# TRIP FACTS/INFORMATION M-FUGE PHILADELPHIA, PA June 24 – June 29, 2013

## What's it all about?

M-Fuge is an intensive week of service in a "missions" setting, incorporating hands-on mission opportunities, Bible study and worship. Students and adults from each church meet other youth and adults from across the United States and work alongside them during the ministry project each day. Daily activities will include three meals, a personal quiet time, Bible study, ministry project time, worship, fellowship and church group time. Potential ministry opportunities include:

Childrens' Ministry Social Ministry to the homeless, sick, and hungry Games & Recreation/sports activities for children Homeless Ministry Painting/Construction/Yard work

Theme: The 2013 M-Fuge theme is THE BIG PICTURE (Rev. 21:3).

<u>Note</u>: M-Fuge should be viewed as a time of ministry, not vacation. Although we will have a great time, some days can be long and the work hard. However, every day will be extremely rewarding.

## **Adult Sponsors**

Sponsors will be at least 21 years of age. There will be a same-sex ratio of at least one sponsor per five students. Their job includes:

- Help students be on time for all events
- Participate in all activities
- Provide an example and model for students
- Help enforce camp rules, including curfew and dress code
- Assist in ministering to students as needed (look for ministry opportunities)
- Do whatever it takes, as needed, to assure the camp runs smoothly and safely

## Travel

We will travel by charter bus (Premiere Transportation). Our travel Schedule is shown below.

Monday June 24 Leave Kingston, TN (from FBC) at 6:00am (eat breakfast before we leave – will eat lunch/dinner on the road)

- Monday, June 24 Arrive @ Eastern University 6:00pm
- Saturday, June 29 Leave Philadelphia, PA at 11:00am (eat, lunch, dinner on the road)
- Saturday, June 29 Arrive Kingston, TN ~11:59pm

## Packing/What to Take

Since we will be traveling on a charter bus, please pack as light as possible, while at the same time bring what you need. The temperatures in Philadelphia, PA can get into the 90s during the day. We will be staying in the dormitories on the campus of Eastern University. The university *does not* provide linens, pillows, towels, toiletries, etc. Each person is responsible for bringing their own sheets, pillows, blankets (or sleeping bag), towels, washcloths and toiletries. If you think you may go swimming, you may want to bring a beach towel as well. We suggest you keep prescription drugs, cameras, and other valuables in a small carry-on bag. Its important that you bring a Bible, a pad of paper, a pen.

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The **M-Fuge Dress Code** is simply "clean, neat, and modest". Immodest shorts or tops (no tank tops), distasteful monograms, or other extreme dress (short shorts, etc.) is not acceptable at any time. Shorts must exceed the length of your fingertips as you hold your arms down to your side. One piece bathing suits are required by M-Fuge. Additionally, all participants will need to wear sleeved shirts (no tanks or straps, but short sleeves are fine). Long pants (jeans or slacks) should be worn to all worship services. It is not our intent to be judgmental of anyone's dress, but we do ask that everyone <u>remember who we are representing and why we are going and not to do anything that would detract from our mission</u>. Ladies should wear modest one piece bathing suits (no two piece).

<u>Important Note</u>: All participants will be asked to wear closed-toe shoes while at their ministry site. Those participating in painting, construction, or yardwork ministries may be asked to wear long pants at their ministry site. At other sites appropriate shorts are just fine.

# Accomodations

We will be staying in the dormitories of Eastern University.

## Meals

Once on-site, we will be eating in the cafeteria of Eastern University (included in the trip fee). Meals on the road will be each person's responsibility.

## **Consent Form/Medical Information**

Please advise Gary of any known medical problems and/or special medications. The M-Fuge Participant Form will serve as the medical release form. Please attach any additional special information about your young person to this form. *This form must be notorarized*. We cannot seek medical attention without this notorized form. Please turn these notarized forms in by June 16.

## Cost: \$175/the first member of a family and \$100/person for every additional member

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to reserve a seat and is due now. Extra money will be needed for food on the road (1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, snacks on-site and on the road, souvenirs at camp. M-Fuge usually collects a mission offering sometime during the week to which students will have an opportunity to give. We may also do some limited sight seeing on Wednesday, June 26 and will get something to eat for dinner while we are out. We will be making a trip T-shirt before we go. The cost will be approximately \$10/ea.

# **Contact Phone Numbers**

M-Fuge office (in Nashville)	1-877-226-7123
Contact # at Eastern University	610.341.5902
Gary's cell	865-603-7449

## **Additional Information**

- Philadelphia might be a great place to get a sunburn. Bring plenty of sunscreen!!
- Punctual attendance at <u>all</u> activities and strict observance of curfews is required.
- Youth should bring a Bible, pad of paper, pen/pencil, and a great attitude.
- We will have use of the university's pool and gym.
- It may be hot and sunny! Bring plenty of sun protection and maybe a water bottle.
- Since its hard to predict the weather, use your best judgement about umbrellas or rain gear.
- You may use your MP3 players and/or CD players on the bus, but we will ask that you leave them on the bus when we arrive. I will make sure they are in a safe place during the week.
- Cost includes meals while on-site. See cost section above for details.
- A mission offering will be taken sometime during the week. Pray about how you will participate in this offering.
- The university has a "you break it-you pay for it" policy. Please leave all walls, fixtures, furniture, and landPAaping looking as good when you leave as they did when you arrived.
- Again, come with a great attitude. Be positive about and open to what God will do during this event.

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Alcohol, fireworks, tobacco products, illegal drugs, weapons and profanity are prohibited. If discipline problems arise or if any of the above items are found, parents will be notified and the young person(s) involved will be sent home at the parent's expense. There will be no exceptions. Additionally, leave water guns, water balloons, etc. at home.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL GARY (376-3734)