

Can you believe it!?

We're just weeks away from Youth In Mission Training Camp 2010!!!

We want to pass on a few things for you to think about as you prepare to come to El Paso (and beyond).

TRAVEL TO TRAINING CAMP

- We currently have personal travel info for most of the students involved in Youth In Mission this summer. If you plan to fly in OR out of El Paso (to Training Camp or from Re-Entry), we MUST hear from you with your plans by April 30th! THIS IS URGENT!
- If you are planning to drive, our office still needs to hear from you! Please send us an email telling us that you're driving and when you plan to arrive by April 30th!
- Those of you who are **driving**, you will need to drive to El Paso First Church of the Nazarene in El Paso, TX. The address is 2520 Gold Ave., El Paso, TX 79930.
- Please plan to arrive by 2:00PM on May 26th. Registration will not begin until later in the afternoon, so don't plan to arrive earlier than 2PM.
- Be advised, the first meal at Training Camp will be after 5PM (Mountain Time), so - plan accordingly. We will have some light snacks at the church that afternoon, but you are responsible for getting your own lunch at the airport or bringing something with you.
- For those of you who are **flying** to El Paso, be sure to check your flight schedule and confirm your flight before leaving.
- **If your flight should change at ANY time, please contact Youth In Mission by calling (913)314-7896 (Jill's cell phone).**
- If you are flying, Youth In Mission will have staff at El Paso airport to pick you up. Watch for people holding Youth In Mission signs and wearing Youth In Mission shirts.
- Once you claim your luggage, walk outside and watch for a white 15 passenger van. Some of you may have to wait for a short period of time - please do not worry! Be patient, stay with your luggage, and wait outside next to the airport doors.

STRENGTHS

- If you have not already done so, we need your top 5 strengths sent to us immediately (yim@nazarene.org).

MEALS/SNACKS

- There will be light snacks available throughout the day for purchase at El Paso First Church where we will be holding Training Camp. Three meals will be provided each day.

EXTRA PACKING

Some of you may be going to areas of the world where the climate is different than the summer-like weather of El Paso (i.e. South Africa). YIM will allow you to leave items in El Paso that you do not need to take with you to your site. **This will be limited to those who are packing for two different climates!** In other words, if you pack poorly and want to leave stuff in El Paso because you merely didn't know how to pack right...you'll be in tough shape. Imagine, if 40+ people each asked YIM to "watch their things" for the summer, we would have to rent a UHaul and a storage shed for the summer. Not gonna happen.

Therefore, those of you who are eligible for this privilege can leave contents that would fit into an average-sized Wal-Mart bag. Questions? Ask Jill or Susan.

MINISTRY

By now, most of you should have heard from your site. Please plan to bring programming ideas with you to Training Camp for the areas of ministry in which you'll be involved. For example: If you'll be working with children in a VBS setting, check out some resources online or contact those involved with children's ministry at your local church. If you are helping teach ESL, check out resources in your local community and online as well.

We cannot encourage you enough to **begin your preparation** for Youth In Mission in advance to Training Camp. Everyone brings something to the table in our time of training! Refer to the communication you have received from the site and from previous Ministry Information Letters posted on www.youthinmission.org.

FINANCES

God has truly blessed a great number of you by allowing you to see the light at the end of the "Fundraising tunnel." Others of you are experiencing the growing pains of faith! Wherever you are in this portion of your journey, please stay encouraged! God knows where you are and has not brought you this far just to stand back and watch you fall.

At the same time, Youth In Mission participants absolutely **MUST** do all that you can to exhaust every resource imaginable to meet the financial requirements that make your Youth In Mission experience happen. Here are some ideas...

- Pray!
- Check out fundraising websites online - find one idea and make it work!
- Pray!
- Reconnect with those who you sent letters to originally - do this via email or phone or letter. Let them know that your time with Youth In Mission is approaching quickly and you are inviting them to continue to pray for you as you prepare to go and as you trust God to provide the resources for your trip.
- Pray!
- Contact your team -- see what others have done that has worked well in their Fundraising.
- Pray!
- Contact your local church (if they are not already supporting you) and ask the Pastor or missions leader to help you come up with ways to meet the finance needs you have.
- Pray!
- While we discourage students from incurring debt for their mission experience, we can allow you to pay your balance with a credit card – please contact Jill for details: yim@nazarene.org!
- And of course, PRAY!

Please know that we are praying for you! We are so excited to be with you at Training Camp!

God be with you!

Your Youth In Mission Staff