

# MISSIONLAB

## PARENT INFORMATION

A GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL TRIP WITH MISSIONLAB



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Information For:  
Parents and Student





# THANK YOU

FOR CHOOSING MISSIONLAB

MissionLab not only exists to do missions, but also to create missionaries. Our program is designed to show your group that mission opportunities surround us every day, no matter where you live. Thank you for considering our program as you seek to see God move in your group. Together, we can work to carry out the Great Commission and to help your group members grow in their walk with Christ.

A mission trip can mean a lot of things for each person that goes and their families back home. For the participant, it can mean going to a new place, meeting new people, growing in unexpected ways, and more. For the family back home it can mean a lot too. It can mean trusting God with their loved one. Trusting God to keep them safe while on the trip but also to grow and mature them in their faith. As a parent, you are trusting God to keep your child safe and to grow them spiritually while on the trip.

We, as a staff at MissionLab, know that you are praying for your student as they are preparing for and during the trip. In this packet, you will find some things that we hope will help you as you help your student prepare for their trip.

## MISSIONLAB STAFF

# WHERE YOU'LL STAY

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## WELCOME TO YOUR HOME BASE FOR MISSIONLAB!

We're excited to host your team on the beautiful, secure campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College. Your comfort and safety are a top priority as you serve the city of New Orleans. The Campus is located less than 15 minutes from the French Quarter, City Park, and more attractions in New Orleans.

### CAMPUS ADDRESS:

3939 Gentilly BLVD  
New Orleans, LA 70126

### CAMPUS LOGISTICS:

Gated 80-Acre Campus

The entire campus is fully enclosed by a perimeter gate for controlled access and peace of mind.

Parking Passes Required

Vehicles must display a decal or visitor pass.  
Unidentified cars are stopped for verification.

### HOUSING AND MEALS

Your team will have the option to stay in either dorm-style housing or hotel-style accommodations, depending on your group's needs and preferences.

Meals will be served in our on-campus cafeteria, where you'll enjoy breakfast and dinner each day in a welcoming, communal setting. If anyone on your team has dietary restrictions or food allergies, our cafeteria staff will do their best to accommodate those needs.



TYPICAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

This is what a typical week-long schedule looks like for our Spring and Summer program weeks. Shorter stays or non-program weeks may look a bit different, but this gives a rough overview of how your time will be allotted.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST		BREAKFAST/ DEVO TIME				
MORNING	CHECK-IN BY 5PM	MORNING MINISTRY SITES				CHECK-OUT BY 8AM
AFTERNOON		AFTERNOON MINISTRY SITES				
DINNER	DINNER AT 5PM					
EVENING	EVANGELISM TRAINING	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	FREE TIME	WORSHIP	



MINISTRY SITE PLANNING

According to a group’s preference, we line up sites that will be spiritually impactful and plays into how God is moving in New Orleans long term.



BREAKFAST, LUNCH, & DINNER

Breakfast and dinner are provided in the River City Cafeteria on the NOBTS Campus. Lunch will be a sack lunch provided for you to take with you. Any allergies can be accommodated.



WORSHIP & PREACHING

During our listed program weeks, our large group gatherings are led by a worship band and speaker that create an exciting environment where we can hear from and worship the Lord.



DORM OR HOTEL HOUSING

Our program features housing on the NOBTS campus in either dormitory or hotel-style accommodations which are both clean and safe.



PREPARATION MATERIALS

We send out pre-trip materials designed to spiritually prepare your group for missions in our city as well as prepare them for the practical side of ministry here and back home.





# SAFETY IN NEW ORLEANS

Preparing for a mission trip can be an exciting time for students but for you as a parent it can be a nervous time. We at MissionLab know that many are concerned about the safety of their students as they come to New Orleans.

We live in New Orleans and love this city but we also know that there is crime here as well. As with any mission trip, safety is a concern and we hope to put you at ease a little bit.

## SAFETY IN NEW ORLEANS

### 1. SAFE CAMPUS

While your student is here at MissionLab, they will be staying on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College. Campus is very secure and safe. It has a fence surrounding the whole premises with cameras along it as well.

There are gates and a guard house that everyone has to pass in order to have access to campus. There is also patrol on campus 24 hours a day.



