

Student Missionary Internship (SMI) is a special program designed to give High School students an opportunity to serve Christ and put their faith into action in a way that is both challenging and fun.

During the next few months you will train along side of your peers to develop ministry skills and grow in your walk with the Lord. This training will enable you to be a part of a team that will minister and present the gospel this summer.

For SMI 2012 we will be partnering with Kaleo Missions in San Diego, CA. Our team will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of ministries during the week including ministry to homeless people, ministry to refugees, working with children, street evangelism, work projects in difficult communities, and more.

If you want to grow in your walk with the Lord and allow Him to use you to impact the lives of others, then SMI is for you.

This SMI program is offered by Desert Springs Community Church and is free of charge to the students who complete their training. The cost of the trip is more than \$500.00 per person.

The Mission Trip dates are **June 16-23, 2012**.

The 2012 SMI experience

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

Weekly Training meetings—Each week we will meet on Sunday afternoons for prayer, training, Bible Study and more.

Special Training—Occasionally we will have special training events or meetings for training in evangelism, VBS, and other subjects.

Attendance—Students will be required to attend all youth group activities, mandatory SMI dates, and SMI & VBS training sessions.

Weekly Ministry—Each student is required to serve in a weekly ministry at DSCC of his or her choice.

Christian Service Projects—Each student will be required to complete four Christian Ministry Service Projects (2-3 hours each) during SMI Training. You will be given further instructions about this at a later time.

Devotions—Each student will be given a devotional to use during the SMI Program. You will need to complete this each day and be ready to discuss the material at our training meetings. Completed devotions will be turned in each week.

Memory Verses—Each week we will have a new memory verse for SMI. Students will need to know each of these for the Midterm and Final Exams.

Prayer Partners—Each student will have two prayer partners who will commit to pray with them each week of the training.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS:

Each person will be assigned to an SMI Team. You may have special team meetings as well as team projects throughout the program.

You will need to complete at least one of your Christian Service Projects with your team.

Students will not be assigned to a team until they have met the minimum requirements for participation. Students who are behind in their work and/or are not meeting the minimum grade requirements will be placed on probation until their work is completed.

THE SMI COMMITMENT:

All students and adults who participate in the SMI program will be required to sign and uphold the SMI Commitment.

ELIGIBILITY:

The SMI program is for high school students only. Once you have graduated from high school, you have finished the SMI program.

The Youth Pastor may dismiss a student from the SMI program if there are any violations of the SMI contract or any general attitude problems or actions that violate the spirit of the SMI Commitment Contract. We will also rely on the recommendations of youth sponsors and parents. Each student is handled individually. The SMI student is considered a missionary of Desert Springs Community Church and may be terminated from the program by the Pastoral Staff if their actions are not befitting a Christian worker.

The SMI program is fully supported by Desert Springs Community Church. The cost of the training and the trip is paid for by the church. The only cost to the student is the SMI Retreat.

PRAYER PARTNERS:

The SMI program requires that you have two prayer partners who will pray with you each week. It is recommended (not required) that you try to find Prayer Partners who are not directly involved in the SMI program. We want to broaden our base of involvement and prayer. Each student should have at least one adult prayer partner, but you may have two adults if you want.

DATING COUPLES:

Our SMI policies strictly prohibit dating couples from being on the same ministry team. For this reason, if two people on the same ministry team begin dating during the training, one or both of them will be transferred to another team.

There will be no PDA during SMI training events or during the SMI ministry trip. Students who are not able to abide by this policy will be dismissed from the program and/or sent home.

CLASS ABSENCES:

Students are allowed only two excused absences during the training.

An excused absence is an absence that is due to an important conflict or emergency. Notice of an absence must be given in advance to designated persons. If a real emergency occurs that was not planned for and happens Sunday afternoon, please call Kyle at (623) 221-6108. If you have two unexcused absences you will be dropped from the program.

Work missed during an absence must be made up by the student. He or she is responsible for getting missed information from another student and being prepared by the next training session for any testing that may occur.

CELL PHONES:

During SMI training sessions we ask you to please turn off your cell phones to limit distractions.

Cell phones are NOT allowed on the SMI trip. All adult sponsors will have cell phone access in case of any emergencies.

BASIC TRIP ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible for the trip you must successfully complete each of these requirements:

- Uphold the standards of the SMI Commitment Contract
- Attendance of at least 80% of all SMI classes, church, & youth group activities
- Minimum of 80% of all devotional journals successfully completed
- Minimum of 80% score on all verse tests, as well as class tests
- Successfully complete 80% of weekly ministry projects
- Successfully complete 4 Christian service projects (2-3 hours each)
- Regular prayer with Prayer Partners (80% of all SMI weeks)
- Completion of special team assignments
- Participation in DSCC VBS (June 4-8 in evenings)
- Attendance at all VBS training and set up meetings
- Attendance at SMI Fundraiser and all other mandatory dates

TEAM LEADER SELECTION:

Leaders are selected on the basis of several different criteria. These include maturity, attitude, teachability, prior experience, social skills and reliability.

