



SHORT TERM MISSIONS TEAMS PACKET

TEAM MISSIONS



Leader,

Thank you so much for bringing your 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 The Oklahoma City 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

DC Kids - Kids living in poverty frequently miss meals, DC Kids 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 get to 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 Oklahoma City Dream Center and much more!

It matters!

DC Clothing Closet – We have distributed over 120,000 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."



DC Warriors Wrestling Team makes mission teams during the winter a memorable experience! More than 141 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.

DC FOOD - has distributed over 662,000 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 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
9:00am Project Assignments
12:00pm Lunch & Free time
2:00 – 5:00 pm Project Assignments
6:00 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 a team staying on-site is \$40 a day per person. This cost includes lodging, 3 meals, and ministry supplies.

The cost for teams staying off-site is \$25 a day per person. This cost includes 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 the 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 modest length.
- Closed toe shoes must be worn on outreaches and campus work assignments.

WHAT TO BRING

- **Sleeping Bags, Pillows, Cots, Fans, Air Mattress**
- **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** – kid's 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, mulch, potting soil 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!

BOOK TRIP

How to Book:

Email cory@dcokc.org with the following information

1. tentative dates
2. size of team
3. team interests

Payment:

Please send check to:

Oklahoma City Dream Center
c/o Short Term Missions Trip
2212 SW 55th St
Oklahoma City, OK 73119

Or if you would like to pay via credit card please contact Cory Babcock via email to submit payment