### 2. SAFE SITES

While your student is off campus and serving in the community they will not have security with them but we want to give you some sense that they will still be safe.

The ministry sites that our groups serve at have been partners and locations that we have served at for many years. We have had many teams serve at most locations and have not had any significant safety issues.

While we can not guarantee their safety the whole time while out serving, we can say that we do keep safety in mind when planning ministry sites and want to give you the best assurance that we can that your student will be safe while here.

### 3. PRAY

While this trip is one that your student will be taking and hopefully growing in their spiritual walk on, it is also one that you can grow as well.

You can grow in your prayer life by praying for your student and their safety specifically and by trusting that God will be with them during the trip.

Praying Proverbs 3:5-6 for your student and for yourself will help you in remembering to trust God while your student is away.



## GROWING IN MATURITY

A mission trip can help your student grow in many ways. They can grow in their faith, their teamwork, communication, and more. Traveling with others and experiencing new things can change a person and help them grow. Here are some ways that it might help your student to grow:

1. While on this trip your student will be exposed to a different culture. New Orleans is a unique culture that is unlike any other place. It has been influenced by Spanish, French, and American cultures. It has people from all over the world that live here. It has Catholics, Muslim, Atheists, Voodoo, Evangelicals, and other religions. The culture here is unlike the rest of the U.S. and south. While your student is here they will learn what it is like to be exposed to a different culture.

2. They will also have the opportunity to share Christ with others, some of which won't have the same beliefs as them. This will challenge them and hopefully help them to solidify their faith and be better able to communicate the gospel to others.

Your student will be living and working with others and will need to learn to work together in serving the community. This will require them to grow in teamwork and communication.

3. Before the trip, talk with your student about why they are going on the trip and some ways that they hope to grow during it. Maybe help

them to set some goals for the trip like growing spiritually, spending more time in Scripture, memorizing scripture, growing relationally with the team and people they meet, growing in teamwork, communication, and responsibility. These are all ways that your student could grow while they are here. Challenge them not to see this just as a trip to a new or fun place but as an opportunity to grow.

4. Find out what the scripture passages will be so that while your student is on the trip, you can be studying the same scripture. This will help you to better understand what your student is learning on the trip and will help you to grow while they are gone. It will also help you to be able to talk about it when they are home so that you can see how you both grew during the trip.

5. When your student gets home, ask them some questions about what they did as well as what they learned.

Some of those questions might be:

What did you see God do in and through you?

How did the team work together to serve well?

What is the one thing you want to take away from this trip and continue back home?



## HELPING STUDENTS GROW

A mission trip is a great place for your student to grow spiritually. While they are here they will be spending time alone with God, hearing preaching that is Christ centered, and serving in the city of New Orleans. All of these will hopefully lead to your student growing and being more grounded in their faith.



# HOUSING

DORM // HOTEL



Our program features on-campus housing in either dormitory or hotel-style accommodations on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



## A HOME BASE FOR YOUR MISSION TRIP

### SAFE AND CONVENIENT

Housing is on campus which is both gated and has 24-hour security. Meals, worship, and gospel training are also on campus for your convenience.

### FREETIME FUN

We build in a few free evenings for groups to spend either relaxing on campus or site-seeing in the city. During your free time you can enjoy the campus gym, pool, disc golf course, and more.

### CENTRALLY LOCATED

The Campus is located less than 15 minutes from the French Quarter, City Park, and more attractions in New Orleans.

### TOUR THE CAMPUS

MissionLab attendees have the opportunity of touring our beautiful campus to know more about degrees opportunities.



**BEDS:** 4-6 beds per room  
**BATHROOMS:** Bathroom and Shower in Room

## 02 DODD AND SPURGEON DORMS

Right next to the Price dorm, these dorms offer rooms with 4-6 beds each while having community style bathrooms on each floor.

Note: Particioants must bring their own bedding and towels.

[missionlab.com/housing](http://missionlab.com/housing)

## 01 PRICE BUILDING DORMS

The Price dorms are our main housing for MissionLab teams. They have 4-6 bunk beds plus a bathroom and shower in each room.

Note: attendants must bring their own bedding and towels.

