



Tecate, Mexico Service Trip: April 4-10, 2020

Mission

This trip serves as a foundation for 9th and 10th graders to learn how to serve; however, all TKA high school students are welcome to attend the Tecate Service Trip. For 27 years, we have traveled as a school to help the underserved and poor in Tecate. Working with local pastors to identify families in need of homes, we build 16-18 houses each year. We also hold both an morning and afternoon “Kids Club” (VBS) for the children in the community.

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-seventh 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 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.* The goal of this meeting is to provide trip information and answer questions, and topics such as safety, transportation, lodging, paperwork, and building of the homes will be covered. This meeting is also for 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, Chapel Leadership Team, and Kids Club. These ministry teams include an application, interview, and selection process and students selected will be notified by October 15, 2019.

Itinerary

- April 4 Caravans leave from TKA at 5:15 a.m. and arrive at camp in Mexico around 6:00 p.m.
- April 5 Kids Club is organized and house building starts
- April 6-8 Work on sites and run Kid’s Club
- April 9 Tear down camp and leave for LA area. Stay in hotel near Ontario.
- April 10 Drive from Ontario 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. Safety is our highest priority, and we are continually monitoring threats or concerns that affect the welfare of our students on service trips. The school administration, school board, and service trip planning teams 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 porta potties for boys and girls at camp. We do not shower while we are there.

Food

We buy food for breakfast and lunch ahead of time and have ovens, a stovetop, and a large grill for cooking. We contract with Baja Camp Cooks (based in San Diego) to provide our dinners. 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 & Other Information

All important information for the trip, including the packing list, can be viewed on the webpage for Tecate: www.tka.org/Tecate2020

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 29 through October 4

All students interested in participating in the Tecate Service Trip must submit the 2020 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 2020 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 29, 3:00 p.m. through Friday, October 4. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4).

Adult Registration – Opens Friday, October 25

Please complete the 2020 Tecate Adult Online Registration. Registration is sent through email. Details regarding Tecate Adult Registration will be available beginning on Friday, October 25.

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