

UCC CYF Mission Trip

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries

Los Fresnos, Texas
June 27 - July 4



What is Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries, anyway?

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries (SWGSM) was founded in 1985 to provide assistance to hundreds of people in need, especially refugees seeking asylum in the U.S. Today, SWGSM's mission is to teach the love of Jesus Christ by building a renewed sense of wholeness and dignity and by standing with those who are broken, especially among refugees and those who are disenfranchised and displaced. The organization lives out the Gospel by addressing spiritual and material needs, including emergency shelter and food, clothing, transportation, legal aid, advocacy and job referral. You can read more about their incredible ministries on their website at www.swgsm.org.

What will we be doing there?

Our group will be working on light construction and painting projects that assist local residents in need of home repairs and renovations. SWGSM has partnered with the local school district to help create better home environments for students, and identifies projects for work groups like ours that will raise the quality of life for local families who lack access to necessities that we take for granted.

Where will we be eating and sleeping?

We will be staying in SWGM's dormitories in nearby Bayview, where we'll have bunk beds, showers, and a kitchen to prepare our meals each day.

How will we travel? What else will we do?

We will be traveling in rental vans driven by our responsible adults, and after completing our week of work at SWGSM, we'll spend a day cooling off at Schlitterbahn Water Park on South Padre Island.

All the details that parents crave:

We'll be departing from the church the morning of Saturday, June 27 and returning the night of Saturday, July 4. The trip cost is \$300 per person (which includes all travel, lodging, and most meals). Youth will also need to raise \$100 each to pay for our work projects, and the Mission Trip Stock Sale will provide a simple way for youth to raise these funds by selling "shares" in the trip. If cost is prohibitive, *additional scholarship funds are available upon request*. There will be a pre-trip meeting for youth and parents in June to go over the details, provide contact numbers, and collect medical forms and signed behavior covenants.

Interested in serving as an adult sponsor on the trip? Contact Russ at russ@uccftw.com.

Sign me up!

I will be participating in the CYF Mission Trip from June 27 - July 4, 2015. I have included a \$50 deposit to secure my spot.

Youth Name

Youth Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature