

# Mexicali 101

The Essential basics....Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

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Who is going....

1. From YOUR church?

\* Any current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader -they do not need to be members!

\* + 1 female and 1 male chaperone - hopefully!

\* A team is anywhere between 5 and 13 youth.

This depends on our numbers and how they all divide out.

2. To travel with us?

· Several other churches in the area. We are still determining which ones!

3. From other churches in the area?

Where...

1. Are we going?

We will fly into San Diego, CA. After spending a night or two in CA, we will drive over the border into Mexicali, Mexico. After 6 days in Mexico, we will travel back over the border, arriving in San Diego once again. We will either fly home on Friday or Saturday.

2. Is Mexicali?

Just over the border.

When...

1. Is the trip?

Over Easter Break. The dates are approximately **March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
These are subject to change by a day or two depending on airfare.

2. Are the weekly meetings to prepare?

Sundays after church starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30-3:30 - See Calendar

3. Do we have to decide? 2 weeks from now.

4. Is the leadership training? Weekend of January 15<sup>th</sup>. TWO nights, \$25.

What.....

1. Will we be doing?

**Building Team (adults)**

We will be building a house for a family! Amy will fly to Mexico in February to get the details of the project.

**ESL Team (English as a second language...college students - age 99!)**

This team will be teaching English to members of the community.

**VBS team**

While in **Mexico** we will have **morning worship**, then head for our team site where we will **play games**, do **crafts**, **sing**, do **dramas**, and play **more games**. The students will then have the opportunity to work on the house. We then head back to our camp where we **relax** and have **evening worship**. We usually stop at least once a day at **Walmart**, too. There is also a little **market** by our camp site where we can **barter** for the lowest price on blankets, jewelry, clothes, and more. We usually do a service project, as well.

While in **California** we will probably go to the **outdoor mall** and the **beach**. We do not do anything huge in **CA**, because we want the youth to go home talking about **Mexico** rather than talking about **CA**.

2. Conditions should we expect?

We will be in a Tent City of about 2,000 people. There are porta potties, AKA banos, that are our bathroom facilities. Yes, this means no running water. However, we do now shower while in Mexicali! Baby wipes and spray deodorant accomplish much the same goal on the days you are without a shower! The girls are now allowed to wear pants...and even capris! No one is ever allowed to wear shorts while in Mexico. We can get clothes at the Salvation Army. (Ok, ok...one shower for you! There have been showers built across the street from camp that we will use once while we are in Mexico.)

3. Are our goals?

- Help the churches in Mexico grow
- Spread the Gospel to the Mexican Community
- Help our youths' faith grow and mature
- Have fun!
- Have a once in a lifetime, life changing experience!

#### 4. What commitments are we making?

\* A Financial Commitment that will be your offering to the trip plus your youth's food \$\$ in CA. Cost per Youth approx. \$1100 +\$25 in CA. This does not need to be your out of pocket expense!

\*Writing a minimum of 30 letters to friends, family, doctor, dentist, etc.

\*10 meetings prior to the trip to prepare for our site.

\* 1 Mexican Dinner

\*Another parent meeting prior to the trip

· What are our out-of-pocket expenses?

\* Passport, \$25 for food & chair, commitment

Why...

Anyone who has gone wish to share?

How...

1. Do we know or youth are safe?

- Several years of experience are going on the trip
- "Gated" community
- Clinic/hospital
- Adults experience on this trip
- Amy's experience in Mexico

2. Do we know what to bring? List, Duffel

3. Do we get everything on the plane?

4. Do we get across the border? Passports!

**Any other questions!???**

Video

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March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Depart For Cali
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spend all day in Cali
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cross Border into Mexico – need pants!!
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	In Mexico @ our churches
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	In airport ALLLLLLL day
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hotel in Detroit until noon

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**California**

- Clothes for Cali (1 day)
- Sandals/shoes
- SUNBLOCK (SPF 30 or more!)
- Spending \$\$ (MEALS!)
- Bathing Suit – ONE PIECE! (or one that MEETS in the mid)
- Shorts – NOT to short

**Mexico**

- HOCKEY BAG**
- Pillow
- Comfortable closed toe/heel shoe
- Sleeping Bag
- Spray Deodorant!!
- Wet Wipes – (100+)
- Toilet Paper (2 rolls)
- Hat/Bandana
- BIG Water Bottle (64 oz+)
- Spending \$
- Flashlight (1-2)
- Extra Batteries
- Shirts (5) w/sleeves NOT white
- Underwear (10+ PLEASE!!☺)
- Socks

**Mexico – Boys**

- Pants (5!!)

**Mexico – Girls**

- Pants or Skirts – Ankle Length (5)
- Shorts for under skirts                      Craft
- Feminine needs  
(can be hard to find in Mexico!!)

**Both**

- Towel
- Washcloth
- Shampoo
- Soap
- PJ's
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mexico Book
- Camera – **NAME on it!!!!**
- Brush/Hair stuff
- Sunblock – SPF 30 or more
- Sunglasses
- Bible
- Pen/pencil
- Paper
- Any Medication
  - (Give meds to Beth!)

**Other:**

- Soccer balls
- McDonalds Toys
- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Craft Items

# Mexicali Calendar

Please remember: Mexicali is a practice in "Flexicali"

Things WILL change.

December 1<sup>st</sup>

Forms Due

January

3<sup>rd</sup>

**FIRST MEETING!!!!** @ Trinity  
You **MUST** bring paperwork!!  
You **MUST** bring Aunt Polly Letters

10

Team Meeting @ Trinity

15<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 PM

Reducing the Risk Training (all adults)

15-17

Cross Cultural Leadership Training  
translators, AITs,  
student leaders, adult leaders

17

No MEETING!

24

Team Meeting @ Trinity  
**Commitment \$ are due**

31

Team Meeting

February

7

Team Meet @ Port Huron

14

Team Meeting on your own

21

Mexican Dinner @ Trinity

28

Team Meet @ Port Huron

March

7

Team Meeting on your own

14

Team Meeting @ Huntington Woods

21

Team Meeting @ Huntington Woods

28

Final Meeting @ Huntington Woods  
Fusion 7:30-8:30 pm

March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup>

25

Debrief Picture Party & COOKOUT!!

## Forms Due December 1<sup>st</sup>:

- 3 Azusa Forms - 1 Notarized!
- Octane Med Form
- Application
- Written Commitment

Plus:

- Copy of B.C. & Photo ID  
OR
- Copy of Passport

Lost forms?  
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## ALL due January 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- 30+ Aunt Polly letters ready to mail.
- Copy of Receipt for passport

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