting question because **STUDENTS** are the ones who will be doing the food prep and cooking each day! LeaderTreks puts a high emphasis on student leadership and believes very strongly in putting students in a position to grow and lead.

REQUIREMENTS:

We believe that doing "missions work" is a way of life for a Christian. We desire to see students who not only know how to serve Jesus away from home but also at home! This is why we require students to be actively involved in our ministry and be regularly serving others in some capacity in preparation for the trip. We often say: If you can't serve people here at home, you're not ready to serve people anywhere else. In fact, we believe it is detrimental to a student's spiritual growth to only "do missions" when you go on a missions trip. Our goal is to see students who serve Jesus everywhere life takes them!

To that end, here are the requirements for this trip:

- Must be in grades 9-12
- Must be an active participant in our student ministry who attends at least 50% of activities per month (this includes and can be a combination of Life Groups and Sunday nights)
- Must participate in team fundraisers (see section on fundraisers for details!)
- Must attend team training meetings which will be held before or after youth group on Sunday nights (dates will be announced soon)
- Must be involved in regularly serving others in some capacity (4Real, nursery, Junior High ministry, worship team, setup/cleanup, audio/visual, etc.)

FUNDRAISING:

We will do 3 main fundraisers as a team:

(1) SUPPORT LETTERS: Each student will send out at least 15 financial support letters to people outside of our church.

(2) "WALL O' MONEY"

(3) GOLF CLASSIC: obtain sponsors, help plan, and host our annual golf outing on June 6th. Individuals can conduct other personal fundraisers with prior approval from Tom.

COST:

The cost for this missions trip will be \$750 per person.

***It's possible that a student may fall short of raising the full amount so in those cases, we would ask that parents pay the balance.**

WHAT TO DO NOW?

1. Pray about your potential involvement and how God is working in your heart to participate.
2. Read through this information packet and be sure that you meet the expectations and requirements for this trip.
3. Fill out the application form and submit a deposit of \$75 by March 12. The deposit will be applied toward the total cost of the trip.

COMMITMENTS:

- _____ I am an active participant in SEFC's student ministry and attend at least 50% of activities per month (Life Groups and/or Sunday nights).
- _____ I will actively participate in team fundraisers (see section on fundraisers for details!)
- _____ I will attend team meetings.
- _____ I am involved with/or will be involved with regularly serving others in some capacity in 2017.

(Signature)

DEPOSIT: \$75

Complete this application and deposit payment of \$75 by March 12th.

Download "Participant Release Packet" and fill out completely and turn in by March 12th.