

Leader In Training (LIT) Application *Never the Same Missions 2012*

Please select (X) one of the trip options

Option 1: July 2nd – July 15th, 2012. Cost: \$2,598 (\$2,698 after January 31, 2012)

Option 2: July 2nd – July 22nd, 2012. Extended trip with excursions. Add \$1480 to base trip cost.

Trip cost does not include: Departure Tax/Security Fee and Fuel surcharge or airfare to Miami, FL

Full Legal Name: (Please print as it will be on your passport)

Name as you want it on your nametag:

Permanent Home Address:

Marital Status: M S Divorced

Age: _____ Birth date: _____

T-shirt size: (100% cotton) **Circle one: (Unisex Adult Tees)** S M L XL 2XL

Email: (PRINT CLEARLY)

In an emergency call Parent Guardian Spouse Other _____

Emergency Person's Name _____

Telephone numbers:

Home (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

Cell (_____) _____ Alternate (_____) _____

Have you participated on a mission trip before? yes no If yes, which trip(s)?

How did you hear about this trip?

Dannah Gresh: _____

Secret Keeper Girl: _____

Pure Freedom: _____

Other: _____.

Applicant's Name: _____

Describe your leadership qualifications and experience:

Give a short summary of your personal testimony.

List the name of the church you regularly attend - describe your church involvement:

Name of college you attend: _____

Year in college: _____ Area of study:

Can you work well under someone else's authority and enforce the rules established by the mission's staff—even if things aren't being run the way you think they should?

(Circle one): Yes I'm kind of controlling that's hard!

Our Expectations: We are looking for spiritually solid college students who are passionate about youth ministry and missions to be godly role models for younger teens as well as take an active leadership role alongside adults on a team of students. As a potential LIT for this mission trip, you're representing Jesus Christ. We would much rather err on the side of being too cautious and conservative than too liberal. So, bluntly put . . . here's what we expect from you:

- No sarcasm (Teens are at the point in their development where everything is changing, and a simple zit can hurl them into a crisis. This is *not* the time to get laughs from sarcasm or clever put-downs. Your role as a godly leader is to provide positive affirmation and encouragement.)

As a Leader In Training, we expect you to be actively involved with students on your team with a servant's heart and teachable spirit. Are you applying to be a LIT because you believe God is truly calling you on this mission trip and you want to learn how to lead . . . or do you simply want to have a good time?

If accepted as a LIT, you would be with 5-6 other adults on a team of approximately 30 teens. If the “head sponsor” of your team makes decisions you don’t agree with, can you be a team player, or will your attitude reflect that you don’t agree with the way things are

What gifts/strengths will you bring to this trip?

Do you have any physical condition we need to be aware of?

YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you willing to be flexible (getting up early, having possible last-minute changes, going the extra mile, eating food that may not be your favorite, getting little sleep)?

YES _____ It’ll be hard but I’ll do it _____ NO _____

Can you maintain a positive attitude when tired or under stress? YES ___ NO ___

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (Include any plea of guilty or no contest. Exclude minor traffic violations)

YES _____ NO _____ (If yes, explain)

Describe your personality: _____ Outgoing/social/like to be involved _____ A servant.

I like working behind the scenes _____ I’m shy/introverted. _____ I don’t like to be put up front.

Do you speak any Spanish?

What would you say is your weakest area when it comes to ministering to teens?

Have you had experience in playing in a worship band?

If so, please tell us what instrument you play and your level of proficiency/experience:

What's one thing we'll love about you if you're chosen as a missions LIT?

Please give three references of people who are currently a part of your life that we can contact regarding your personal character, integrity and leadership qualifications. (Example: dorm R.A., small group leader, current pastor etc.)

1. Name: _____

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____ Relationship to you:

How long have you known this person?

(Evening Phone) (____) _____

2. Name: _____

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____ Relationship to you:

How long have you known this person?

(Evening Phone) (____) _____

3. Name: _____

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____ Relationship to you:

How long have you known this person?