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**BEDS:** 4-6 beds per room  
**BATHROOMS:** Community Bathroom and Shower



**BEDS:** 2 Twins or 1 Queen  
**BATHROOMS:** Bathroom and Shower in Room

## 03 PROVIDENCE GUEST HOUSE

Providence Guest House is located across the street from the main NOBTS campus. It is a hotel style housing that you would expect at any other hotel with linens, pillows, and towels provided. There are rooms with two twin beds or a king bed to choose from.

Note: There is an extra cost per person to stay at the Providence Guest House.



# HANDS-ON MINISTRY



SERVE  
PEOPLE AND  
COMMUNITIES  
IN NEW  
ORLEANS,  
SHARING  
GOD’S LOVE  
AND MAKING  
A DIFFERENCE  
THROUGH  
HANDS-ON  
MINISTRY.



01

LOCAL CHURCH  
PARTNERSHIP

Assisting local churches in their outreach and community engagement efforts by supporting events, facility projects, and ministry programs. Teams come alongside churches to help strengthen their presence and impact within their neighborhoods.

02

HOMELESS  
MINISTRY

Building relationships with individuals experiencing homelessness by providing essential supplies and encouragement through personal conversations and prayer. This ministry focuses on treating people with dignity while connecting them with local resources and long-term support.

03

KIDS  
MINISTRY

Engaging children in fun and faith-filled activities such as Bible stories, games, crafts, and mentorship in after-school programs or summer camps. Volunteers serve as positive role models, sharing the love of Christ in a safe and nurturing environment.

04

OUTREACH  
MINISTRY

Actively sharing the gospel and serving the community through creative evangelism, service projects, and acts of compassion. This ministry provides opportunities for direct engagement with people in need, meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

05

FOOD BANK  
MINISTRY

Partnering with food banks and pantries to help organize, pack, and distribute food to families experiencing food insecurity. Volunteers play a vital role in ensuring that struggling individuals receive nourishment and encouragement.

06

HOMEOWNER  
MINISTRY

Helping homeowners in need through repair projects, painting, yard work, and other practical services that restore dignity and improve living conditions. This ministry focuses on assisting elderly, disabled, or low-income homeowners who may struggle to maintain their homes.

07

LOCAL COMMUNITY  
MINISTRIES

Partnering with various local organizations to serve and support the unique needs of the community. This ministry may include mentoring, social services, neighborhood projects, or other outreach efforts that build relationships and create lasting impact.

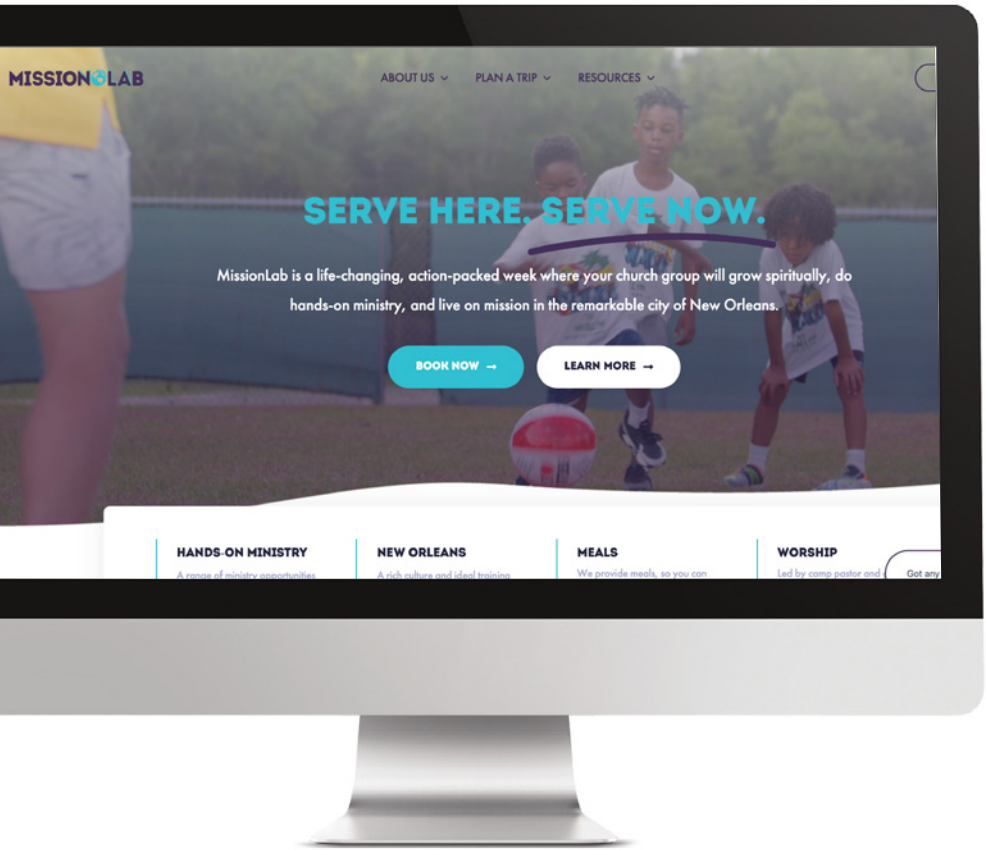
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COMMUNITY  
GARDENS

