

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A COMPASSION TRIP IN THE UNDERGROUND?

There are four main reasons that the UNDERGROUND offers this compassion trip to Kerr Street Day Camp:

Awareness. We realize that students are often aware of the major issues in the world around them such as health issues, poverty, and lack of education, but awareness grows in experience as well. In a trip such as this, students have their eyes opened to the issues that exist around them locally. The transition from awareness to the desire for more information on these issues develops quickly – which leads to the second reason for this trip: *education*.

Education. Our students will be educated through training, by The Meeting House and Kerr Street Ministries staff, and through experience, about local compassion issues and the people whose daily lives are affected by them. With both awareness and education, students are led to the third reason for this experience: *action*.

Action. This experience allows students to go beyond simply talking about compassionate living to actually rolling up their sleeves and digging right in. Students will be immersed in the culture and community of Kerr Street Ministries as they serve the children and families throughout the week at Kerr Street Day Camp. Much of the week will consist of very practical, hands-on serving opportunities that will both stretch and challenge our students to put compassion into action.

Transformation. Our desire is that our students will continue to be transformed in Christ from the inside out and that this experience will help to shape and motivate that process. Our desire is that our students will help to transform the lives of people who they connect with throughout this experience while they are being transformed themselves.

For more information on compassion at The Meeting House, check out mission.themeetinghouse.com

WHAT IS KERR STREET MINISTRIES?

Kerr Street Ministries (KSM) helps and gives hope to Oakville's most vulnerable citizens. Serving over 5,000 people, KSM provides holistic support and care particularly for children and youth and low-income families. For more information on Kerr Street Ministries please visit their site at www.kerrstreet.com

WHO WILL BE A PART OF THE TEAM?

This compassion trip is a cross-regional experience; which means that we have opened the application process up to all of The Meeting House sites. Only students who are graduating grade 7 or 8 this year may apply (there will be no exceptions). This team will be composed of up to 12 students and 4 leaders.

WHAT WILL THE TEAM DO?

theUNDERGROUND Kerr Street Compassion Teams will be serving at the Kerr Street Day Camp either July 14-19 or August 5-9. We offer two weeks for the students to choose from, allowing us to keep the teams smaller, to open it up to more students, and to bless KSM with a second week of programming. Our students and leaders will be planning and presenting skits at the morning meetings, teaching Bible stories and small groups, as well as helping to run games, sports, and activities throughout the week. It will be an incredible opportunity to serve kids in the Oakville community.

TRAVEL, HOUSING, AND MEALS

Students will be boarding in a couple of local homes, allowing for the team to have intentional times of debriefing the day, and team-building in the evenings while also providing students the opportunity to be well rested going into full and exciting days at camp throughout the week.

Students will be required to bring their own sleeping bag/bedding and pillow, toiletries, and clothing for the week. Space will be limited, and so we will limit the amount students are able to bring to one regular sized suitcase plus bedding.

The cost of food is included in the overall cost of the trip. Students are encouraged to bring additional money for personal expenses, although this is not required.

FUNDRAISING

Students will be encouraged to find ways to creatively raise the necessary funds and awareness for Kerr Street Ministries. If you have any questions or need suggestions on how to raise the necessary funds, please contact sarah.stanley@themeetinghouse.com or lisa.hanselman@themeetinghouse.com.

APPLICATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

- regularly attend theUNDERGROUND programs
- be recommended by your site Youth Pastor or Youth Coordinator
- submit application no later than Sunday May 26 along with \$25 deposit cheque
- attend a mandatory training day Saturday, July 6, 2012 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Oakville Site
- be prepared to be away from July 14-19, 2013 or August 5-9, 2013

EXPECTED COSTS

Deposit: \$25* (due with application – no later than May 26, 2013)

Final Payment: \$175 (due on the training date- July 6, 2013)

TOTAL COST: \$200

*\$25 deposit will be refunded if student is not accepted.

PLEASE READ EACH PAGE CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING & SUBMITTING APPLICATION.

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Gender: Male Female Grade _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian Phone _____

Parent or Guardian Email _____

Emergency Contact Name & Contact # _____

Health Card # _____

Dates Preferred: Week 1: July 14-19 Week 2: August 5-9 Either week is fine; I am flexible.

Please answer the following questions in the space provided:

Why do you want to be a part of the UNDERGROUND Compassion Team? What is the experience you are hoping to have?

AGREEMENT

STUDENT

By signing below, I agree to adhere to all of the commitments of the UNDERGROUND Kerr Street Compassion Team.

Student Signature

Printed Name

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN

By signing below, I consent to my son/daughter participating in the UNDERGROUND Kerr Street Compassion Team.

I hereby release The Meeting House, its staff and sponsors from responsibility and liability for any injury or illness that my child may sustain during the activities on the event.

In the event of an emergency, I hereby authorize an adult leader of this trip, as an agent of me, to consent to any x-ray examination; medical, dental, or surgical diagnosis; treatment; and hospital care advised and supervised by a physician, surgeon or dentist (as appropriate) licensed to practice under the laws of the Province of Ontario, either at a doctor's office or in any hospital. I expected to be contacted as soon as possible.

I understand that The Meeting House is not responsible in any way for any clothing or other personal effects that are lost or stolen during this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY SECTION:

Application Received: _____

Deposit Received: _____

Final Payment Received: _____

Terms of Photography Release

For good and valuable consideration herein acknowledged as received, and by signing this release, I hereby give the Photographer/Filmmaker and Assigns my permission to license the images and to use the images in any media for any purpose (except pornographic or defamatory) which may include, among others, advertising, promotion, marketing and packaging for any product or service. I agree that the images may be combined with other images, text and graphics, and cropped, altered or modified.

I agree that I have no rights to the images, and all rights to the images belong to the Photographer/Filmmaker and Assigns. I acknowledge and agree that I have no further right to additional consideration or accounting, and that I will make no further claim for any reason to Photographer/Filmmaker and/or Assigns. I acknowledge and agree that this release is binding upon my heirs and assigns. I agree that this release is irrevocable, worldwide and perpetual, and will be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada. I represent and warrant that I am at least 18 years of age and have the full legal capacity to execute this release.

Definitions:

"MODEL" means me and includes my appearance, likeness and form.

"MEDIA" means all media including digital, electronic, print, television, film and other media now known or to be invented.

"PHOTOGRAPHER/FILMMAKER" means photographer, illustrator, filmmaker or cinematographer, or any other person or entity photographing or recording me.

"ASSIGNS" means The Meeting House, to whom Photographer/Filmmaker has assigned or licensed rights under this release.

"IMAGES" means all photographs, film or recording taken of me as part of the Shoot.

"CONSIDERATION" means something of value I have received in exchange for the rights granted by me in this release.

"SHOOT" means the photographic or film session described in this form.

"PARENT" means the parent and/or legal guardian of the Model. Parent and Model are referred to together as "we" and "us" in this release.