

# 2006 MY SUMMER SERVICE LEARNING TRIPS

“... for I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.” Matthew 25:35-36

## PHILOSOPHY

Pay it forward, do good, walk humbly, cultivate peace -- for the people we go to serve, our team members, our church, our community, our world and ourselves.

## MY TRIPS ARE ABOUT

- Serving
- FUN
- Team effort, one for all, all for one
- Learning about the world & others
- Having one heckuva cool adventure
- Camaraderie & group bonding
- Growing spiritually & in wisdom
- Meeting new people, having new experiences & trying new things
- Learning to be thoughtful
- Sharing
- Playing together
- Working, sweating, laughing, together
- Being safe
- Learning more about who you are
- **Feeling great about yourself and what we accomplish together!!**

## MY TRIPS ARE NOT

- A vacation
- A sightseeing trip (although you may get to do a little of that)
- For sleeping late
- About being number one, proving how much better you are than anyone else, being first in line for food or snacks
- About having more time to text message, play Gameboy, listen to an IPOD or watch TV - in fact you'll have very little time to do this and little or no access to TV; cell phones usually don't work in either place
- About teasing, bullying, hurting anyone's feelings or showing off
- About letting guilt get you down when you make a mistake (you will - we all do); no sulking allowed
- About eating all the food before anyone else gets any
- About getting drunk, high, smoking, or having sex

## ABOUT THE TRIPS

	Heifer Ranch Perryville, Arkansas	Mayflower Medical Outreach Managua & Jinotega, Nicaragua
Trip dates	June 4 - 9	July 28 - August 4 (subject to change)
Quik Vue	Heifer Ranch is a hands-on learning center providing education that promotes sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. It is located in Perryville, Arkansas (45 miles from Little Rock).	Mayflower Medical Outreach supports a wide variety of programs in Nicaragua. Each year a team of medical staff & support staff travel to the mountain town of Jinotega to see patients and perform surgeries. This is done in conjunction with a broader effort that includes construction, working with education programs, a school for the handicapped and women's health care.
Who may participate	open to MY youth grades 6 - 12 as well as Mayflower adults	open to those who will be juniors and seniors in fall 2006 and high school grads
	<b>If you're going on either trip its important to attend as many regular Sunday MY activities as possible in order to get to know the other youth going.</b>	
	<b>Nic trip participants are required to participate in several sessions of packing medical &amp; other supplies prior to leaving on the trip. The only excuse for</b>	

	<b>missing a packing session is if you are at work or you are ill. Sleeping in, having a date, being tired, taking a nap is not excused.</b>		
Cost	\$330 Includes the all meals and lodging while there	\$1000 Includes all meals and lodging while there	
Spending money	Need money for two meals on the road & any extra money you may want for snacks or the gift shop at the Ranch (it's a cool shop)	We recommend \$100 and an international calling card for calling home. Opps for souvenir shopping are limited but some very cool stuff is available.	
Reserving your spot	Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis. MY trips are planned with an estimated number of participants and changing numbers require additional logistical planning. So we ask that if you plan to go, you make your reservation ASAP.  Reserving your spot on a trip requires two things: 1) a signed travel permission, waiver, contract delivered at the same time as 2) deposit		
Deposit	\$165	\$500	
Deposit due date	On or before March 26, 2006 / Signed travel permission, waiver, contract is due at the same time	On or before April 30, 2006 / Signed travel permission, waiver, contract is due at the same time	
Final payment due (if any)	On or before Sunday, May 21, 2006	On or before Sunday, May 28, 2006	
Detailed trip info	See handout specific to Heifer	See handout specific to Mayflower Medical Outreach	
<b>Fundraisers are a team effort - your attendance is required</b>			
Feb 26	Beans & cornbread lunch		
Mar 26	Bake sale between and after services		
April 2	Hire-A-Kid for Spring Cleaning		
TBD	If we still need funds we may ask 363 if they will help us with a lunch		
May 14	Mother's Day Bake Sale between and after services		
<b>Fundraising Goal</b>			
Someone else has already "paid it forward" for you, since we will be using funds raised in previous years. We will raise the remaining money needed to cover ½ to ¼ of each participating youth's fee AND we will "pay it forward" for future years as well by raising seed money for future year's trips. Our goal is to create four opportunities for you to raise enough money to offset ¼ to ½ of your trip expenses - or \$83 - \$165 for each youth going to Heifer; and \$250 - 500 for each youth going to Nicaragua. There is no guarantee we will be able to raise this much money so please bear this in mind as you plan for the trip. Estimated total needed = \$3,600 (subject to change)			
Amounts subject to change	Heifer		Nicaragua
	if we raise ½ trip expenses for each youth	if we raise ¼ trip expenses for each youth	if we raise ½ trip expenses for each youth If we raise ¼ trip expenses for each youth
If you work one fundraiser	You get \$41.25	You get \$20	You get \$125 You get \$62.50

Work two fundraisers	\$82.50	\$40	\$250	\$125
Work three fundraisers	\$123.75	\$60	\$375	\$187.50
Work ALL fundraisers	\$165.00	\$83	\$500	\$250

**Room assignments**

MY leaders make room assignments. If you'd like to room with someone, let us know and we will take your request into consideration when making assignments.

**Thank you committee**

We want to make sure donors and the church as a whole is thanked by our youth for their generous support. Each youth needs to actively participate in the thank you process. We're asking parents & youth to be in charge of forming a thank you committee, electing co-chairs of the committee and formulating a means of thanking donors. Carrie Hulett graciously volunteered to chair this committee. Please give her your full cooperation and assist as needed.

MY leaders (myself, Toni Harris, Renee Rendall & Luke Dick will be available to provide input or help if needed.

**Helping your youth learn about finances**

We encourage each family to spend some time planning financing for the trip together. A worksheet is included if you want to use it as a guide.

Whether through saving a portion of allowance, babysitting money, odd jobs around the house, money from a part-time job, etc., asking your youth to be responsible for even a small portion of their trip (like spending money) - teaches personal responsibility and cultivates a sense of accomplishment.

**Additional financial aid opportunities**

The Christian Ed board is committed to giving every youth who wants to go on a summer service learning trip the opportunity to do so. So for families needing additional financial aid a limited number of grants are available. Individual Mayflower members also often provide sponsorships for youth needing financial assistance. To apply for a grant, please see Shauna for a grant form and financial worksheet.

<b>Worksheet</b>	
	Amount
Total cost of trip	
amount youth plans to make at church fundraisers	
amount family will provide	
amount youth will provide from jobs, babysitting, saving allowance, etc.	

any other funding resources (gifts from relatives, grant, etc.)	

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