

Important Mexico Details

Azusa Pacific University

Theme **Matt 18: 1-5**

Unless change and become like a child we won't enter heaven.

Important Dates:

November 2011:

22nd: Parents Meeting

22nd: Hand in 200\$ Deposits

December 2011:

4th: Mexico Meeting #2 @ New Life 302-303 12-2:30pm

January 2012:

8th: Mexico Meeting #3 @ New Life 302-303 12-2:30pm

10th: All Documents from APU and New Life are due!

(A Notary Public will be on site to Notarize documents.

Both Parents MUST be present!!!)

February 2012:

5th: Mexico Meeting #4 @ New Life 302-303 12-2:30pm

10th: Mexico Dinner and Fundraiser Auction @ New Life (Time TBA)

13-14th: Mexico Flower Sales Sorting and Delivery

March 2012:

4th: Mexico Meeting #5 @ New Life New Life 302-303 12-2:30pm

18th: Mexico Meeting #6 @ New Life (**Possibility**)

25th: Mexico commissioning service

29th or 31st Leave for Mexico

April 2012:

7th: Arrive back at New Life

15th: Mexico Service

May 2012:

Mexico Party

Trippers will not be penalized for missing a meeting as long as:

1. **They only miss one**
2. They provide appropriate justification in writing a week prior to the meeting
3. They prove they have a plan to make up the missed training and group responsibility for any upcoming fundraising event

Fundraising Format:

After the 200\$ deposit is received each tripper will need to fundraise 800\$ towards the trip. This will be made possible by full participation in our fundraising campaign which includes:

The Big Ask:

This means asking family and friends to be willing to donate funds towards the Mexico Missions trip. Donors are eligible for a tax deductible receipt as long as a mailing address is given with the funds donated. This is particularly important when cash is donated.

Mexico Dinner and Auction:

February 10th:

- An evening of food and an auction to raise funds for the trip.
- Providing prospective supporters a Mexican meal and auction.
- Each family is asked to provide something to donate ie:
 - a date basket (movie tickets popcorn and a free movie rental or a DVD of a wholesome family movie)
 - a soap basket (different soaps and creams and what ever else one would find in a basket)

Flower sales:

February 13-14: (Mon-Tues)

- an opportunity for trippers to take the profit from Valentines day flower sales and put it towards Mexico. This is an excellent fundraiser if your tripper can motivate themselves to call and take orders as soon as possible.
- Tripper that fill out orders will also have to make time to sort the orders the day before delivery as well.

Possibility Car Wash:

March?:

- Here trippers can get sponsors to donate a certain amount towards each car they wash. We hope to wash 100 by the end of that day.

Travel Itinerary

Option #1:

Basic Schedule March 29th to April 7th

March 29th: Driving from Abbotsford to SEA WA USA.

Travel by Train to LA.

March 30th: Arrive in LA

March 31st: Driving from LA to Mexicali MX, base camp (Cuernavaca)

April 1st: Go to our Mexican churches and attend the service invite kids to VBS

April 2nd: Official ministry begins

April 3rd: Ministry at our sites

April 4th: Trippers are tired and over worked still giving it 100%

April 5th: Half day and leave for LA

April 6th: Flex day in LA (Poss. Disneyland)

April 7th: Fly home to Bellingham

Option #2:

Basic Schedule March 30th to April 7th

March 30th: Driving from Abbotsford to BEL WA USA.

FLY to LA.

March 30th: Arrive in LA

March 31st: Driving from LA to Mexicali MX, base camp (Cuernavaca)

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Daily Schedule in Mexicali:

Get up

Breakfast

Chapel

NL team debrief

Leave for Ministry Sites

Ministry

Lunch

Ministry

Arrive at camp

Eat Supper

Chapel

Lights out

Camp Life:

Hot, dusty, dry, dirty, windy, sandy, sleeping in tents, no running water, hot plastic porto potties that get emptied once every 2 or 3 days, 100's of other AmeriCanadian teens in Mexico serving Christ.

The Flex Day?

The day after our time in Mexico has traditionally been a day off.

In previous years it has included a day at either:

-The beach, Disneyland, Universal Studios

Reasons:

Trippers get a chance to relax after intense ministry

If properly briefed and debriefed it can be a teaching opportunity

Team unity in a fun atmosphere

Travel:

Option #1: Train from Sea to LA and flying back.

Option #2: Flying from Bellingham to LA and back.

Accommodations:

Not luxury!!!

-During travel we will be sleeping on the floor of a church

-In Mexico we will be sleeping in tents in the dirt of Mexico

-Gender separate sleeping arrangements

It is very, very dusty and sandy in Mexico

Documents:

Jan 10th

All documents are due!!!

Several documents will need to be notarized

The notary will be available at no cost you on Jan 10th

if you miss this date you will need to get your own notary to sign these documents.

NOTE: Both parents must be at the signing of the documents

All participants must have a valid passport.

Health:

-Allergies or special health concerns should be made known to myself in writing very soon.

-In cases that allow us the luxury we will try to get your child treated at a hospital in the US as opposed to in Mexico

-APU also has a qualified staff of nurses at the Base camp to handle the other incidentals

-Drill, harass and remind your children to drink water and not to dehydrate. Heat stroke and dehydration are the leading causes of getting sick in Mexico.

-The APU food is safe in Mexico. No one can vouch for any of the food sold anywhere outside of camp in Mexico. Extreme caution is suggested.

-Having the squirts in Mexico is not fun.

-We will have an adult designated as the team first aid person for any medical issues that come up.

School:

-All trippers will have to miss 4 days of school.

-Only parents can excuse their teens for these days.

.The SOP for most of the schools I spoke with was to submit in advance of the dates a letter explaining a child will be absent from school.

-I recommend strongly that parents and teens make arrangements to get work done ahead of time.

NOTE: This will be difficult and you may not want to do this, but it will make it much easier on you than trying to play catch up.

The Leadership Team:

Confirmed so far:

Koenraad Beugelink

Beckie Lapointe

Anita Spier

Eric VanEgmond

Tony Dewaal

Raul Rugamus

Jeff Strating

Geoff Veenemaan

Mark Westwood

Sarah Olthius

Erika Enns

Arnie Vanhuizen

Jenna Veenbaas

Tiger Oh?

Christine George?

Leanne Rypma?

Miriam Vandenberg?

2.3 Student to Adult Ratio