

Haysville Christian Church
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Mission Experience Application

for



The APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Read ALL of the application form.
2. Pray about this opportunity; seek God's will... if you feel this is something you should do...
3. Fill out the application question page and return it to Constance Black by **Sunday, May 10th**
4. Be accepted to attend the mission experience.

Questions & Answers

When and Where are we going?

"Serve-ivor" mission experience will be **July 5th – 11th, 2009**. We will be serving in Haysville and the surrounding areas. We will gather and begin Sunday, July 5th at Haysville Christian Church at 3:00pm. The exact location of camps and/or service projects will be unknown to participants. Through different group interaction and service challenges we will make an impact for God's kingdom here in Haysville. This experience will involve competition. We will end our experience Saturday, July 11th at 5:00pm. Participants will be encouraged to be present at Sunday morning worship at Haysville Christian Church to see the final conclusion of the experience.

What is the purpose of this experience?

The rules of this experience are simple: average teenagers are taken out of their comfort zone. Divided into teams, they participate in service challenges every day, the winning tribe gets to trek to Decision Council to vote one of the other tribes to be dissolved (members rearranged to other tribes). Even though they must learn teamwork and serve together there will only be one "Serve-ivor", in this experience every participant must learn for themselves, and be responsible for his/her actions and growth.

The experience is simple: grow in faith, love and service. The goal is to Out-serve, by winning immunity, thus being responsible at Decision Council to vote for a tribe to be dissolved. However, the participants must be careful about which tribes they relocate - because you want to be a part of the smallest tribe remaining; however, the fewer people in your tribe the more work per person to compete against larger tribes. At the end of the experience, the larger tribes vote for one of the members of the smallest tribe in the finals to win ***\$500 dollars toward the Christian charity of their choice** and become the official "Serve-ivor"!

"Serve-ivor" is an experience of adaptation, participants must adapt to their surroundings to the people they are working with, and the people they are serving. "Serve-ivor" focuses on God, people, and the social commentary that surrounds them. The experience revolves around how these participants can grow in faith, love, and service while fiercely competing to Out-serve their peers. They will have to learn to decide **who gets the glory**.

*amount may vary depending on the funds raised.

Who is eligible to apply for the mission experience?

- A. Any student who has been actively involved in ministry in this past year. We want students on this experience who have been training themselves spiritually to make a difference in someone's life through the ability to see opportunities to serve. Serve in attitude, actions, and words. **A certain level of maturity, hard work, and patience will be required by everyone a part of this experience.**
- B. Student who are responsible team-players. This experience will have rules that must be followed. We do not want students who will question authority, be disobedient, be irresponsible, or act lazily. This experience is for those who want to change lives by sharing the love of Jesus through their hard work and Christ-likeness.
- C. Middle School & High School students: We want students who are preparing to enter 6th grade through students who have just graduated High School. (Also, in need of adult sponsors).

How much does it cost?

The cost of the experience will be \$120 per student. This will cover shelter, meals, and supplies/expenses for our service challenges. A **\$50 deposit** to secure your place on the experience will be due on Sunday, May 10th, the remainder you will need to fundraise. (\$25 of the deposit is non refundable)

How do I pay for the experience?

Fundraising will be done by each individual, but accomplished as a team. We will also brainstorm fundraisers as a team.

What is expected if I get accepted to go on this experience?

Every participant will be expected to attend 1-2 meetings in order to prepare for the experience. We will have fundraisers and team- building exercises that everyone will need to attend. If a student does not show commitment to these meetings, his/her status of being a part of this experience will be re-evaluated.

When is the application due?

The deadline is set for **Sunday May 10th, 2009. No exceptions will be allowed.**

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Name of Student _____ Age _____ Grade in School _____ Date of Birth _____

Student's E-mail _____ Cell # _____ Home # _____

Parent/Guardian's SIGNATURE _____

Please use nice hand-writing. This *must* be signed and returned, with a **\$50 deposit**, to Constance Black by **Sunday, May 10th**,

1. What experiences have you had in serving God and others?
2. In your own words, define what a servant is.
3. This experience will require a lot of teamwork. How will you be a team player on this experience?
4. Have you ever had a problem following directions from adults or peers? If so, please explain. Also, will you follow directions given from participants in this mission experience?
5. Are you willing to commit the time to prepare for this mission experience (2-3 meetings before we begin)?
6. Explain, why you want to be a part of this mission experience. (use the back if necessary)