

2012 SMI Application

Student Missionary Internship
Desert Springs Community Church

Thank you for your interest in the 2012 SMI Program. We are so excited to have you participate with us, and know that God has exciting things in store for all of us this year.

Please be in prayer about your decision to participate in this program. The requirements for this experience are challenging and will involve time, energy, sacrifice, and commitment on your part. As a missionary of DSCC and a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we ask that you take this commitment seriously.

If you are interested in applying for the 2012 SMI trip to San Diego, please complete the following requirements:

1. Complete the enclosed application. You will need to find prayer partners and sign the commitment form as a part of the application.
2. Schedule an application interview with Kyle
3. Bring your completed application to the interview and be prepared to discuss it
4. Come to the first day of SMI training on Sunday, February 12th

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Name _____ Age: _____

Address _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birth date ____/____/____ (Month/Day/Year)

Please explain how you became a Christian.

Suppose you were to die today and stand before God. If He were to ask you, "Why should I let you into heaven?" What would you say?

Please describe your current walk with the Lord, including your personal time of prayer and Bible study.

Please explain why you would like to participate in the SMI mission trip this year.

Have you ever participated in a mission trip before? Please explain.

Have you had experience with sharing your faith or led anyone to Christ? Please describe.

Please list the skills and experiences you have that you think will be useful for the trip.

What do you think your spiritual gifts are? Explain.

DSCC DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We stand for and emphasize the foundational truths held in common by evangelical Christians and adhere to the historic Christian faith expressed as follows:

- 1) The Bible, which is verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit and inerrant in the original manuscripts and is the infallible and authoritative Word of God.
- 2) The Triune Godhead in Three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3) The personality of Satan, called the devil, and his present control over unregenerate mankind.
- 4) The fall and lost estate of man, whose total depravity makes necessary the new birth.
- 5) The deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, death, bodily resurrection, present exaltation at God's right hand, and personal and imminent return.
- 6) The atonement by the substitutionary death and shed blood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
- 7) The resurrection of the saved unto everlasting life and blessedness in Heaven, and the resurrection of the unsaved unto everlasting punishment in Hell.
- 8) The Church, the Body or Bride of Christ, consisting only of those who are born again, for whom He now makes intercession in heaven and for whom He shall come again.
- 9) Christ's commission to the Church to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

I agree with the above stated doctrinal statement:

Student Signature

Date

Parent Permission Form

PARENT or GUARDIAN, please fill out the following permission statement for your student to participate in the SMI Program this year.

"I understand that SMI (Student Missionary Internship) is a 15-week training program for high school students that involves weekly study and practical training. The students must commit themselves to weekly training and specific lifestyle requirements (outlined on the SMI Commitment Sheet) that are pleasing to God and fitting for a missionary supported by DSCC. The training ends with a mission trip to San Diego June 16-23.

I understand that Desert Springs Community Church is committed to paying for the major expenses and training of my child provided that they satisfactorily complete the training program (at a cost of more than \$500 per student).

I consent to my student participating in the 2012 SMI training and mission trip.

Parent Signature

Date

Notice of Understanding

- Completion of this application may not necessarily guarantee a place on the SMI mission trip
- Each application will be reviewed by Kyle and/or the DSCC Student Missions Committee

Responsibility Release: I wish to make it clear that I will not expect any organization with which I may work with or be associated with to be responsible or liable to me for any loss or damage to my property; any personal injury or illness; or any damage I may suffer; and in consideration of my willingness to serve as a "short-term" missionary, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I hereby release Desert Springs Community Church for any and all such claims. In addition, I understand that my behavior must reflect Christlikeness throughout this period of mission service and that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action which may include dismissal from the program or immediate deportation.

I affirm that the information in this application is true and complete.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Sunday Training Lunches

We are planning to provide lunch for the students each week prior to our Sunday afternoon SMI training meetings at a cost of \$50* for the semester (about \$3.50 per lunch). *please try to pay this in advance, let Kyle know if you need to make other arrangements.

Students who do not wish to participate can bring their own sack lunches if they would like.

_____ I would like to participate in the lunches

_____ I would **not** like to participate in the lunches and will be bringing my own lunch to eat.

SMI Prayer Partners

Job Description

Thank you for your willingness to be an SMI Prayer Partner. Your job is important because you are supporting this student and engaging in spiritual warfare on their behalf. The success of our SMI program depends on your faithfulness in prayer. Please pray daily for this SMI student.

1. Pray for your SMI participant every day for:

- Their spiritual growth
- Memorization of the material
- That the Lord would make them a witness at home and school
- Protection from the evil one in their life
- Any personal requests that they might share with you

2. Pray for the SMI ministry each day for:

- The high school SMI leadership: Shawn Jones, Mark Syhlowy, Kyle & Melissa Powell, Jeff & Liz Haugen
- For the children we will be working with, that the Holy Spirit would prepare their hearts to receive the gospel and that they would grow spiritually under our ministry
- For the churches and leaders in California as they prepare

3. Meet with your SMI students once a week (in person if possible)

- Listen as they share any praises from the week
- Write down their prayer requests for the week
- Both of you pray for these requests together

Be an encouragement to them: love them, praise them, and remind them of how God will use them this summer.

SMI Prayer Partners

As a member of the SMI Team you must recruit two Prayer Partners who will commit to pray with you once a week. It is recommended 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. You must have at least one adult. We recommend one student and one adult, but you may have two adults if you want.

Prayer Partners please sign below:

Prayer Partner #1 (Student or Adult)

"I have read the Prayer Partner information sheet and fully commit myself to the duties outlined."

Adult/ Student Signature

Date

Prayer Partner #2 (Adult)

"I have read the Prayer Partner information sheet and fully commit myself to the duties outlined."

Adult Signature

Date

PRAYER REQUESTS that you would like the Youth Staff to remember for you on a regular basis during SMI:

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