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We are excited about our 86:12 mission trip to **New York City, June 15-22, 2019**. We are looking forward to all that God has in store for our students as they worship him through missions in June. The trip is open to both members and guests who are middle and high school students. We look forward to sharing this powerful experience with our students this summer!

TRAVEL

We will travel to NYC by plane on Southwest Airlines. Flights will depart on Saturday, June 15 and students will need to be at Love Field at 11:00 am. Flights will return on Saturday, June 22 at Love Field by 4:30 pm. Specific flight info will be posted in May. While in NYC, we will travel by charter bus and on the Metro subway.

LODGING

Lodging for all students and sponsors will be on the campus of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. We will be staying in dorms and eating most meals in the campus cafeteria.

SERVICE PROJECTS

While on the trip, we will be serving the residents of senior living facilities, leading programs for inner-city children, working on manual labor projects and giving concerts in NYC at Union Square Park in the late afternoon on Sunday 6/16 and Tuesday 6/18.

SCHOLARSHIPS

While \$975 is a tremendous value for a week-long trip to New York City, it is still a lot of money! We are sensitive to the fact that many families have multiple students in their family and/or may be facing financial hardship right now. We want this trip to be accessible for every single student who wants to go.

A number of partial scholarships are available. Contact Donna Blankenship in the finance office (dblankenship@vrbc.net) for more information. Please do not hesitate to ask for this. *We don't want finances to be the reason that any student doesn't come on the trip.*

REGISTRATION COST

PAYMENT

On-line registration for the trip will be:

Jan. 21 – Feb. 15
vrbc.net/8612trip

The registration cost of the trip covers all transportation, lodging, meals, snacks, ministry activities and recreation.

Total Cost: \$975

First timer discount:

- \$150 discount to all students going on their **first** 86:12 trip. Look for the first timer discount on the registration form. This applies to both members and guests.

Payment:

- A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at registration and can be made online via credit card or e-check. **The remaining \$875 balance is due April 30.**
- If you need to make payment arrangements, please contact Julie McCord at jmccord@vrbc.net. Please note that payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable once they are paid.

Special thanks:

- The *actual* cost of the trip is \$1400 per student and has been underwritten by designations from the church budget as well as financial gifts from various donors resulting in a significant savings in the registration cost. Special thanks to these donors who have contributed to our student ministry.
- **Gifts:** We often have individuals who express an interest in underwriting some of the mission trip expenses. If you would like to participate in the mission trip by making a contribution to our student scholarship fund, please contact Donna Blankenship in the finance office (dblankenship@vrbc.net). We greatly appreciate your investment in the lives of our students.

REQUIREMENTS

- Register no later than February 15, 2019.
- Attend at least 3 out of the 4 pre-trip training sessions:

6/2 Sunday	6 – 8 pm
6/6 Thursday	6 – 8 pm
6/9 Sunday	6 – 8 pm
6/13 Thursday	6 – 8 pm

If a student is unable to attend at least three of these sessions, permission must be obtained from Jason Thomas (jthomas@vrbc.net) in advance and additional outside preparations may be required.

- Travel to/from NYC with the group on the airplane or obtain permission in advance from Jason Thomas for any alternative travel arrangements.

IMPORTANT NOTE: No participant may arrive later than 9pm Sunday, 6/16/19 or leave before 3pm Friday, 6/21/19. Any student arriving late/leaving early must be delivered to or picked up from our location by a parent or friend who is not otherwise a sponsor on the trip.

MINI MISSION PREVIEW

Sunday, June 2, 3:00-6:00pm

Mini Mission Preview is **required for all middle school students who have not previously been on an 86:12 mission trip**. The purpose is to introduce them to trip practices and situations while helping mentally and spiritually prepare these students for their first 86:12 trip. If your student is unable to attend, please contact Jason Thomas at jthomas@vrbc.net.

PARENT MEETING

Sunday, May 19, 5:00pm

Parents of *new* 86:12 students attending the trip for the first time can join us for an informal Q&A session at the Parent Meeting. The meeting will give these parents an opportunity to ask questions, clarify details and visit with the trip leadership. Parents of *returning* students are invited to join as well, but please know that all trip details and information will be relayed to everyone via the 86:12 NYC info newsletters.

IS MY 6th GRADER READY FOR THIS TRIP?

This is a great question and one to seriously consider. We love having 6th graders with us on the trip, and many of them have great experiences. However, it is definitely a challenging week. We are "on the go" 100% of our waking hours on the trip and your student will likely get less sleep than he/she is used to getting. To have a successful trip, they need to be able to work long and hard, keep a good attitude, follow directions quickly and be ok away from mom and dad for a week.

If you have a question about whether or not your student is ready for this trip, feel free to give us a call and we can talk it over. If you decide they aren't ready this year, this is totally fine. They are still welcome to participate with us throughout the year. There will be many great things they will experience in their Grow Group and Family Group on Sunday mornings/evenings during the year. Some students have waited until 7th grade to take their first trip and it has worked out well for them. Many others have gone on trips their sixth grade year and done really well. It all depends on the maturity of the student.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact us by phone or email if you still have questions that have not been answered. We would be happy to talk with you about any questions or concerns you might have.

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