



Centreville

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2012 High School Summer Mission Team Yucatan, Mexico (complete 9th grade by June 2012)

Where Are We Going?

Although officially a state in Mexico, the culture and mindset of the Yucatan sets it apart from the rest of the country. The Yucatan is primarily of Mayan heritage and flourished in the 2,000 years before the Spanish conquest in the 16th century. Aside from the popular tourists sites of Cancun and Chichen Itza, the rural communities struggle with poverty and lack of opportunities. Conditions of high underemployment and unemployment continue to be problematic in the region. Economically, the rural communities live by subsistence agricultural practices. The indigenous groups are particularly underprivileged since they have less access to land, education, nonagricultural activities, and services.

What Will We Do in the Yucatan?

We will be working on a camp to refurbish its use to host children for overnight experiences. We will be doing concrete and block work, including “tying” rebar, mixing concrete and passing the concrete in buckets to the buildings. It’s hard work but we will readily see the results of our labors! We will also have the opportunity to get to know the local families as we host a childrens’ ministry in the village. Planning and preparation will take place in our training meetings. We will have afternoon off to visit the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza.

Who Will We Work With?

We will work with mission organizers, *Son Servants*, of our long-term ministry partner, Youth Conference Ministries (YCM). We have served with YCM at their Crank’s Creek (Kentucky) location as well as participated in their youth conferences *Fun In The Son* and *The Great Escape*. For more information about YCM, check out their website: ycmhome.org

Where Will We Stay?

Our team will stay in the camp where we will work. We will sleep in hammocks. After a night of getting used to it, we’ll all find sleeping in a hammock preferable to a bed (really!). There is no air-conditioning but there are some fans. Bathroom and shower facilities are adequate, but limited, rustic and with cold water only. Dinners are prepared by Mexican cooks and will consist of excellent Mexican food like rice, beans, tortillas, guacamole, vegetables, and chicken or beef.

What are the dates of the 2012 Yucatan Project?

June 30 – July 7

What is the Cost?

Estimate \$1,600 (includes airfare, on-site transportation, housing, meals, t-shirt, training resources, and construction materials). We will fundraise as a team. All team members need to participate in all fundraisers.

What’s Due When?

Register early. Registration closes October 30 (include \$100 non-refundable deposit, CPC Parent Form and application.)

Attend Team Meeting on Sunday, October 30 (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) at CPC.

Other Questions? We will begin our Team training meetings soon. Contact Sharon Hoover (sharon@centrevillepres.com or 703-830-0098) with questions.