(Evening Phone) (____) _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Financial Agreement

If accepted for "Never the Same" mission trip, I understand that the total cost of the trip is due to Big World Ventures at P.O. Box 703203, Tulsa, OK 74170-3203.

I also understand that I'll need to obtain a passport if I don't already have one.

I also understand if anyone helps me financially with this trip, they must make their checks payable to Big World Ventures and request a receipt to receive tax credit. I realize that countries outside the US may have differing tax laws and may not accept this contribution as tax deductible.

If I end up bringing in *more* than the trip costs, Big World Ventures will hold any excess money for one year and apply it to another Missions trip for me. Donations to Big World Ventures are non-refundable. If, however, my contributors DON'T care about receiving a tax donation—if they simply want to contribute money to me personally for the missions trip—they can send those checks directly to me, and I may keep every bit that comes in exceeding my total cost for the trip. BUT my contributors will not receive tax credit.

I understand what the LIT \$58 application fee is for and that it is nonrefundable if I'm selected and decide not to participate. I also understand that the \$2,598 due to Big World Ventures does *not* include my round-trip transportation to Miami or my passport. After January 31, 2012, the base price of the trip increases to \$2,698. Other costs will include \$170 to cover Departure Tax/Security Fee and Fuel surcharge.

I understand the integrity and character involved in accepting donations from people toward this trip. I promise to send a note of gratitude to each person who contributes to my missions venture.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Consent for Medical Treatment / Release / Hold-Harmless for Travel

Name: _____ WHEREAS, I

_____, wish to be a member of the summer missions program organized by Big World Ventures which will be traveling and staying in the U.S. and to and in other countries, and WHEREAS, certain circumstances and situations may occur resulting in my need for medical/dental care and treatment, and further resulting in my inability to personally give consent for such care and treatment; THEREFORE,

1. In consideration of permission for myself to participate in said mission, I

_____, being of legal age, authorize any agent of Big World Ventures, Inc., including their volunteer medical staff, to act in my behalf should I be unable to do so and to consent to reasonable medical/dental care and treatment, including but not limited to diagnostic test, x-ray examination, anesthesia, surgery or other procedures which may be deemed necessary for (my child's/my) medical well-being for the duration of the mission.

2. This consent is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, surgery or hospital care required, but is given to provide authorization and specific consent for medical/dental treatment and care in my behalf. Any consent by Big World Ventures, Inc., shall have the same force and effect as if I had personally given the consent.

3. I agree that I am solely responsible for any expenses that may arise from my medical expenses. All individuals in the Summer Missions Program serve at their own risk and Big World Ventures or Susie Shellenberger Ministries is not liable in the event of sickness, accidents, medical transportation or any other expenses beyond that of normal involvement.

4. In the event of any crisis - political, natural, or missions related, any political unrest or natural disaster, Big World Ventures decides if and where to send individuals in the Summer Missions Program.

5. Big World Ventures is a disciplined organization with regulations in certain areas, including conduct, dress, and Christian life-style. All individuals participating in the Summer Missions Program will adhere strictly to Big World Ventures' policies and are subject to dismissal for disobedience, without refund or reimbursement.

6. I also give Big World Ventures and Susie Shellenberger Ministries' permission to use my picture, voice and/or testimony in any type of promotional advertisement.

7. I hereby release and hold harmless Big World Ventures, its officers, employees and representatives/volunteers from all liability for personal injury, as well as all property damage or loss arising out of my participation in the summer missions program.

Participant's signature: _____ Date:
_____ (LIT applicant must be at least 18 years of age)

Participant's Name: _____

Personal Health History:

To be completed by participant (if 18 years or older) or by participant's parent or guardian. If "yes", **circle number**. Please explain any "yes" answers below.

