



SHORT TERM MISSIONS TEAMS PACKET

# TEAM MISSIONS





Leader,

Thank you for your interest in bringing a team to Dream Center OKC! We are so excited you are taking the step to make an impact outside your normal circle of influence. At OKC Dream Center, there is always something exciting and worth being a part of!

OKC Dream Center seeks to reach, rescue, and restore those isolated by poverty and help make dreams come true. Our hunger and poverty relief, kids and youth, men's transitional living, and outreach programs all focus on initiating, developing, and maintaining long-lasting relationships. As a short-term participant in the programs happening here, your role is to fill in for regular, local volunteers who are absent, assist in reaching out to people not yet connected to our programs, and assist in ministry projects.

You'll get to be involved in highly relational ministry, mentoring and playing with kids, distributing groceries to families in need, preparing clothing donations for giveaways, praying with people, and much more.

This packet has been developed to give you a basic idea of what you will experience at OKC Dream Center. However, no two days or mission trips are ever alike! We hope you are ready to help us unleash hope into our city!

Sincerely,

OKC Dream Center Team



## Activities You May Get to Do

**Nourish Feeding and Enrichment Program** - Kids living in poverty frequently miss meals, Nourish provides free meals after school and during summer break, plus enrichment activities that encourage kids to dream big.

Meals and activities occur four days a week year-round. Kids work on homework with the help of mentors and volunteers, participate in arts, play sports, discuss character traits, and more!

Short term team members serve by spending time connecting with one child while working on homework, reading, and playing simple board games together!



**Adopt-A-Block** - Every week teams visit people in the neighborhood to build relationships and work to find and meet individual needs. You'll grill hot dogs, knock on doors, pray with people, deliver supplies to people in need, play with kids, share about the resources available at Dream Center OKC, and much more!

# it matters!

**Clothing Closet** - In 2017 we distributed over 70,000 pieces of clothing and basic household items through our clothing closet. You'll be helping sort items to be given away in our clothing closet and serving families as they come to "shop."



### **Warriors**

**Wrestling Team** makes mission teams during the winter a memorable experience! More than 100 boys participate on a free Christian wrestling team hosted on our campus and a partner site. Volunteers help young Warriors find their gear, serve meals, and practice drills under the direction of experienced coaches. A sisters program also runs during practices, offering girls and women the opportunity to build positive relationships and skills in arts, leadership, and service.

**Hunger Relief** - In 2017, we distributed over 90,000 pounds of food to our local community. You may have the opportunity to help pick up donated food, sort and store items for later distribution, or assist clients in selecting food from our food bank. Whatever you do, you'll be helping ensure families in OKC don't go hungry!



# SAMPLE SCHEDULE

A sample schedule is below. Please note that holidays and special events may alter the schedule significantly, especially during the summer. Ministry assignments will be made with your team's interests and needs at the OKC Dream Center in mind. An orientation and tour will be provided on your first day.

## **Mondays**

7:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Devotion  
9:00 Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 – 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
5:00 – 5:30 pm Dinner  
5:30 – 7:30 PM Mentoring & Hunger Relief Ministry

## **Tuesdays**

7:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Devotion  
9:00am Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 – 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
3:30 – 6:30pm Afterschool Program  
6:00 – 8:00pm Wrestling Ministry (seasonal\optional)  
9:00pm Hunger Relief (optional)

## **Wednesdays**

7:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Devotion  
9:00am Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 – 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
5:00pm Dinner  
6:30 – 8:00pm Inner City Church

## **Thursdays**

7:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Devotion  
9:00am Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 – 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
3:30 – 6:30pm Afterschool Program  
6:00 – 8:00pm Wrestling Ministry (seasonal\optional)

## **Fridays**

Free Day  
Meals available

## **Saturdays**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Devotion  
9:00am Adopt-A-Block  
3:00pm Free Time

## **Sundays**

8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am Ministry Assignment  
11:00am Inner City Church Service  
12:30pm Lunch  
5:00pm Dinner

# LODGING, MEALS, & COSTS

Teams wishing to stay on campus will sleep in classrooms. Beds, cots, and linens are not provided. Showers are available.

Meals can be provided for teams staying on-campus.

The cost for team staying on-site is \$30 a day per person. This cost includes a t-shirt, lodging, 3 meals, and ministry supplies.

Cost for teams staying off-site is \$25 a day per person. This cost includes a t-shirt and ministry supplies. Meals can be purchased for \$5 a person with advance notice. A list of nearby, partnering hotel options can be provided.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What kind of ministries will we be doing? Do we get to pick?**

Our team will do their absolute best to give you a great Dream Center experience. As you come, you will work alongside us wherever we have the need. If you do have a preference, please let us know and we'll try to do our best!

### **What kind of teams can I bring?**

Adults, youth, and family teams are all welcome. We will do our best to set up a schedule that suits the character of your group.

### **When are teams welcome?**

Teams can usually be scheduled at any time except for the last half of December and first week of January. This break allows our team a needed break and time to plan for the coming year.

Teams who come during the school year (August – May) will serve in our afterschool programs for kids and youth. Teams who come during summer months will serve in camps and other events, many of which focus on kids and youth. Teams will also participate in hunger and poverty relief, Adopt-A-Block, and other outreaches.

# CHURCH SERVICES

Each team/individual is expected to attend all Inner City Church services while staying at the Dream Center. We have services on Sundays at 11am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

## DRESS CODE

While you are here you are representing the Dream Center and a Christian lifestyle. It is very important that all volunteers/visiting team members dress modestly.

- No spaghetti straps, midriff, or low cut tops.
- Shorts or skirts MUST be a modest length.
- Closed toe shoes must be worn on outreaches and campus work assignments.

## WHAT TO BRING

- **Sleeping Bags, Pillows, Cots**
- **Personal Hygiene Items**
- **Daily Clothing** – Shorts, jeans, sweatshirt or jacket, T-shirts. Also, bring a pair of closed toe shoes for the ministry and flip flops for the showers.
- **Bible, pen & note paper**
- **Spending Money** – For day off and snacks between meals
- **Donations** – kids games and craft supplies, toilet paper, feminine products, men and women's hygiene items, diapers, baby wipes, socks, underwear, shoes, coats, clothing, fans, blankets, sleeping bags, twin size beds, nonperishable food, and anything else you would like to donate. (You can call for a more updated list of needs.)
- **Willing hearts** – Be prepared to give of yourself and serve others!

### How to Book:

Email [chase@dcokc.org](mailto:chase@dcokc.org) with tentative dates, size of team, and team interests to schedule a team.