

Brentwood Neighborhood Church

Rancho Santa Marta Mission Trip

Feb 19-25, 2022

Information Packet

SCHEDULE – VERY IMPORTANT!

Sun. Dec. 5	Deadline for \$130 deposit due-adults
Sun. Dec.5	BNC- Team Training Meeting #1 -7pm
Sun. Dec. 26	Deadline for youth payment of \$130
Sun. Dec. 31	Deadline for adult criminal record clearance (anyone 18 & older)
Sun. Jan 9	BNC Team Training Meeting #2- 7pm
Sun. Jan 29	Balance due for adults- \$120 & deadline for Youth notarized Travel Consent
Sun. Feb. 13	Commissioning Services @WVPC, 9:30am @ BNC, 11:00pm
Sun. Feb. 13	Team Meeting- 4:30pm (virtual)
Fri. Feb. 18	Deliver sleeping bag and duffel bag to churches, help pack vans @5:00pm
Sat. Feb 19	ARRIVE @ WVPC NO LATER THAN 3:30AM/ @BNC @ 3:30AM- DO NOT BE LATE!!!
Fri. Feb. 25	Drive home- arrive @ WVPC ~ 7:30pm/BNC 7:30pm
Sun. Feb 27	Presentations to congregations

PAPERWORK/PAYMENTS REQUIRED

- RSM Team Application, Medical Release & Liability Form
- Copy of your passport
- Youth: Team App, Youth Medical & Liability Form, & Notarized Travel Consent Form
- ALL: Covid Vaccine Record
- Payment: \$250/adults & \$130/youth

PACKING

- Packing list is attached.
- Items for the car ride: breakfast, snacks, drinks, boredom cures. Any bags you bring for the van ride must be kept on your lap or under your seat.

PHONES

- AT&T works best across the border and in San Vicente, Baja CA
- Activate International Calling on your phone for a small fee, thus reducing your rate/minute. Call your phone company or do it online. Turn off your data roaming once you get across the border
- Youth: We will collect your phones once we cross the border.

BORDER DETAILS

- We will stop once at the border and then a few more times at toll roads. Please let the driver speak unless you are spoken to.
- If questioned by a border crossing guard, our purpose in **Mexico is to visit an orphanage in San Vicente**. Do NOT say we are coming to work or be missionaries since both require special visas.

TRAVEL MONEY

- You will need to bring money for the following:
 - Restaurant meals on travel days (Saturday breakfast & lunch and Friday breakfast, lunch & dinner)
 - Spending money while we are in San Vicente on Sunday. We will have dinner in town at one point during the week at a local restaurant. The cost is included in our fees.
 - Buying T-shirts at RSM

AT RANCHO SANTA MARTA

- No TP can go in the toilets! You must dispose of tissue in the garbage can next to the toilet.
- Water is scarce. You must limit yourself to 3-minute “military showers” at RSM.
- Everyone needs to sign up to help prepare 2 meals and help clean up after 2 meals.
- Work projects will be assigned on Sunday.
- You may not enter any staff or student residence, or any classrooms, without permission from your team or project leaders.
- Smoking is **NOT** permitted anywhere at RSM.

SAFETY

- Never go anywhere alone on travel days or when we are in town.
- Youth should use the buddy system at RSM, and let your youth leaders know where you are at all times.
- Please let your project leader know where you are going if you leave the work site.
- There will be safety briefings each morning.

Necessities:

PASSPORT and other ID

Covid Vaccine Record

Bible

Flashlight & batteries

Spending money (for meals on travel days and in town on Sunday)

Bath towel & face cloth

Reusable Water Bottle, reusable coffee mug

Sunglasses

Sunscreen, lip balm

Bandana or hat for sun

Personal Toiletries (Toothbrush, shampoo, soap, brush, etc)

Extras:

Insect Repellant

Allergy or Asthma medication, as needed.
Please make sure all medications are in labeled bottles.

Dirty Laundry Bag

Camera

Pen/Pencil and a notebook

Sleeping Bag

Extra blankets or sheet (Optional)

Pillow

Clothes:

Tennis Shoes/Work Boots

Warm jackets/warm sweatshirts

Work Gloves

Dust mask & eye protection

Socks & underwear

Flip-flops for showers

Pajamas

Campfire clothes

Work clothes

Church Attire for Sunday:

Ladies: Casual, modest skirts or dresses, no fancy jewelry, limited makeup, make sure your knees and shoulders are covered.

Men: Collared shirt, tie not necessary, casual dress slacks or nice jeans

Bedding:

Cultural Considerations in Mexico:

The people in Mexico are much more conservative and modest than most people in the US and Canada. To be effective in our ministry and in respect to our Mexican brothers and sisters, here are some helpful guidelines to follow.

Dress Code:

When not working, clothing should not be sloppy, worn out, or cut. Men and women should dress neat and respectful. Men, please don't wear earrings. Appearances should never be suggestive. Please refrain from clothes that detract from the work you are doing. Nothing should be worn that draws attention to the body. This includes patches, lettering, T-shirts with labels/images on them, ect. Shoulders, waist, and hip areas should be covered at all times. No shorts or dresses above the knee. Makeup should be worn in moderation.

Attitude:

Consider others better than yourself! Be humble servants of God as we are called to be. Be warm, friendly, courteous, and smile. 😊 Smiles transcend all cultural barriers.