

All Church Mission Trip

[Rio Grande Valley]

2023

We are very excited to be returning to the Rio Grande Valley this year for our All Church Summer Mission Trip! We will be partnering with a variety of ministries in the RGV. The beauty of this trip is each person on mission can choose to serve in a few different ways that match their gifting throughout the week. These organizations encourage evangelism while serving, and that is a huge blessing for us.

Ministry Opportunities

- Unaccompanied Minors VBMEC
 3700 E Harrison Ave #100 Harlingen, TX 78550
 - The unaccompanied minors are basically orphans, and we know James says visiting orphans is pure and undefiled religion (James 1:27). We have a great opportunity to lead them in a worship rally that we get to plan and participate in. Last year, we saw over 100 kids respond to the Gospel and a testimony of the life changing power of Jesus Christ.
- C.A.M.P. University 4200 N Main St McAllen, TX 78504
 - o https://www.campuniversity.org/
 - C.A.M.P. University is a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for adults with special needs to continue developing interests as well as life, social, and job skills so that they Can Achieve their Maximum Potential. Evangelism and prayer is encouraged.
- Humanitarian Respite Center 111 S 15th St McAllen, TX 78501
 - o https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/HumanitarianRespiteCenter.shtml
 - o Catholic Charities responds to families in crisis. They believe that human beings who have no food, no security, no access to shower, etc. are people in crisis. They will continue responding to the needs of these families in crisis as long as there is a need.
- Hearts4Kids Ministries, Donna
 - o https://www.facebook.com/Hearts-4Kids-Inc-705180902877031/
 - o Family Ministry in the Colonias was naturally birthed out of the mom's ministry that we used to do. Last year, we had moms, dads, and kids all sitting together talking and getting crafty together. These table top craft zones provided a safe place for conversations about Jesus and life at large. We will meet at Parque Aurora Valley in Donna.
 - Construction for families in need that don't have the resources to build their houses in a timely manner. It takes 3-10+ years for them to build their house on their own. Projects include insulation, sheetrock, and building beds for kids in need, many never had their own bed before.

Schedule

Sunday, July 9, 2023

• 11:45am: Prayer over team in Sunday Worship service

12:15pm: Depart from WBC parking lot

• 7:00-9:30pm: Hangout and campfire

Monday, July 10, 2023

• 7:45-8:30am: Breakfast

• 8:30-9:00am: Team Meeting

• 9:00am-12:00pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 12:00-12:45pm: Lunch Break

• 12:45-2:30pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 2:30-5:00pm: Rest & Dinner Break (Dinner at 4:15pm)

• 5:45-7:00pm: Unaccompanied Minors

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

• 7:45-8:30am: Breakfast

• 8:30-9:00am: Team Meeting

• 9:00am-12:00pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 12:00-12:45pm: Lunch Break

12:45-3:00pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 3:00-5:30pm: Rest & Dinner Break (Dinner at 4:45pm)

• 6:00-8:00pm: Family Ministry in the Colonias

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

• 7:45-8:30am: Breakfast

• 8:30-9:00am: Team Meeting

• 9:00am-12:00pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 12:00-12:45pm: Lunch Break

• 12:45-3:00pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 3:00-5:30pm: Rest & Dinner Break (Dinner at 4:45pm)

6:00-8:00pm: Family Ministry in the Colonias

Thursday, July 13, 2023

• 7:45-8:30am: Breakfast

• 8:30-9:00am: Team Meeting

• 9:00am-12:00pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 12:00-12:45pm: Lunch Break

• 12:45-3:00pm: Mission work at assigned sites

• 3:00-5:30pm: Rest & Dinner Break (Dinner at 4:45pm)

• 6:00-8:00pm: Family Ministry in the Colonias

Friday, July 14, 2023

- Option A: Fun Day Beach day @ South Padre? Shopping near the border?
- Option B: Return to mission sites to finish up work.

Saturday, July 15, 2023

• 10:00am: Trip Debrief and Say-So

• 11:00am: Pack and load vehicles

• 12:00pm: Depart for WBC

• 7:00pm: Arrive at WBC parking lot

Lodging

This year we will be staying at:

Valley Baptist Retreat 1600 US-83 Business Mission, TX 78572 https://www.valleybaptistretreat.org/

They will have a guys dorm and a ladies dorm for us. Additionally, 4 hotel rooms (+\$200/room) and RV pads (+\$25/pad) are available onsite for an additional cost as indicated.

Travel to Rio Grande Valley

Participants are encouraged to coordinate their own travel arrangements for this mission trip. Carpooling is a great option. If you need to find someone to carpool with as a driver or a passenger, please let us know so we can help you settle these arrangements. There will be one 12 passenger van driving down to the RGV for this trip, and it is primarily filled with youth participants. Space on this vehicle is first come, first serve.

Registration

Cost: \$160/person (includes meals and lodging at Valley Baptist Retreat Center)

Sign up at: https://wbchouston.org/rgvmission

Participants will need to fill out the following waivers and forms (click to sign):

- Humanitarian Respite Center Volunteer Form: https://signnow.com/s/DwxihGSw
- Hearts4kids Participant Waiver: https://signnow.com/s/hdVLDrXB?form=true
- Any additional forms required will be emailed to registered participants

Background checks will be performed on all adult participants as well. You will receive an email requesting authorization for this after filling out the online registration form for the mission trip.

If you have any question, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact Patrick Ryan at patrickryan@wbchouston.org.

Packing List

- Sheets and blanket for twin size bed or a sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Ear plugs (if snoring bothers you...)
- Towels and wash cloth
- Personal items (tooth brush, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Modest clothing (long shorts and/or pants will be necessary for ministry work)
- Comfortable, closed-toed shoes for ministry
 - You may also want to bring other shoes for recreation, walking, showering, etc.
- Cap or hat
- Sunscreen and/or insect repellent
- Bible
- Laundry soap
 - Valley Baptist Retreat has laundry facilities on the property
- Bathing suit, towel (there is a pool at Valley Baptist Retreat)
- Chair to sit in outside during the mornings or evenings for fellowship.
- Spending money for snacks and meals on travel days to and from the Valley.
- Anything else you consider necessary

Do Not Bring

- Any kind of weapon or knife (except construction related)
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs
- Fireworks of any type
- Radios or CD players, unless they have head phones or are being used for ministry.