



SUMMER TRIP INFORMATION and INVITATION

WHO: ECC's High School youth group (Current 8th-12th Grade)

WHAT: The Community Live-In 2023: A youth group community discipleship and service trip, where we will spend a week **living, serving,** and **having fun** in community together.

WHEN: Date TBD: *Potentially* Wednesday, July 5th – Tuesday, July 11th, 2023

WHERE: Orlando, Florida

DETAILS:

- Flying as a group to Orlando, Florida
- **Living together** in a very large rental house for a week
 - Everyone will have their own bed... no doubling up or sofa sleepers.
 - Living together will provide a safe space as a sort of “home base” for the week.
 - The students will learn to live alongside each other in community by serving one another throughout the week and spending time in bible study/prayer together.
- **Serving together** locally (organizational help from Audubon Covenant Church in Orlando)
 - We will experience a variety of service opportunities as we work alongside and even learn from ministries and service organizations in the Orlando area.
 - The work is being planned but may range from manual labor, to packing supplies to send to places in need, to serving at a local community center for those in need.
- **Having fun** by enjoying time at the rental house, in the pool, at the beach and even taking at least one day (details being arranged) to go to Disney World as a group.
 - As with all our discipleship and mission trips, we seek to provide 1 or 2 fun days that focus on building relationships and celebrating our time together. While we will have “off” time at the house, we will also be planning to spend a day or two at the parks in Orlando.

COST: Approximate out-of-pocket cost is **\$350-\$500 per person.**

- Total will depend on number of students and final details on travel, housing, etc.
- There WILL be a cap to the number of students we can bring.
- The actual cost is more, but we will be using fundraised funds to supplement the trip cost.
 - We will have at least 2 fundraisers to pay for the community/service portion of the trip.
 - The cost of the theme park experience is what makes up a significant portion of the out-of-pocket expense per person, meaning we will NOT use fundraised funds for these.
 - Students should expect to bring extra \$\$ for travel/park meals and any extra spending
- NOTE: Money will NOT be an obstacle for a student to attend. If it IS, then let's chat.

LEADERSHIP:

- Pastor Chuck is the primary planner and leader for the trip.
 - The number of adult leaders primarily depends on the number of students attending.
 - Currently, we are planning on 4 to 5 adult leaders (*Pastor Chuck included*). Current volunteer leaders with the ECC Youth Group are being asked first.
 - If we need to fill any leadership spot, we may reach out to parents as necessary.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Involvement in youth group is required.
 - Since this trip is for the purpose of discipleship and living in Christian community together, this trip is for High School members of the ECC Youth Group, both now and for the following year. Thus, current 8th-12th grade students are invited on the trip..
 - While the invitation is open to all High School students in our youth group, it is an exclusive invitation in that friends of youth group students will not be able to join us, unless of course they actively joined and attended our student ministry programs now and in the future.
 - The reason for this centers around creating a safe and unified experience for our students to grow deeper in community together as we grow deeper in faith together. This requires investment and time given to those relationships, which is why the trip is only open to those investing into the youth group community throughout the year.
 - “Involvement” means attending ECC Youth Group nights fairly regularly throughout the school year. We do not want to set an exact amount, but we trust that students will make it a priority to invest in this group if they plan on investing being a part of the trip.
- Participation in Fundraising is required.
 - While we have some funds in our “summer Trip” accounts already, there is a good portion of this trip that will still need to be raised through fundraising.
 - Additionally, since our trip involves a significant amount of service time together, we do not want to go on our trip without having all served together before we leave. Therefore, we will be serving together for **at least two fundraisers** before we leave.
 - “Participation” means being a part of making the fundraiser happen, in some form. If there are scheduling issues, we will work out alternate ways for your student to help.

DEADLINES:

- Because we need total numbers for further planning, we need to know who is coming ASAP. Soft deadline for sign-up will be **Sunday, February 12th**, with a firm cut-off date soon after.
- To sign-up, go to ecclife.net/cliz2023 and fill out the information form (Sign-up will be available online starting on Wednesday, December 7th).
- \$50 deposit due immediately upon sign-up for all participants.

If you have any questions, please call, text, or e-mail me.

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