

The Philly Trip

July 5-11, 2026

For students who have completed eighth grade and are growing believers who desire to serve others.

CBC Core Value Focus: Reaching Out. The Philly Trip is a week-long mission trip that enables students to live out their faith, reach out to the lost, and be exposed to the world's brokenness. By helping run the kids' camp, making and giving out meals to the homeless, and being on a team, students will have the opportunity to live out and practice all they have learned through their time in TNT in a cross-cultural setting.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS TRIP:

1. Go to cbcпа.org/youthtrips to download the Youth Summer Trips application.
2. Return your application to Cathy Wilcox in the Church Office at cwilcox@cbcпа.org.
3. Acceptance emails will be sent by Thursday, March 12. Please note: There are 25 openings available on this team.

Application Due Date: Wednesday, February 25

The purpose of this application is for students to show their desire to be on this Youth Summer Trip.

TRIP EXPENSES

\$725 Total Cost

\$150 Student's personal contribution

\$575 Amount for raising support

Financial Due Dates

Sunday, March 22 Student's personal contribution (non-refundable)

Sunday, June 28 Any remaining balance must be paid. Students are responsible for covering any remaining amount they did not raise through support.

1. Supporters should use a giving envelope and a support card to submit money. (*If the donation is given directly to the student, please complete and use a white giving envelope to submit the contribution.*)
2. The giving envelope can be submitted:
 - In the Offering Boxes on Sunday mornings
 - In the Offering Slot at the Welcome Center
 - In the lockboxes in the youth rooms
 - By mailing it to CBC

SUPPORT RAISING

We believe that depending on God through the financial and prayer support of the Body of Christ is integral to growing in our walks with Christ and trusting the Holy Spirit will go before us on this trip.

Writing a Prayer Support Letter

1. Even if you plan to pay for the entire trip yourself, you are still required to write a prayer letter.
2. Students will be taught how to write a prayer support letter at the Parent Meeting using a provided format letter.
3. Students will be given a supply of support cards and giving envelopes.
4. Students are responsible for distributing their support letters with a support card and giving envelope.

Students will be updated regularly regarding their support total.

EXPECTATIONS

Failure to fulfill these expectations before the trip may result in disqualification from the team.

1. Attend TNT (Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights) at least 2/3 of the year
2. Show evidence of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in their actions and speech.
3. Memorize Jonah 4:10-11 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 by noted due date. *These passages help students understand the heart and vision for The Philly Trip.*
4. Pray for the trip
 - a. For the Lord to provide all needed funds and supplies.
 - b. For your walk with Jesus to grow and be challenged during the trip.
 - c. For the Spirit to work in the hearts of all those we will interact with in Philly.
5. Complete all necessary paperwork, forms, and payments by noted deadlines.
6. Attend all Training Meetings.
 - a. *If you cannot attend, contact the trip leader. You are expected to get all the information about the missed meeting and complete assignments before the next meeting.*
 - b. *If you miss more than 3 meetings, you may be removed from the team.*
7. Complete all assignments given at each meeting.
8. Work together, cooperate, and support peers in all team preparation for the trip.

Failure to meet these expectations on the trip may result in being sent home early.

1. Respect and obey authority on trips (CBC leaders and Philly Dream Center).
2. Encourage and support peers rather than discouraging and harassing them.
3. Take personal devotion, group devotion, and team debrief time seriously.
4. Act and talk in a way that reflects the love of Christ to the people of Philadelphia.

IMPORTANT DATES/DUE DATES

Mark your calendars now!

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	LUNCH?
Parents Meeting with Students	Sunday, April 12	12:20-2 p.m.	Junior High Youth Room	Yes
	Parents:			<i>Note: This form ensures CBC has all the necessary documentation to host/care for students.</i>
		1. Watch for an email with registration instructions. 2. Bring your student's health insurance and any medicine information to complete the Youth Activity and Medical Release Form if your student doesn't have a current one on file with us.		
	Students:			
		1. Come prepared to sign a Relationship Contract. 2. We'll write support letters, and you'll receive support cards and giving envelopes.		
Training Meeting #1	Tuesday, June 9	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Junior High Youth Room	Yes
Training Meeting #2	Wednesday, June 10	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Junior High Youth Room	Yes
Training Meeting #3	Thursday, June 11	9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Junior High Youth Room	Yes
Training Meeting #4	Sunday, June 28	12:20-2 p.m.	Junior High Youth Room	Yes
	Due:			
		• Jonah 4:10-11 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 • Remaining balance		
Depart from CBC:	Sunday, July 5	7:30 a.m.		NOTE: Bring a packed lunch
Return to CBC:	Saturday, July 11	12 p.m.		

PACKING LIST

What to Bring:

- A Bible and pen or pencil
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, and brush, etc.)
- One bath towel
- One beach/pool towel
- Swimsuit (Guys: mid-thigh length shorts; Girls: swimwear that covers midriff, cleavage, and bottom)
- Sun protection (sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, etc.)
- Bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- One trash bag or mesh laundry bag (to put dirty clothes in)
- Spending money (optional, \$25)

Clothing Requirements

- Comfortable, closed-toe shoes for walking
- One pair of jeans or long pants for work projects
- Change of clothes for each day

Do Not Bring:

- Electronics (cell phone, Nintendo Switch, iPad, etc.)
- Illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, smoking/vaping/tobacco products, weapons, etc.)
- Anything valuable that you don't want to be lost or stolen (expensive jewelry, watches, etc.)
- A bad attitude