



2012 Youth Mission Team Leader Application (Due November 20th, 2011)

What is a Youth Mission Team Leader?

The Youth Mission Team Leaders will seek God's direction in making important decisions regarding the 2012 Youth Mission Team. Their primary responsibilities are to be in prayer throughout the process, offering their time, energy, creativity, and support to their team, they will:

- Explore and research mission trip opportunities.
- Prayerfully come to a decision on who we will serve alongside, location and date of trip, and present this proposal to session on behalf of the Youth Committee.
- Recruit team members (students and adult leaders).
- Oversee, plan team-building exercises, including a retreat.
- Exhibit leadership in helping plan and coordinate fundraisers.
- Serve as a leader on the mission trip, including meetings and group time.

What is the Youth Mission Team?

The purpose of the Youth Mission Team ministry is to equip, companion and encourage students and adult leaders to mature as Christians in our service to God and our neighbor. The Youth Mission Team offers a sacred space and a purposeful task for the church family, youth and adults, to be encountered by the living God, to encounter one another, our neighbor, and ourselves in a new way. It is a mission trip, but more importantly, it is a transformative experience that shapes how we view God in our world.

- Through our participation in the trip, we are obeying the Call of Christ, what Jesus called the second greatest commandment "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31) and what is commonly referred to as the Great Commission "Go, make disciples of *all* nations, initiating them into the Life/Truth of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have revealed to you" (Paraphrase of Matthew 28:19-20)
- We are *separating* ourselves from our comfortable routines, habits, and relationships at home, and intentionally putting ourselves into a new situation in which we become stretched. And as our walls and defenses come down, we must *learn* (root of disciple) to *trust* in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen One. We are called to trust Him with our time, energy, and resources, to trust Him to provide all our needs financially, physically, emotionally. We are called to trust Him, the One who sends us and goes with us into another culture, and to *know* the truth of His promise "I am with you always, even to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Application Process:

This application will be used in part to assess your readiness to serve as a Youth Mission Team Leader. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their maturity, motivation, desire to serve, and willingness to grow and learn. All of the information given will be kept in strict confidentiality. Please fill out this application honestly and prayerfully.

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Name: _____

Grade in School: _____ **School Attending:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

- 1) Why do you want to be involved in the leadership of the 2012 Youth Mission Team?**
- 2) Describe who Jesus Christ is to you personally. In what ways do you desire your faith in Christ and your spiritual life to grow and develop?**
- 3) Describe a time of conflict in a relationship or personal struggle through which you grew as a person. What did you learn about yourself?**
- 4) Read Philippians 2:1-11**
 - **What does this passage teach us about servant leadership?**
 - **What will your leadership look like on the Youth Mission Team. Give examples.**
 - **What will be the most difficult part of being a YMT leader for you?**
 - **If you have been a YMT leader before, how do you hope to grow on this trip?**
- 5) What impact would you like to witness and participate in on the 2012 Youth Mission Trip? What change in the youth group? In the YMT? In those we serve? What transformation would you like to experience in yourself?**
- 6) What other commitments do you plan on having this Winter, Spring , and Summer of 2007, that might conflict with your commitment to the Youth Mission Team?**

This YMT leader application is ALSO your application to be on the YMT. Please read the Youth Mission Team Covenant. Consider each item carefully before you sign it and have a parent read and sign it. If you have any questions, or need clarification, don't hesitate to call me at church 303-798-8485 or on my cell phone 303-319-9464.

WHAT'S NEXT? - IMPORTANT!!

Preparation for an international mission trip begins NOW! The following steps need to be attended as soon as possible to make sure everyone is as informed and safe as possible:

- 1) **Do you have a VALID PASSPORT?** You will NOT be able to fly internationally without a passport. Passports can be somewhat expensive and take several months to APPLY FOR or RENEW so please begin the process if your youth's passport has expired.

For more information, visit: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>

- 2) Are your required **VACCINATIONS up to date?** Each family is responsible to make sure each youth on the mission team is up to date on any and all vaccinations required by CDC for Costa Rica.

For more information, visit: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/costa-rica.htm>

- 3) Experience Mission **TEAM APPLICATION online!** You will receive information to apply online. You will be asked for your INSURANCE INFORMATION. If you do not have insurance, EM recommends good and relatively inexpensive TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Any questions? Please call me at 303-319-9464 or email me at matt@gracecolorado.com

2012 Youth Mission Team Covenant - This is an important commitment, so please give each of the following standards below careful thought before you make any decisions. Especially important will be our training sessions & team retreat. They will be vital for you to attend; because of this, they need to be a high priority in your life. This covenant is something between you, God, and the mission team. This covenant is an important first step to growing your faith, serving others, and creating strong and healthy friendships.

Before the Trip:

- 1) Go to God in prayer in the months leading up to the trip. I will try to grow as much as I can in the time before the trip.
- 2) I will attend ALL required meetings and training sessions, the Fundraiser(s) and Team Retreat. If an emergency arises I will let the team know in WRITING when I need to be gone no less than ONE MONTH in advance. Missing more than one fundraiser, meeting, or training, or the Team Retreat may result in a forfeiture of your spot on the trip (except for very good reason discussed between parents and pastor).
 - This includes attending fundraising, planning and devotional meetings, the YMT retreat, and YMT Sunday after the trip. Not only will I be at the meetings physically, I will also engage myself and contribute to discussions. (It's a good idea to bring paper, a pencil, your calendar, your bible, and any paperwork from the previous meeting to the meetings.)
- 3) Know what I am getting myself into. This is a big time commitment. I will work hard before and during the trip. (But it will also be amazingly fun too :P)
- 4) Make responsible decisions everywhere in my life. WWJD?
 - You must communicate with the YMT about any issues you are having; we want to support you. But you should also know that if something serious happens (alcohol, drugs, violence, etc.) you can and will be asked to leave the team.
- 5) I will reach out to the other team members; work to get to know everyone on a deeper level. This means I will cooperate and communicate with my team members; we are all in this together.

On the Trip:

- 6) Be proactive! Seek out ways you can be helpful, and carry out all tasks, however frustrating and challenging, with a thankful heart. All we ask for is your own personal best. Use your talents and work as a team with others to achieve bigger results.
- 7) Be polite and considerate of other's needs. I will respect my elders and team members.
 - This also involves including ALL members of the team and eliminating cliques. Put your differences aside, and you will make some incredible friendships in this process.
 - Be willing to learn from and listen to all members of the team. Hear and appreciate everybody's ideas and contributions.
- 8) Represent our church, religion, and location responsibly. Respect the customs and rules of my hosts. I understand that my actions in public reflect on others. Display your own personal faith through your actions. Be a leader through example.

Youth Signature

Parent Signature

Date