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Tecate Advanced Ministry Team (A-Team): April 2-10, 2020

Mission

In Matthew 28, we are given The Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations. This calling is squarely at the heart of the Tecate service trip. In order to provide a memorable and enjoyable experience in Tecate, the trip has always relied upon the service of a dedicated and selfless group of individuals known as the A-Team. The A-Team consists of male sophomore, junior, and senior students that have pledged to go above and beyond the call of duty in order to serve the nearly 500 students and adults that make Tecate home for the week. The young men that join this great adventure do so not for their own recognition and glory, but to truly serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to exalt His Name above all else. While often physically and emotionally draining, the A-Team experience is truly an incredible and unique opportunity that allows the A-Team men to be truly transformed and refined by the living God.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers whenever you ace trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of you faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything” James 1:2-4

Goals

- To give a group of young men the opportunity to grow through servant leadership
- To provide logistical support to the effective running of the Mexico service trip

Itinerary

Thursday, April 2	Travel to Tecate. Arrive at camp in the evening and stay overnight.
Friday, April 3	Unload trucks, set up camp.
Saturday, April 4	Prepare camp for the arrival of caravans.
April 5-8	Work on sites, run outreaches
Thursday, April 9	Tear down camp and load up trucks. Last to leave camp, cross the border, stay overnight in the Grapevine area.
Friday, April 10	Arrive back at TKA in early afternoon

Pre-Trip Training

Team members will be expected to attend 3-4 lunch meetings. Additionally, they will help with preparation of supplies during lunch hours and after school on occasion as the trip approaches. Please note that A-Team members will be required to help on **Sunday evening, March 29** and **early in the morning of Monday, March 30** with the **Tools and Luggage Drop-Off** for the Tecate Trip. Finally, A-Team members are needed to help unpack the trucks after the trip (date TBD).



Accommodations/Food

A-Team departs on Thursday, travels over into Mexico and stays at the Ranch in Tecate Thursday night through Wednesday night. Leaving on Thursday morning after the camp is torn down, A-Team travels further than the caravans and stays in a hotel Thursday night near the Grapevine area.

Cost - \$700

There is no additional cost to participate in A-Team; the cost for the trip is the same as the cost for the Tecate trip. The cost is tax-deductible.

Application Process

To apply, please submit the 2020 Tecate Service Trip Online Application (this includes a section for students interested in applying to a Tecate Ministry Team). Tecate Ministry Teams are open to current full-time students only. The link to this 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 29, 3:00 p.m. through Friday, October 4. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4).

Selection Process

The team will consist of 40 students and at least 12 adult leaders. After applications are submitted, all applicants will be interviewed and selected based upon the following criteria: willingness to work in a team setting and think of others first, even in uncomfortable situations; desire to serve God wholeheartedly; commitment to make the Tecate trip as comfortable as possible for others; and cross-cultural sensitivity. The Tecate A-Team will weigh grade level in the selection process, with consideration given to seniors. Only new applicants will be interviewed; interviews will be held between August 29 and October 11. Students selected will be notified by October 15, 2019.

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Please Note: Information is subject to change.