Creating and maintaining garden spaces that provide fresh produce for local neighborhoods while fostering community engagement. These gardens serve as a means to promote sustainability, educate residents, and offer a space for connection and discipleship.

# DOWNLOAD FORMS

MISSIONLAB.COM/DOCUMENTS



## ▼ FILLING OUT THE FORMS

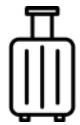
Each of these forms can be found at our website at [missionlab.com/documents](https://missionlab.com/documents) for you to easily download. Please return all forms to your group leader one month prior to the trip.

## ▼ MAILING WHILE AT MLAB

If you would like to send mail to a student or leader, please address it as follows:

Participant's Name  
Church Name  
c/o MissionLab  
3939 Gentilly Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA 70126

### FORMS YOU MAY NEED



PACKING  
LIST



ALLERGY  
CARD



MISSIONLAB  
RELEASE FORM



# CAMP GUIDELINES

## 01 CONDUCT

Christian conduct is expected at all times. Threatening or demeaning behavior toward others will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, fighting, cursing, and harassing and/or making negative comments about others.

## 02 WHAT IS THE POLICY ON CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS USAGE?

Each group leader must decide whether or not to allow his or her students to bring and use cell phones and electronic devices. We do ask that students limit their use of these devices, though, so as not to be distracted from the mission at hand. NO cell phones are permitted during times of worship, unless they are used for Bible apps, etc. Neither MissionLab nor NOBTS are responsible for damage to or theft of any equipment. Groups are solely responsible for safeguarding their equipment at mission sites and on campus.

## 03 WHAT IS MISSIONLAB'S DISCIPLINE POLICY?

Discipline is understood to be the group leader's responsibility. If inappropriate behavior is observed or reported to MissionLab staff, a sponsor or group leader will be notified and allowed to handle the situation. In some circumstances, Campus Police may also be notified. The MissionLab staff reserves the right to send any participant or group home for any inappropriate behavior or action.

## 04 WHAT TO BRING

Everyone should bring linens, towels, pillows, blankets (if you are staying in the dorms), toiletries (toothbrush, soap, deodorant, etc.), clothing for ministry sites, clothing for worship/free time, sun protection, bug spray, rain jacket, and a refillable water bottle

## 05 WHAT NOT TO BRING

Participants should not bring alcohol; tobacco; illegal substances; firearms; fireworks; inappropriate, explicit, or hateful clothing; Items that may be used for pranks.

## 06 ARE LAUNDRY FACILITIES AVAILABLE?

There are no laundry facilities for MissionLab to use on campus. Groups are encouraged to bring enough clothes for each day, including extra clothes you don't mind getting dirty and will not need to wear again. There is a public laundromat down the road from campus if you absolutely need access to one.



# MISSIONLAB

A photograph of a trolley on tracks, decorated with Christmas lights and garlands. The trolley has 'ST. CHARLES' and '969' on its front. A semi-transparent white box with a purple border is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text 'THANK YOU!' in large purple letters, and 'FOR CONSIDERING MISSIONLAB' in smaller blue letters below it.

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