



Tecate, Mexico Service Trip: April 13-19, 2019

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-sixth 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, October 25, 2018 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 9, 2018.

Itinerary

April 13 Caravans leave from TKA at 5:15 a.m. and arrive at camp in Mexico around 6:00 p.m.
 April 14 Work crews get organized. Begin building around 1:00 p.m. Return to camp 6:00 p.m.
 April 15-17 Work on sites, run Kid’s Club, Family & Health outreach and soccer camps
 April 18 Tear down camp and load trucks. Leave for LA area. Stay in hotel near Ontario.
 April 19 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.

Student Application – August 23 through October 5

All students interested in participating in the Tecate Service Trip must submit the 2019 Tecate Service Trip Online Application. There are no interviews required for the Tecate Trip itself (however, please note that if a student applies to a Ministry Team that there is an interview and selection process for the Team). The link to the 2019 Tecate Service Trip Online Application will be posted on the Student Portal under the “Alerts” section in the upper-right corner. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, August 23, 3:00 p.m. through Friday, October 5. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5).

Adult Registration – Opens Friday, October 26

Please complete the 2019 Tecate Adult Online Registration. Registration is sent through email. Details regarding Tecate Adult Registration will be available beginning on Friday, October 26.

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Please Note: Information is subject to change.