Priority will be given in selecting team leaders to students who have been an active part of DSCC Student Ministries. This, for obvious reasons, allows students who have been committed with their time and effort a greater opportunity of service that we feel is well-deserved.

The SMI policy has been to select male team leaders whenever possible. This is in no way a statement as to leadership ability, or any preference of male over female. This is an attempt to give our young men opportunities to exercise leadership in a way that will encourage and equip them for future leadership in their homes, families, churches and communities. We do not believe there is a biblical prohibition that would prevent girls from serving as team leaders, and we reserve the right to select female team leaders if necessary.

SMI 2012 Schedule

Week	Date	Time	Details
1	Sun. Feb. 12	12:30—3:00 pm	Intro to SMI
2	Sun. Feb. 19	12:30—3:00 pm	
3	Sun. Feb. 26	12:30—3:00 pm	
	March 2-3		Disciple Now Event at DSCC
4	Sun. March 4	12:30—3:00 pm	
5	Sun. March 11	12:30—3:00 pm	
6	Sun. March 18	12:30—3:00 pm	
	Sat. March 24	9:00 am- 4:00 pm	Team Building/Evangelism Training
7	Sun. March 25	12:30—3:00 pm	
8	Sun. April 1	12:30—3:00 pm	Midterm Exams*
n/a	Sun. April 8	n/a	EASTER—NO SMI
9	Sun. April 15	12:30—3:00 pm	
10	Sun. April 22	12:30—3:00 pm	
11	Sun. April 29	12:30—3:00 pm	
12	Sun. May 6	12:30—3:00 pm	
n/a	Sun. May 13	n/a	MOTHER'S DAY—NO SMI
13	Sun. May 20	12:30—3:00 pm	SMI Fundraiser (all 4 services) *Finals
n/a	Sun. May 27	n/a	MEMORIAL DAY—NO SMI
14	Sun. June 3	12:30—3:00 pm	Final meeting/ trip details
	June 4-8	Evenings	DSCC VBS*
15	June 16-23	24/7	SMI Trip
	June 24	Sunday (4 services)	SMI Report Service*

* Mandatory dates: Students who miss required SMI dates will be given additional assignments to complete as makeup work.

LUNCHES: We are planning to provide lunch for all Sunday meetings at a cost of \$50/semester (about \$3.50 per meal). Students may opt to bring a sack lunch instead if they prefer.

SMI Commitment

Due to the nature of the SMI ministry, intense training, and spiritual maturity required for SMI, we ask that each participant prayerfully consider the following standards. These are the standards that we ask all students and adults to uphold for the duration of the SMI program.

SPIRITUAL STANDARDS

- I confess that I am a born again Christian (John 3).
- I will maintain a clear testimony for the Lord. (I Peter 3:15-17)
- I commit to read God's Word on a daily basis. (Psalm 119:11, I Thessalonians 5:14-22)
- I desire to reach people with the Gospel message of John 3:16-17 (Matthew 28:19-20).
- I will seek to show the Fruit of the Spirit in my daily walk (Galatians 5:22-23).

LIFESTYLE STANDARDS

Based on passages such as I John 2:15-17, 2 Corinthians 6:11-17, and I Corinthians 6:19-20, I believe that in order to have a positive impact in my world and a clear testimony as a church missionary my life must be distinct FROM the world. For this reason I wish to avoid even the appearance of evil. Therefore, I will abstain from:

- All manner of fleshly living (Galatians 5:19-21).
- The use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs (I Corinthians 6:19-20).
- Activities that might hurt my testimony such as viewing "R" rated, "PG-13" movies rated for nudity, sexuality or sexual content, questionable movies or questionable programs on television (I John 2:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).
- Attending events involving questionable activities with ungodly environments such as secular dances or parties, Prom, etc. (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- Dating non-Christians (2 Corinthians 6:14-15).
- Sexual activity (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6)
- Listening to secular music (I John 2:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:22, Philippians 4:8).
- Blatant and deliberate lying (Acts 5:1-11 Annanias and Saphira)

FAITHFULNESS STANDARDS

I will not only be distinct FROM the world, but also committed TO the Lord and His word. Therefore, I commit to the following:

- I will faithfully attend all regularly scheduled church services (Sunday and Wed. nights). (Heb. 10:25)
- I will faithfully attend all monthly activities planned and scheduled as a part of the Youth Ministry of Desert Springs Community Church, including Social activities, all SMI training meetings (2 absences maximum), including special meetings and training times. (2 Thessalonians 3:6-15)
- I will bring my Bible to all church services, youth meetings, and SMI sessions.
- I will complete my SMI work, and maintain at least an 80% grade on class work. (Hebrews 6:10-12)

I (print name) _____ realize that I am preparing to be sent out as a missionary by Desert Springs Community Church to represent the Lord Jesus Christ. I do hereby agree to uphold and defend the above-mentioned standards until the end of the program and I will endeavor to live by this commitment as long as I am serving in this representative capacity. I understand that willful violation of any terms of this agreement will result in my dismissal from the program.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date