

Social Justice Immersion Trips
Notre Dame High School Academic Year 2011
Common Application for Salinas, Mexicali, and Appalachia

Thank you for your interest in a Social Justice Immersion Trip! In this packet you will find information about Salinas, Mexicali, and Appalachia Immersion Trips, Application materials, and Information about the application and selection process.. Please also note the other required meetings and activities for participation. Past participants have found Immersion Trips powerful and personally transforming experiences based on four tenets of community, social justice, simple living, and spirituality.

NDB has run Immersion Trips for over ten years. Immersion participants serve in a context that calls for solidarity with people struggling in communities marginalized by society. We immerse ourselves in, building bridges of cross cultural or regional understanding and relationships. Participants receive connection in community and self-discovery through the combination of shared experience, reflection, prayer, and simple living. The Immersion Trip helps participants come to the realization that the Gospel message of love, social justice and service is only fully realized through action.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *Tuesday Oct. 25th*

A completed application includes :

- Answers to Application Questions
- Parent Verification Form
- \$100 check (application deposit)

Please make checks out to Notre Dame High School.

*Check is returned if student is not accepted into the program.

RANK PREFERENCE FROM 1 – 3:

SALINAS [Cost: \$250] Dates: November 10 at 11:30 am-November 13 at 3 pm (Miss block 7 on 11/10)

For More Info, please visit <http://www.dorothysplace.org/>

MEXICALI [Cost: \$900] Dates: March 10-17 (times based on flights and tbd, miss no classes or school days)

For More Info, please visit <http://www.viainternational.org/>

APPALACHIA (WEST VIRGINIA) Tri School Trip with Serra and Mercy [Cost: \$1,050] Dates: April 9-14 (times based on flights and tbd, miss no classes or school days) For More Info, please visit

<http://bethlehemfarm.net/>

Please turn in completed applications to Campus Ministry (Room 117).

Social Justice Immersion Trip Qualification and Practicalities

Please note that there is limited space in the Immersion Program and for each trip, and unfortunately we may not always be able to accept all applicants. Our application process is designed to select the most appropriate and qualified applicants for the experience. Please read the following information carefully!

- Application Process:** Acceptance into the program will be based on...
- *Application content and thoroughness – Due Tues., Oct.25*
 - *Selection of students to be interviewed and scheduling interviews*
 - *Individual Interviews*
 - *Selection of students for trip*
 - *Notification on Friday, October 28 unless application deadline extended*
- Qualifications:** Participants must...
- *Be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.*
 - *For Appalachia Trip only applicants must be 16 years of age.*
 - *Attend required meetings and events listed below.*
 - *Be culturally sensitive.*
 - *Be interested in the area and people they will be serving.*
 - *Be ready to work!!!*
 - *Be ready to have fun!!!*
- Program Cost:** **Determined by trip.** Cost includes agency program fees, airfare, all travel, lodging, activities, and all meals.
- Financial Aid:** Financial aid is available based on need. We want all students to have this opportunity to participate if they are qualified and committed to the mission of the trip. A parent must contact Ms. Winn immediately (prior to submitting the application) to receive financial aid.
- Registration deposit:** **\$100** (check made out to Notre Dame High School) *If you are accepted into the Immersion Program, your deposit will go toward the program cost. If you are not accepted, your check will be returned to you.*
- Interviews:** **Please sign up for an interview appointment when you find out you have been selected for this next step.**
- Acceptance:** Students will be notified of their acceptance by Fri., Oct. 28 unless an additional application period/extension occurs.
- Required sessions*:**
- **You will receive specific dates for each trip at your interview!**
 - ***Immersion Trip Participants must attend below:***
Orientation Session, Preparation and Post Meetings: TBD
 - ***Participants and their parent(s) must attend sessions below:***
Parent Info Meeting & Commissioning Service: TBD
Parents are provided with information on the trip and have the opportunity to ask questions. The Commissioning Service will recognize the students and the leaders on the trip and commission them to go out and serve others.
- Solidarity Dinner: TBD
Share experience as a group with family and friends; participate in potluck upon return to our community
- Visit www.ndhsb.org under Campus Ministry and Immersion Trips for updated details about each trip and meeting dates coming soon!**

Social Justice Immersion Trip *APPLICATION*

Applicant Full Legal Name _____

Health/Physical conditions or restraints

Email Address _____ Cell # _____

Date of Birth _____ Class Year: _____ Advisor: _____

Application deadline is Tuesday, October 25th.

Please bring completed applications to the Campus Ministry Office (Room 117).

Remember to attach a check (made out to Notre Dame High School) for \$100. This amount will be deducted from the total cost of your trip if you are accepted on Social Justice Immersion Trip.

If you are not accepted, your check will be returned.

Please answer the following questions and submit TYPED, thoughtful responses:

1. Why do you want to be a part of an Immersion Trip?
2. Have you ever had an immersion or mission experience before? Describe the experience.
3. What qualities do you possess that will make this a positive experience for you and the other participants? Please explain.
4. The Immersion Trip experience will give you the opportunity to put your faith/values into action by serving others. How do you live out your faith on a daily basis? How do you see this trip helping you to grow in your faith?
5. How would you respond if a leader asked you to do something that you did not want to do? (Something that might stretch your patience, endurance, or cooperation?)
6. What are your expectations about the Immersion Trip experience? How do you feel about interacting with people who live a life that is different from yours? Explain.

Social Justice Immersion Trip
PARENT VERIFICATION FORM

I have read through the Social Justice Immersion Trip information and do allow my daughter to apply. I understand that acceptance into the program will be based on the answers to application questions, and if selected, an interview. If she is accepted into the program, I agree to attend the following event with my daughter:

- **Parent Meeting/Commissioning Service:** Date TBD
- **Orientation Session:** Date TBD
- **Solidarity Dinner:** TBD

See www.ndhsb.org under Campus Ministry and Immersion Trips for updated details about each trip and meeting dates coming soon!

TRIP DESTINATIONS MY DAUGHTER HAS PERMISSION TO ATTEND: (Please circle all that apply)

Salinas **Mexicali** **Appalachia(West Virginia)**

Daughter's Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email Address _____

Student Email Address _____

Are you planning to apply for financial aid, please circle: YES or NO

Please write any questions you may have below if you would like Ms. Winn to Contact you: