



Annual TKA Service Trip Tecate, Mexico: March 24-30, 2018

Mission

All TKA high school students are invited to attend the Tecate Service Trip. We will build homes, FROM THE GROUND UP, for Mexican families on the outskirts of Tecate, Mexico. Our host, Sergio Gomez, heads the non-profit organization, Baja Vision Ministries, which helps identify the families in need of homes. We will also hold “Kids Club” (VBS) for the children, offer a Health Outreach for the women, and run soccer camps for the youth while partnering with a local church.

Goal of Service Trips

By serving God with all that we have, we endeavor to make a significant difference in fulfilling the physical and spiritual needs of those in Tecate. We want to catch vision for service and bring it back to our homes, to school, and to work. This twenty-fifth annual, high school only trip will be faith-increasing and life-changing for our students!

Information Meeting

All new high school families are encouraged to attend the Tecate Trip Overview *on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.* Covering topics such as safety, transportation, lodging, paperwork, and building of the homes, this meeting is designed to provide information and answer questions for those new to TKA as well as first-time adults interested in participating in the trip.

Ministry Teams

Providing opportunities to serve the TKA community as well as the residents of Tecate, the Tecate Service Trip offers the following ministry teams: A-Team, Spiritual Life-Team, Kids Club, Family & Health, and Soccer. These ministry teams include an application, interview, and selection process and students selected will be notified by October 20, 2017. Please note that the application to one of these ministry teams is separate from the regular Tecate Trip Student Registration and both must be completed in order to participate in a ministry team.

Itinerary

- March 24 Caravans leave from TKA at 5:15 a.m. and arrive at camp in Mexico around 6:00 p.m.
- March 25 Work crews get organized. Begin building around 1:00 p.m. Return to camp 6:00 p.m.
- March 26-28 Work on sites, run Kid’s Club, Family & Health outreach and soccer camps
- March 29 Tear down camp and load trucks. Leave for LA area. Stay in hotel near Ontario.
- March 30 Drive from LA area to TKA. Arrive at TKA around 5:00 p.m.

LOGISTICS/OPERATIONS

Safety

Please know we understand and concur with the need to take specific safety measures while in Tecate. We have been, and continue to be entrusted with the safety of our students, staff, and parents on this trip. The school administration, school board, and service trip planning team take this issue seriously.



Housing

We set up tents that hold 6 people each. The tents are set up with the girls section in one area and the boys section in another area. There is one adult leader in each tent. We set up separate outhouses for boys and girls at camp; there are no other bathroom facilities. We do not shower while we are there.

Food

We buy all our food ahead of time and have ovens, a stovetop, and a large grill for cooking. We have large tanks filled with purified water at camp. This is the only water the students can use for drinking, brushing their teeth, and for cooking.

Packing List

After registration has been submitted, you will receive an email confirmation containing links to important information. A link to the packing list will be included.

Cost - \$700, \$400 (with donated car), \$200 (spouse)

This covers the cost for all building materials, food, tents, transportation, site expenses, etc. The entire cost is tax-deductible. After submitting online registration, you will receive an email confirming registration. This email will also contain a link to donate online and other important trip information.

Student Registration – Student Part (October 20-24) & Parent Part (October 25-30)

There are two steps to the Student Registration for the Tecate Service Trip. First, students must respond to an email sent on October 20 and commit to participating in Tecate. They will have through October 24 to indicate their choice. Second, an email will be sent on October 25 to parents of those who signed up for Tecate, and parents must complete the registration by October 30. Full-time students as well as PSP students are eligible to attend the trip. However, please note that PSP students have a separate registration process.

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