

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BORDER CROSSING: This year we are requiring that all participants have a valid passport. There will be no exceptions. Please order your passport early. The passports will be kept together in an envelope at the front of your van. We must also have a copy of your passport as soon as possible. If you do not have one you must apply for one right away. There is a passport office off Bannister Road.

HEALTH ISSUES: The staff at Amor ministries in Tijuana assured us that we do not need any special vaccinations in order to work there. They themselves do not get any special shots. We will be insisting that every time the students get in the vans they will use anti-bacteria gel. This will help us to reduce the amount of spread germs.

If it is very hot and sunny we must make sure we wear sun block, a hat, and drink lots of water. While in Mexico we will only allow students to drink and eat the food and water that we will be bringing down from San Diego. If situation demanded some medical treatment, we will go up into the States for treatment since we will be a short 20-60 minutes away. We will always as a team have a First Aid kit on hand.

It is also **very important** that every member of the team has acquired health insurance for out of the country. Insurance can be obtained easily at any travel agency for approximately \$20 for the duration of our time away.

MONEY: The individual trip cost for students is \$1,250. This entire amount can be fundraised. Initial registration (\$250) is due by Dec 3. The next installment is due Jan 15th (\$500), and the balance is due on March 11th (\$500).

While in Mexico, from Sunday night until Thursday morning, the students will have no expenses. All food and entertainment expenses, for the 2½ days going down and the 3½ days after Mexico, are the student's expense and responsibility. It is recommended that the student have American cash, and an automated bankcard. We will stop at inexpensive fast food deals so that students can stay within a budget. Food is slightly cheaper in the states but in reality about 20-30% more because of the exchange rate. Approximate cost for meals is about \$150.00 (give or take \$50.00 depending on your appetite etc.)

Students will have a day off on March 31. Options TBA.

MUSIC: You are welcome to bring your CD's and MP3 players to enjoy. We've found it rather tricky to determine in the past what music is appropriate and what isn't. Please screen your music and **leave at home what is questionable**. If you couldn't play it for the entire group, it is not appropriate. *Parents, please provide assistance in this area.*