1. Have you had a tetanus booster in the last 10 years?
2. Any recent injury, illness, or infectious disease?
3. Had infectious mononucleosis "mono" in the last 3 months?
4. Any recurring or chronic illness/condition?
5. Have frequent headaches?
6. Ever had a seizure?
7. Ever been told by a medical practitioner that you have?
 - High blood pressure
 - High cholesterol
 - Heart murmur
8. Ever had discomfort, pressure, or pain in your chest during exercise?
9. Do you have asthma?
10. Do you take medication? *see below
11. Do you have allergies (include medications, foods, environmental or insect stings)?
12. Have you been told to carry an Epi-pen? **see below
13. Currently taking any prescription or over the counter medications?
14. Currently taking any "natural" or herbal medications or supplements?
15. Any back problems?
16. Do you have diabetes?
17. Any intestinal problems (e.g. diarrhea, constipation, heartburn, reflux)?
18. Ever had an eating disorder?
19. Ever had emotional difficulties (e.g. depression, bipolar, cutting)?

***If you take medication for asthma, you must have enough medication for the duration of the trip.**

****If you have been advised to carry an Epi-pen for allergic reactions, your prescription must be current, and you will be required to prove you have it with you on the trip.**

Please explain any additional “yes” answers in the personal health history, noting the number of the question.

Please list any illnesses, other than those listed above, for which you have seen a physician or other health care provider in the last year.

Are you currently under the care of a physician or other medical practitioner for any condition? Please list.

Please list **all** current medications (prescription, over the counter, “natural” or herbal remedies, vitamins and supplements), dosages and reason for taking. Include those medications taken on a regular basis as well as those taken for occasional illnesses such as allergies, migraines, indigestion, etc.

Have you ever struggled with restricting your food intake, intentionally induced vomiting after eating, using laxative or diet pills, or been told you have an eating disorder? Y/N __

If yes, did you seek professional help? If so, when and what treatment was received?

Have you ever been involved with self-mutilation or cutting? Y/N __

• If yes, do you currently mutilate or cut? Y/N __

Have you ever been diagnosed with panic or anxiety attacks? Y/N __

Are you currently under the care of a mental health provider (psychiatrist, psychologist, or professional counselor) for any of the above conditions? Y/N __ Please briefly describe:

Applicant’s Name: _____

Please give three references of people who are currently a part of your life that we can contact regarding your personal character, integrity and leadership qualifications. (Example: dorm R.A., small group leader, current pastor etc.)

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(Evening Phone) (____) _____

What are you really good at (talent we should now about) that will be an asset to this trip?

Have you had experience in playing in a worship band?

If so, please tell us what instrument you play and your level of proficiency/experience:

What's one thing we'll love about you if you're chosen as a missions LIT?

Spiritual Leader Recommendation For College-Age Applicants

Never the Same Missions Trip – Panama, 2012

(To be filled out by your current pastor or Bible Study leader, currently involved in your life).

The purpose of this recommendation is to find out as much as possible about the applicant's character, spiritual maturity, leadership skills and emotional stability. This particular missions trip has a variety of ministry opportunities for team involvement, discipleship, physical demands and spiritual intensity. We are looking for college-age young adults with strong leadership skills to work with, mentor and spiritually encourage younger teens. We appreciate and depend on your honest opinion. Your evaluation is appreciated and held in strict confidence.

This form must be completed and turned into Big World Ventures before you can be officially accepted by Never the Same Missions to participate in a summer mission venture.

Applicant's name:

Applicant's Address:

Applicant's Email:

Pastor's name: _____ Church
phone:(____)_____

Church name:

Church address:

Please complete this form and **return it within four days** to: Never the Same Missions, Big World Ventures, P.O. Box 703203, Tulsa, OK 74170 3203 or fax to 918-481-5257.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. How well do you know him/her? ___ Not really well ___ Casually ___ Quite well
3. Which of the following best describes the applicant? **E**=Excellent **AA**=Above Average **A**=Average
P=Poor **U**=Unknown

_____ Flexibility _____ Dependability _____ Response to authority _____ Servant heart

_____ Spiritual influence _____ Leadership skills _____ Maturity _____ Spiritual Life

4. Does this person have a heart for teens and will this person be a good encourager, role model and mentor to teenagers?
5. Anything else we should know about this applicant?

Pastor, if you'd like information on being a team leader on this trip please contact Big World Ventures at info@bigworld.org or call 918-481-5223.