



# Vijana 2012

**March 31st-April 7th**

**Spring Break House Building Trip:** build a house for a family in need – from the foundation up, live in community with each other at Casa Hogar de los Niños, worship, be inspired by others, deep conversation, laughing until you cry, Jesus, hard work, hugs, fun, challenge, learning...the list goes on!

**Registration: October 30<sup>th</sup> in the ROCK from 3.30-4.45pm.**

Space on this trip is limited. Priority will be give to:

1. Students actively involved in the ROCK who have FULLY COMPLETED paperwork along with a deposit check.
2. Students who are NOT actively involved in the ROCK but have FULLY COMPLETED paperwork along with a deposit check.

**Please ensure ALL parts of the application are filled out**

**to guarantee a spot on this trip!**

**A FULLY COMPLETED packet means:**

- Application form including essay questions found on page 6 of application packet
- MIPC Parental Release Form
- Medical Form (we are asking EVERYONE to complete a new medical information form this year)
- DOXA Waiver Form
- Copy of Passport
- Deposit check for \$250 made out to MIPC

## Important Information and Dates

**Cost:** the cost of this trip is \$925 for people who are members of MIPC (the cost is less for members as their tithes and offerings to MIPC help to fund our mission trips). The cost for non-members is \$1025. **A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due on the day of registration.** A further \$250 is due **NO LATER** than Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>. **FULL PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>.** As always, scholarships and payment plans are available to ANYONE who needs it (on a completely confidential basis). Please talk to Nicola sooner than later about this!

**Passports:** Everyone crossing the border is required to have a valid passport. Please ensure passports are valid for 6 months after return to the USA. We will collect passports at our meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising Requirements:** the actual cost of sending one student on the house-building trip is \$1700. In order to help subsidize that cost, we have some mandatory opportunities for EVERY participant (student AND adult) to partake in. Failure to show up for a designated shift will result in \$85 per two hour period added to your balance.

- Due to increased costs this year, we are endeavoring to hold some additional fundraising events to offset our costs even more. More details to come. If you have any fundraising ideas then please talk to Nicola ASAP
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Show and Silent Auction, Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>** *This will be our biggest fund raising event. All students and leaders participating in MX '12 will be required to help out on this day and/or days leading up to this event. If you are unable to be present on March 10<sup>th</sup> please contact Nicola Davidson, ASAP.*

### **Important Dates:**

- **Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>:** Registration in the ROCK from 3.15-4.30pm.
- **Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$250 due.
- **Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting for **ALL** adult and student participants.
- **Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Remaining balance due
- **Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>:** Benefit Show and Auction
- **Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Commissioning at the 5pm service then 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for adults and students. This is a NO EXCUSES meeting. Unless there is a family emergency, ALL participants **MUST** be at this meeting. We will happily talk to any coaches/choir and drama directors if necessary
- **Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Baggage Night in the ROCK from 4.30-6.00pm (drop off your hammer, tool belt sleeping bag/pad/pillow)

## Student Application and Release

Please complete and return the following paperwork to the ROCK on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THIS DATE!

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(almost all of our communication will be via email)

1. Have you participated in the Tijuana Trip before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, how did you find out about the trip? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you involved in a faith/church community? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have a passport that is valid until October 2012? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, you must apply for one ASAP!!
4. Do you speak Spanish? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what level? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list 2 people you would like to work with on Mexico Project 2012. This is helpful information for us as we choose teams. However, you are not guaranteed to be placed with people you list ***If you do not list 2 people, you defer the decision to us.***

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

# Student Contract

## STUDENT CONTRACT

Building a house takes teamwork; so does preparing for Tijuana 2012. There is a lot to be done before the hammer hits the first nail and your involvement is vital. **Before signing this covenant, please carefully read over the requirements for the trip:**

“I understand that in choosing to go to Mexico, I am making a commitment to participate in approximately **5-7 hours** of service before the project for the overall fundraising of this trip. By entering into this covenant (agreement) with MIPC and the ROCK, I agree that **my full attendance & participation are essential and mandatory** in all of the pre-trip and/or post-trip meetings and events. Furthermore, I know that I must excuse any absences with Lindsay Murphy two (2) weeks prior, and make alternate arrangements if absolutely necessary. If I fail to do so, the appropriate amounts will be added to my participation costs. By signing this form I agree that this trip is an opportunity for me to grow closer to God, and that ROCK leaders have the final decision on any question that comes up during the trip. I will participate in all activities, and I will be polite and courteous to those around me. **I will not bring or use any illegal objects (drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc.) on the trip.** With all of this, I know that if I have any difficulty following the rules, I will need a one way ticket home at mine or my parent’s expense.”

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL PERMISSION & LIABILITY RELEASE**

I/We give permission for our student \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the **MEXICO PROJECT, March 31-April 7, 2012** and prior meetings, service opportunities and work parties with The ROCK Ministries to Students & their Families. I/We wish to make clear our understanding that Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, Mercer Island, Washington and the leaders of the trip are hereby relieved from any liability for loss of property, damage to property, or any personal harm that may come to the participant, and absolve the church and leaders and hold them harmless from any claim or demand which might be asserted in connection with such activities and events. By signing this release, I consent to my child's participation, and waive any and all claims that might arise out of such participation.

**MEDICAL:** In the case of medical emergency, I/We hereby authorize any medical and/or surgical care, including diagnosis and treatment, to be given by any licensed hospital or clinic, when the participant is accompanied by a leader of this trip and efforts have been made to contact us. I/We assume full financial and legal responsibility for such care, and any financial charges incurred in the event of an emergency. In the event of medical treatment, all expenses will be directly billed by the medical provider to the family. If the medical provider requires payment at the time services are rendered for my student and MIPC advances such payment (with my acknowledgment that MIPC is not required to do so), I agree to reimburse MIPC for the full amount of such payment. Furthermore, it is my responsibility to update The ROCK Emergency & Medical Information Form on file with any insurance, medical, or contact information.

