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Information Packet
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Registration Deadline:
January 31, 2011

All applications & $100 deposits must be submitted online:
www.woodridgechurch.com

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PREP Information

Trip Dates*

- Adult Trip #1: June 11-19 Leader—Aaron Sorenson, Jenny Koehnen
- Sr. High Trip #1: July 7-15 Leaders—Student Ministries Staff
- Sr. High Trip #2: July 16-23 Leaders—Student Ministries Staff
- Adult Trip #2: Aug. 5-12 Leader—Greg Seeger

Adults from all Woodridge sites will be joining together for the two adult trips listed above. Choose the dates that work for you!

*All dates are subject to change until airline tickets are purchased. Each team will also schedule a packing night prior to departure.

Training Dates (*Mandatory for ALL TEAM Participants*)

- All trainings and **scheduled team events** are mandatory. Unexcused absences will result in either a $100 fine (given to Missions & Outreach) or dismissal from the team.

Belize Meetings	Date	Time	Participants
Variety Show Pts. Mtg	Feb. 13	Noon - 2:00	**ALL** participants interested in being a part of our Variety Show & Silent Auction fundraiser **MUST** attend this meeting.
Group Training	April 15	6-9:30 p.m.	ALL participants: MOA Scavenger Hunt / Team Building Time
Team Building Dinner	TBA	TBA	All participants

Cost

- Cost: $1,400 /person (May fluctuate based on airfare)
- This includes: Airfare, translators, transportation, food & lodging, exit taxes & construction fees.
- Payment due dates will be given to you upon registration.
- Participants can send out support letters to family/friends to help raise funds. Sample letter will be handed out to team members at the April 15th training.
- A Variety Show Fundraiser will be held March 5, 2010. Your share of the fundraising dollars will be determined by your personal level of involvement.

Registration

- All applications & $100 deposits must be done online to reserve your spot: www.woodridgechurch.com
- **Deadline:** January 31, 2011 **Team Capacity:** 25 people for each trip date
- Team members are not selected on a first come, first serve basis, however, consideration will be given to the time you submit your application.

Criteria of a Team Member

- A Member or regular attender of Woodridge (exceptions to this requirement must be approved by Woodridge Staff).
- Believer in Jesus Christ
- One who's willing and ready to serve the people of Belize as well as the team
- Agreement with Woodridge Statement of Faith as found on www.woodridgechurch.com

While in Belize

Belize Mission & Retreat

Belize Mission & Retreat is a seven-acre family-oriented retreat, where Christian families and workers are welcomed for recreation and relaxation. The Mission Base is on the central Caribbean coast of Belize and is only accessed by boat or ferry. Basil and Vera DeKlerks established the Belize Mission & Retreat.

The purpose of Belize Mission & Retreat is two-fold. First, the Mission Base provides a place for teams to come and stay while performing hands-on work projects at orphanages, churches and local villages. Secondly, the Retreat provides a place to be physically refreshed and spiritually renewed. For more information and picture, go to http://www.belizemission.org/

Accommodations

Accommodations: The facilities consist of a three-story main lodge, with a first floor dorm, which sleeps 20 in bunk beds, two bathrooms, staff quarters, laundry, linens, and storage. On the second level there is a Greatroom, with a dining room, lounge and kitchen. There is also an office and two restrooms and a large veranda with hammocks. The third floor or loft is a dorm or bunkhouse for youth groups and church teams, which sleeps 10 in bunk beds. There are two duplex cabanas. Each with a balcony and private bathrooms. The Welcome center and Chapel provides a location for team orientation, team devotions, short term missions training, seminars and overflow housing for groups over 30. There is a lookout deck on top of the lodge, which provides an incredible 360' view of the beautiful property, beach and Caribbean Sea to the East and Rain Forest or jungle with Maya Mountains in the West. This deck is an awesome location for viewing sunrises and sunsets, as well as stargazing.

While in Belize

Typical Daily Schedule

Below is a general outline of an average day in Belize. The first & last days of the trip are travel days. The days in-between are ministry days, with some break time built in. Ministry days may include building houses, conducting VBS, sports ministry, prayer/evangelism, children's ministry. Toward the end of the week, teams will be given more freedom to specialize in the areas of ministry they are most passionate about.

