

UCC Chi Rho Mission Trip Houston, TX June 9-12, 2013



Why go on a mission trip?

As Christians we are called to serve others, following the example of Christ. We are also called to live in community, working together to make God's reign a reality in the world. On a mission trip we can get away from our typical environment and serve others in a new place together, growing closer as a community through our work, worship, and fellowship.

What kind of work will we be doing?

We will primarily be working at the Houston Food Bank, a place that needs plenty of help to feed the hungry. Last year alone, the food bank distributed 50 million meals, feeding 137,000 different people each week. Our group will be sorting, boxing, and bagging donations for a variety of programs, and will also take time to participate in a simulation that helps us to understand issues of hunger and food security.

Where will we be staying?

Cypress Creek Christian Church will be hosting us in nearby Spring. The church will provide showers, a kitchen, classrooms for sleeping, and a gameroom and gym for free time.

What will we do when we're not working?

Each evening we'll dine out at a local restaurant and spend time exploring Houston, including a minor league baseball game. Once our work is done, we'll spend a day cooling off at the legendary Schlitterbahn Water Park on Galveston Island.

All the details that parents crave:

We'll be departing from the church around 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9 and returning on Wednesday night, June 12. All travel will be via charter bus.

The trip cost is \$175 per person, and *full or half scholarships are available upon request if cost is prohibitive*. There will be a pre-trip meeting for youth and parents in May to go over the details, provide contact numbers, and collect medical forms and signed behavior covenants.

Interested in serving as an adult chaperone on the trip? Contact Russ at russ@uccftw.com or Alison at alison.nicoll@uccftw.com to learn more.

Sign me up!

I will be participating in the Chi Rho Mission Trip from June 9-12, 2013. I have attached a \$50 deposit to secure my spot. (Registration Sunday is **April 7**.)

Youth Name

Youth Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature