

Why go? There are many reasons to be a part of a mission team. My first response is that it will change your perspective. Serving others gives you the opportunity to share out of your abundance. Regardless of your current financial position, you are blessed to have this opportunity. Getting out of your current situation and seeing the needs of others, will provide you with a broader world view. The world is a much bigger place than Central Indiana.

Secondly, we have the opportunity to be the hands & feet of Jesus to someone else. Jesus gave us a great example of putting others before himself. We need to follow that example by offering up our time & physical abilities to others. We can share about what Christ has done in our lives.

Also, serving with others grows you. It grows your friendships, it grows you spiritually, it grows your understanding of the body of Christ. We have this unique time to be a team & to do something bigger than ourselves.

Lastly, yes...being a part of the mission team gets you away from home for a week. The mission trip comes the last week of July: summer is almost over, you'll have done all you want to do, you'll be getting bored of the same old things, you'll be ready to be away from your home for a week! (Hey, the people you live with may even be ready to be away from you for a week!) All kidding aside, what a thing to write about for your 'What I did over summer break' assignment. You can say, 'I changed the world for the better!' That's an A paper for sure!



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About Kansas City: Kansas City, located in northwest Missouri, began as a trading post in 1821 when Missouri was admitted to the Union. Francois Chouteau from St. Louis came up the Missouri River and opened a trading post. Chouteau and several other French families who joined him began the first non-Indiana settlement in Kansas City. Named after the Kansa Indians who inhabited the area, its position on the Missouri River led to trade dominance and also was once one of the world's major cattle markets. Today, the city is home to over 450,000 residents, making it the 36th largest city in the country and the 13th largest in land area. The city boasts more fountains—over 2000—than anywhere but Rome and more boulevards than anywhere but Paris. The city also is a hotbed of jazz music and award-winning barbecues. A closer look at the metropolitan community, however, reveals some trouble spots. Federal statistics show 17.4 percent of residents live below the poverty level. Community development groups have several initiatives underway to make Kansas City a healthier community, both socially & economically.

What You Will Be Doing: We'll be partnering with established local ministries and programs that seek to address the very basic needs of residents. We will be serving at places like: homeless shelters, thrift stores, elderly care centers & with children's programs. Our exact assignments will come upon arrival, but we know God will put where we can be used for His glory.

We'll also have a little time for fun! Our evening activities could include: visiting the Jazz

Departing: July 25 at 8:00am

Returning: July 31 at approx. 7:00pm

Cost: \$175 Fundraisers are forthcoming!

What To Expect: You will be spending 4 days serving God. We'll work hard helping share the love of Christ to this community. We'll have some fun. We'll grow together as a team, we'll be stretched physically, emotionally & spiritually. This isn't a vacation. You are expected to come with a servant's heart willing to do the work required.

What Is Expected Of You: You need to complete the attached signup and return with a \$50 deposit. With this signup you are committing to attend the trip. If for any reason, you cannot attend you are financially responsible for the total cost of your trip registration \$158 (unless someone takes your place).

You are expected to attend pre trip team training meetings. These will be on March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14 & July 21, 2010. You are asked to prepare your heart to serve which includes regular Sunday morning worship attendance. Being an active participant in regularly scheduled age specific ministry programming is also highly encouraged.

Forms Due No Later Than: March 10, 2010 with \$50 deposit.

**It is a student ministry policy that financial concerns not be a deterrent to attendance in ministry trips/events. If your student would like to attend, but you have

I, _____ commit to serving God on the "More" Jr. High Missions Trip to Kansas City, MO. I have prayerfully considered this and feel that God is calling me to be a part of this experience. I commit to attending all meetings, fundraisers and training meetings leading up to the trip. I understand that committing to serve God will require me to prepare myself prior to leaving for the trip by attending Church, Sunday School, The Refinery and G.P.S. Bible Study on a regular basis. I understand that by signing this I am also financially responsible for my portion of the trip.

Student signature & date

As the parent of _____, I commit to helping my child prepare for this mission opportunity in every way possible. Our family will assist our student in making this mission trip a priority by seeing that he/she attends meetings, fundraisers and training meetings leading up to the trip. I realize that part of the spiritual preparation is regular attendance at Church, Sunday School, The Refinery and G.P.S. Bible Study. I also agree to help my student meet the financial requirements of this trip.

Parent/guardian signature & date

- There is a medical release already on file.
- I have attached a medical release (available online)
- As a parent, I am stepping out to be a member of the adult team for this trip. (God bless you!)

- \$125 is enclosed
- Please take \$125 from my student's account