Note: All details are subject to change due to unforeseen variables or opportunities that may arise at any point.

7:30 AM	Breakfast & morning devotions
9:00 AM	Depart for village to do ministry (VBS, construction, prayer walks, sports outreach, home visits, etc.).
12:00 PM	Break for lunch
1:00 PM	Return to ministry work
4:00 PM	Return to mission base for rest break
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Debriefing and short-term team mission training
8:30 PM	Team time
10:00 PM	Lights out

Weather

The Mission grounds are a great place to relax, since the setting is naturally beautiful on the Caribbean. Year round average temperatures are in the 80's during the day and in the 70's at night, with high humidity. Tropical breezes are the natural air conditioning for most of the year.

To Make & Receive Calls

Emergency calls can be made / received onsite. Team members will receive contact information a couple weeks prior to the trip.

Safety

We make every effort to see that safety is a priority during your trip. As part of the trip cost, you will also have a personal medical emergency insurance policy to cover you, as part of your registration costs. This policy would have you medically evacuated to the U.S. if required.

While in Belize

What To Bring

- A passport valid for 6 months beyond the intended date of departure. *NOTE:* If you need to apply for a passport, do so immediately!

What NOT To Bring

- Jewelry
- Make-up
- Cell Phones (may be used on travel days but must be turned in once we arrive in Belize), IPods, MP3 players, or CD players (may be used on travel days but must be turned in once we are in Belize).

How To Dress

It is very important to dress modestly to honor and respect the churches and people with whom we will be working. For most ministry days, we will wear short-sleeved shirts or t-shirts and long shorts. A full packing list will be handed out at the April 15th training. While traveling to Belize, you need to wear your Belize T-shirt.

REQUIRED Participation Forms

Dates Due:

Application . . . . . January 31, 2011

***All applications & $100 deposits **must be submitted ONLINE** and are subject to review by the Woodridge Staff and will not simply be accepted on a “First Come, First Serve” basis. However, consideration will be given to the order in which they are received.

Team Covenant
Participant Release Consent Form
Medical Release . . . . . April 15, 2011 Meeting

Team Covenant Statement

For the greater good of the team & effectiveness of ministry while in Belize, I will agree to these things:

1. I will be consistent in my pursuit of God in my daily life.

2. I will encourage other members of the Belize team, building one another up and avoid putting one another down. I commit to pray consistently for our team and our trip.

3. I will value trust, safety and confidentiality in our group. What is said in the group stays in the group.

4. I will use the Biblical model for conflict – going directly to the person with any issues I have before going to anyone else. It is important not to hold anything back from one another, deal with issues as quickly as possible.

5. I will be prepared, on time and participate fully during the trainings listed below:

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6. I will submit myself to God's Spirit & not partake in these scriptural deeds of the sinful nature, both in preparation for and during the trip. **Galatians 5:19-21** "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

7. I will not consume any alcohol, tobacco or drug products while in Belize. If I am a high school student, I will also not consume any alcohol, tobacco or drug products before going to Belize.

8. I will, instead, choose to walk by the spirit as described in:
Galatians 5:22-25 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

*Any violation of this covenant may result in the team member being dismissed from the Belize team. Each situation will be handled on an individual basis by the Belize leadership team.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date_____

Required for Sr. High Participants Only:

Guardian's signature: _____ Date_____

Participant Release Consent Form

I, _____ accept the conditions and risks outlined in this release, as a participant on a mission trip sponsored by Woodridge Church of Medina, Minnesota, to Belize. I represent and agree that:

1. I am aware of the potential hazards and risks to the participant and property associated with serving in a missions capacity, such hazards and risks including, but not being limited to, injury or death by accident, disease, war, terrorist acts, weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies (in remote locations), criminal activity, and random acts of violence. I accept these risks as a participant with full awareness of these risks subject to any insurance coverage that may be available to me from any source. With respect to Woodridge Church and its agents, volunteers, officers, directors, and employees, I assume all risks of death, injury, and illness associated with such risks, and any damage to my personal property, and I release Woodridge Church and its agent, officers, directors, and employees from any liability that I may suffer as a result of participation in the mission project. I further acknowledge that such risks have always been associated with missionary service. (2 Corinthians 11:23-28)

2. I attest and certify that I have no known medical conditions that would prevent me from participating, and provide further assurance of this with a separate Medical Release Form, signed by a medical doctor.

