Mission Trip to STR
Agreement with Youth Pastor/Group Leader

As the leader of your church group, you have much discretion here at the Ranch. However, we have learned from experience, that for a successful ministry week, the items below need to be non-negotiable. These items help insure workers are adequately prepared and there are fewer surprises and events that cause distraction from focus on the mission. Your help is greatly appreciated.

- The dates of your week of camp and the Training sessions will be publicized by you to your church. The trip starts on Saturday with the onsite logistics & evangelism training session. This training is required for camper group leaders, assistants, and teachers in order to participate in the trip (anyone staying on site needs to be present for the training).

- You have two options for keeping track of volunteers. 1) Submit the STR Mission Trip Group Member List to the Volunteer Coordinator with the names of your team, ages, possible placement (teacher, counselor, support staff, etc.), shirt sizes, etc. The list is provided if you are very familiar with your group and prefer to maintain confidentiality of your members. We are still required to run a background check on all adults 18+. And we have to recruit volunteers to fill any remaining positions. 2) Have each member fill out the online Day Camp Volunteer application (our preference). Placement of your volunteers is by STR Staff with your recommendations. We consider the needs of the campers first. We will not isolate one person.

- Those who will have a teaching or music position need to have their materials in hand three weeks prior to the start of the trip. They need to be held accountable to have learned/practiced their material well in advance. In agreeing to the mission trip to STR, you agree to use our teaching materials and music (additions are usually fine, please send any additions to us for approval).

- Chaperones for overnights: There need to be 2 adults (preferably 25+) with volunteers, including campers at all times. For groups of 10+ youth volunteers (under 18), at least 3 adults are needed to stay the night. So, they are adequately supervised at all times (adults should stagger showers, etc. so someone is always supervising). These may be volunteers who only come for the evenings or who are in charge of your group’s breakfasts/dinners and evening supervision. We do need to run a background check on adults present.

- There could be local youth working at the Ranch who commute each day. We allow these youth to stay to swim and fellowship until 6pm on Monday - Wednesday at the discretion of the STR Day Camp manager on campus, only with permission from their parents and you. If you do not wish them to be integrated into your group for the evening, tell the STR manager on duty, and they will tell the youth when they need to plan on leaving. If you consent to their presence, they must adhere to your group’s guidelines, and you must be willing to take full responsibility for their supervision, including one of your adult workers being in communication with their parents if necessary. Commuting youth may not spend the night with your group.

Tent camping warning - rain and heat cause loss of sleep, and time and energy spent in caring for wet stuff takes away from the energy focused on the mission purpose. STR provides a housing option and full hook-up RV sites for your RV. Smaller groups may need to share housing with another group. Temporarily, tents are allowed if needed for additional space or separation of guys/gals or families.

Youth Pastors/Group Leaders need to be in philosophical agreement with STR on the counseling of children for salvation. Specifically, each camper spends one-on-one time with their counselor (in the line of sight of others) before the week is over, reviewing the gospel using the “Wordless Book” method popularized by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Training is conducted by STR, and youth pastors determine which people in their group are able to help with counseling. Time for counseling is provided on the daily schedules with the most emphasis being on Thursday after there has been time (Monday through Wednesday) for relationship building.

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(Copies should be kept by the youth pastor and other responsible adult.)

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