**PAYMENT POLICY:** A non-refundable deposit will be required to reserve a place for any student. If at any time you decide to cancel your student's reservation, contact us immediately. Note that canceling prior to the event, or after all payments due, will require that you pay the full balance, as we may have secured tickets for transportation and admissions that are non-refundable. If your student's spot can be filled from a waitlist, only then may you receive a partial refund for monies paid, but your deposit will remain non-refundable.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Questions

The following questions are intended to tell us more about you. New and returning Mexico applicants should address all questions appropriately and briefly. **Please note that these essays are part of a complete application.** Please complete these questions. Attach typed or handwritten answers to each of the following questions (all five answers should fit on one page total).

1. Why are you choosing the Mexico 2012 trip over other Spring Break opportunities?
2. What are two of your personality/character strengths and how would they specifically help your team on this trip?
3. Briefly share your faith beliefs and your experience with the Christian faith. How would you link this trip to your faith?
4. It is our hope and expectation that all students will help raise money to cover the cost of their individual tuition. What will you do to help cover your tuition cost?
5. A) **For return participants only** – picture yourself in Tijuana. It's Wednesday, everyone is tired, things aren't going to plan and people have stopped working and are complaining. What could you do to help in this situation?  
B) **For first time participants only** – What, if any anxieties or hopes do you have about participating in the Tijuana Trip 2012?
6. Every night after program we meet in team small groups for sharing and discussion. How does the idea of sharing vulnerably with your team feel to you?

## Scholarships

It is our policy at the ROCK that **NO ONE** should miss out on a trip due to concerns about money. Scholarships are available to assist students who would otherwise be unable to participate due to financial reasons. We ask that you would pay as much as you are able, so that we are able to assist as many families as we can. All requests are confidential.

- I am interested in receiving a scholarship for this event in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## Opportunity to Give

Scholarships to both students and adults are made possible by your donations. If you would like to assist an additional student to attend this event, or pay the way for a volunteer leader, please check a box below. Thank you for your generosity!

- I am enclosing an extra \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help provide student scholarships and/or help pay the way for volunteer leader.

## DOXA STUDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE [ ], Hogar de los Niños Orphanage and DOXA (hereinafter the  
“Released Parties”) from any and all liability to the above named minor child. I am fully aware  
of the risks involved in the activity described below, and waive any claims this minor child may  
have as a result of an accident, mishap or negligence of the Released Parties and/or any other  
party under or affiliated with the Released Parties.

This waiver shall be binding on said minor child named above, myself, his or her heirs, assigns  
and the next of kin, and shall extend to the benefit of the Released Parties and their successors  
and assigns. I understand that the activities in which the minor child named above will be  
involved are inherently dangerous and may cause serious injuries, including bodily injury,  
damage, loss or theft of personal property and death in relation to travel to and from Tijuana,  
Mexico, all house building and construction activities undertaken at DOXA’s leased property  
and the Hogar de los Niños Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, travel to and from house building  
sites and at the house building sites, including but not limited to any activities while the minor  
child named above is physically on such premises.

To the best of my knowledge, the minor child named above does not have any physical  
limitations, medical ailments, physical or mental disabilities that would limit him or her from  
participating in the above mentioned activity, and if required, he or she will obtain a medical  
examination and clearance.

I have read and fully agree to the terms of this waiver and release. I understand and confirm  
that by signing this waiver and release I have given up considerable future legal rights that the  
above named minor child and I may have against the above named released parties. I have  
signed this waiver freely, voluntarily, under no duress or threat of duress, without inducement,  
promise or guarantee being communicated to me. My signature is proof of my intention to  
execute a complete and unconditional waiver and release of all liability to the full extent of the  
law. I am mentally competent to enter into such an agreement.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The ROCK Ministries to Students & their Families  
Mercer Island Presbyterian Church  
**STUDENT EMERGENCY & MEDICAL INFORMATION**

**IMPORTANT:** This form MUST be filled in COMPLETELY for your student to participate in any off-campus event or activity with the ROCK Ministries to Students and their Families.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

**MANDATORY:** Date of last Tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your student experience any of the following & please explain:

Asthma attacks (include exercise-induced asthma):

\_\_\_\_\_ *\*If yes, student must bring full inhaler.*

Chronic/Recurring illness \_\_\_\_\_

Physical handicap or physical activity limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and explain any other health conditions we should be aware of:

**ALLERGIES & RESTRICTIONS:** Please list all allergies and restrictions.

Food Restrictions (vegetarian/vegan preference and allergies): \_\_\_\_\_

Medications/Medical: \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICATIONS:** Please list **ALL** medications student is currently taking (**mandatory**)

Medication	Condition being treated	Dosage/Special Instructions
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (mandatory)**

Parent/Guardian #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (if you cannot be reached): Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE INFORMATION (mandatory)**

Name of Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY & RELEASE INFORMATION**

In the event that ANY insurance, medical, or emergency contact information changes it is the responsibility of the parent/student to update the MIPC Ministries to Student & their Families Emergency & Medical Information Form. Any and all financial charges incurred in the event of an emergency are the sole responsibility of the parent/family of the student or participant listed on this form. In the event of medical treatment, all expenses will be directly billed by the medical provider to the family. If the medical provider requires payment at the time services are rendered for the student and MIPC advances such payment (with the acknowledgment that MIPC is not required to do so), the parent/family agrees to reimburse MIPC for the full amount of such payment. By signing the trip Registration & Release form, the parent/guardian consents to this agreement.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_