3. I expressly waive any defense to the enforcement of any provision of this commitment arising from a claim of lack of consideration and warrant that this commitment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation upon me enforceable against me in accordance with its terms.

4. I am aware of the hazards and risks to the participant associated with volunteering in a short-term mission trip, as described above. I further understand that Woodridge Church does not have any insurance coverage that would apply in the event of the participant's illness, injury, death, or damage to their property that may occur during participation on the trip, and that if such insurance coverage is desired, I am responsible for the cost and arrangements for such insurance.

5. I expressly agree that this assumption of risk agreement is intended to be as road and inclusive as permitted by law. I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND I VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING IT.

Date:
Signature:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:

Student Ministries Medical Release

For Completion by SR High Participants & Guardians

If you are under a physician's care, the doctor must complete the bottom portion of this form. An additional required form for minors will be given out at the April 15th training.

Name:_____
Emergency Contact:_____
Relationship:_____ Phone:_____

Insurance Information

Company: _____
Policy Type: _____ Policy #:_____

Medical Information

Will you be bringing any prescription medication on the project?_____

What kind? _____ For what condition? _____

REQUIRED: Date of last tetanus shot (this must be within ten years):_____

REQUIRED: Date of Hepatitis A inoculation:_____

List any physical disabilities or limitations:_____

List any known allergies and reactions:_____

List any major illnesses in the past year:_____

Have you fainted or passed out?_____ When?_____ Why?_____

Do you have any eating disorders? _____

If yes, have you ever received counseling?_____

For Completion by Physician

(If you are under the care of a physician for any condition, have him/her complete the following):

I have examined _____ and find him/her to be in good general health and physically able to take part in the Woodridge Church project to _____ on (date) _____ to _____.

Doctor's signature:_____ Date:_____

Release

In case of unconsciousness, or inability to release myself for medical treatment resulting from illness, injury, or an accident on the Woodridge Church project which requires medical attention, I _____, give my permission to Woodridge Church, its representatives and all attending health care professionals (defined as including, but not limited to registered nurses, licensed practicing nurses, physicians' assistants, doctors and paramedics) to receive medical treatment, to hospitalize, anesthetize, or perform surgery on me as is required. I, _____, the undersigned, do release, acquit, discharge and covenant to hold harmless Woodridge Church, and its representatives from all actions, damages or liabilities arising out of the treatment of any illness, injury, or accident incurred during my participation on the trip. It is the intention of this release that the above Woodridge Church and its representatives incur no liability whatsoever while attempting to meet all medical needs that I may require during the project.

I do hereby verify that all of the above information provided is accurate:

Guardian Signature:_____ Date:_____

Participant Signature:_____ Date:_____

Adult Medical Release

For completion by all Adult participants

If you are under a physician's care, the doctor must complete the bottom portion of this form.

Name:_____
Emergency Contact:_____
Relationship:_____ Phone:_____

Insurance Information

Company: _____
Policy Type: _____ Policy #:_____

Medical Information

Will you be bringing any prescription medication on the project?_____

What kind? _____ For what condition? _____

REQUIRED: Date of last tetanus shot (this must be within ten years):_____

REQUIRED: Date of Hepatitis A inoculation:_____

List any physical disabilities or limitations:_____

List any known allergies and reactions:_____

List any major illnesses in the past year:_____

Have you fainted or passed out?_____ When?_____ Why?_____

Do you have any eating disorders? _____

If yes, have you ever received counseling?_____

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(If you are under the care of a physician for any condition, have him/her complete the following):

I have examined _____ and find him/her to be in good general health and physically able to take part in the Woodridge Church project to _____ on (date) _____ to _____.

Doctor's signature:_____ Date:_____

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I do hereby verify that all of the above information provided is accurate.

Participant Signature:_____ Date:_____