

Can you believe it!

In just a few days, you'll be on your way to Youth In Mission Training Camp 2010!

The first week of June – your journey will take you to an incredible ministry – with new friends serving with you at your site.

Before all of that happens, there are a few things that we need you to help us take care of...

Here is a check-list for you (print this off and USE IT!):

- Training Camp
 - Strengths Quest Test Completed and top 5 strengths emailed to Youth In Mission
 - Summer Address (where you will be the week before Training Camp)
 - Travel Plans – even if you're driving, we need to know!

- Things to Pack
 - For Training Camp, be sure to bring a 3-ringed Binder (if you used one for Advance Training, bring it!). You will be given resources to take with you during the summer – the notebook will be a HUGE help.
 - We will be staying in bunkbeds at El Paso First Church of the Nazarene during Training Camp. Bedding will be provided. Please bring a towel and shower shoes (plastic flip-flops).
 - See "Packing List" on the YIM website – make sure you coordinate packing with your team. The items on this list are not all "necessities," as much as they serve as a reminder for you of things to consider when packing.
 - The MEDIUM suitcase is a serious thing – some of you will be picked up in LITTLE vehicles and your Toyota-sized suitcase may not fit.
 - Whatever extra items your site has requested.
 - Appropriate attire/footwear for Training Camp challenge course (jeans & tennis/hiking shoes – not sandals).
 - Water bottle for Training Camp (also great to have on site). It is HOT in El Paso. There will be plenty of water, but you will want to have something to carry it around in.
 - List of email addresses and mailing addresses of those who've supported you in your Friendraising – you'll want to get in touch with them this summer!
 - Photos of family, friends, your home, pets, your school, your church, etc. – people at your site will want to know more about your

life – pictures are a great way to show them (especially if you don't share the same language).

- Small gifts to give to your hosts – think of something that represents who you are or where you're from...the key word is "small."

□ Finances

- **Don't forget that Youth In Mission can receive credit card payment over the phone or online.** If you have contributors who would like to make a credit card donation, they can make a donation over the phone by calling (915)562.6300 ext. 2002. or by mailing in your remittance form with the completed credit card information. If you are interested in using this method for yourself, simply call Jill or bring your information with you to Training Camp.
- If you have additional donations, bring those with you to Training Camp – **DO NOT MAIL THEM PAST THIS DATE!!!**
- Be sure to put them in a business envelope with your name, site name, and total amount of donations in the envelope – clearly marked on the front of the envelope.
- If you have an outstanding "balance," be prepared to fill out a form stating your plan to complete your Friendraising by September 1, 2010.
- If you've raised more than your designated fundraising amount you can designate your extra funds to a YIM participant with a balance. No refunds/reimbursements can be given due to strict IRS regulations.

□ Travel Itinerary

- We will present your travel information to you on Sunday before your departure – this includes your plane ticket information, itinerary, passports, visas, etc. At that time, you will be asked to notify your family of those details before departure. We do not release that information prior to Sunday due to the possibility of flight changes – we want you to have the most current information.
- Every team will depart for their site on Monday, May 31.

As you can imagine, these are BIG days for us as we prepare for Training Camp.

Thank you for your prayers and patience!

See you soon!

Your Youth In Mission Staff