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# CHURCH PLANTING PARENT PACK

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## **PARENT FAQ**

### **WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE DOING?**

Your student will be serving a community through partnership with a local church planter. At Church Planting projects, students will serve through block parties, door to door surveying, Vacation Bible School, community garden volunteering, sports camps, and more!

### **WHERE WILL THEY BE STAYING?**

Facilities vary per location, but are typically either local school campuses or churches where participants sleep on air mattresses (brought by them), eat in the cafeteria, and have evening gatherings in the auditorium or sanctuary. Shower facilities are used there or are provided by portable shower units.

### **WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING?**

A detailed what to bring/not to bring list is provided by World Changers. In general, students need to bring all bedding, toiletries, and clothes. Your group leader may have additional requests or guidelines so be sure to check with them.

### **WHAT ABOUT SAFETY?**

Safety is a high priority at World Changers. All of our projects have a First Aid Certified staff person or volunteer on site. World Changers conducts background checks on all employees working at the project. Our staff are extensively trained on ministry safety, construction site safety and crisis management. All group leaders are responsible for conducting background checks on their adult chaperones that attend. We notify local law enforcement when World Changers is in the community so they can provide extra assistance as needed.

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE INSURANCE?**

Although highly recommended it is not required that students be insured in order to attend. World Changers provides LIMITED supplemental accident insurance for each participant.





## **WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NEVER BEEN AWAY FROM HOME BEFORE?**

We advise working with your student's group leader to help set expectations and prepare them for their trip ahead of time. In addition, try to plan out a system of communication that will allow you to stay in touch with your student, while still respecting the group leader's cell phone policy. Another great way to stay in touch with your student is through our online E-Couragram system. This allows you to write and send encouraging messages to your student that are printed and delivered to them at the project.

All of our staff are well-trained and prepared to assist with any issues or problems that your student may encounter while away from home. Your group leader is responsible for bringing one adult of the same gender for every five students. This ensures that your student will be well supervised and have access to trusted adults in their group. Continue to pray with, and for your student as they are thinking about or planning on participating in one of our projects. With your support, we know that the Lord will use your student to do great things for the community and city that they will be serving in!

## **DOES MY CHILD NEED SPENDING MONEY?**

At all World Changers project your student(s) have the opportunity to purchase memorabilia from the Marketplace. Items include stickers, hats, t-shirts and prices range \$5-20. Some locations may provide snacks for purchase. Coordinate with your group leader about how much money to send with your student for other activities that your student ministry has planned in addition to World Changers.





## PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

**The purpose of this commitment is to create clear expectations for all World Changers participants attending a project. You should read, sign and turn into your group leader.**

While participating in the project I will seek to demonstrate my love for Christ and for others by agreeing to...

- **Commit to sharing the gospel.** Through preparation of the Pre-Project Study, I will avail myself to learning how to share the Gospel and take advantage of the opportunities presented to me to share the Gospel.
- **Seek to grow in my personal and corporate prayer life.** I will seek the Lord daily through prayer and Bible study. I will purpose in my heart to leave more spiritually mature than when I arrived.
- **Keep myself healthy.** I agree to not use tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs. I will notify the project staff of any prescription drugs I will be using during the week.
- **Maintain a safe working environment for myself and my crew members.** I agree not to have possession of or use any fireworks, firearms, pocket knives, or weapons of any other kind.
- **Work to the best of my ability.** I am excited about demonstrating my love for Christ by working on a home for a resident; participating in a ministry project, or whatever the project requires of me. To the best of my ability I pledge to work in a manner that would be pleasing to Christ.
- **Follow the dress code.** I agree to bring clothes that comply with the dress code, and not to bring clothes that do not comply with the code. I will dress, at all times, in a manner worthy of an ambassador of Christ.
- **Stay in designated areas.** I agree to stay with the group at all times. I understand that I cannot leave the work site or lodging location without the permission of my ministry team leader, crew chief, group leader, or Project Coordinator. Note: Girls will not be in boys' rooms, and boys will not be in girls' rooms.
- **Respect the privacy of others.** I will not tamper with or take others' possessions.
- **Maintain a clean environment.** I will do my best to keep all areas of the lodging facility clean and free from litter. I will respect the property and grounds serving as "home" for all participants for the week. I understand that any property I damage will be my personal responsibility.
- **Demonstrate a Christ-like spirit. My attitude will be like that of Jesus (Philippians 2:5). I will love those with whom I work and those around me throughout the week.** I will not allow another's property or person to be abused.

I have read the responsibilities listed above and the dress code and agree to follow them during the week I am participating in the project. I understand that failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR REGISTRATION TO ATTEND A WORLD CHANGERS PROJECT IS YOUR COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT AND ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED HEREIN.**



## DRESS CODE

Please remember that this is a mission experience. Participants are on mission at all times: at ministry sites and at the lodging facility. Participants should make a special effort to wear clothes that are modest and appropriate for the work to which we have been called. *How we dress is an important part of our witness.*

- Sleeved shirts are to be worn by all participants at all times (no spaghetti straps or midriffs—this includes dresses) at the work sites, the lodging facility, and on the way to and from the showers. If the sleeves are torn off the shirt, it no longer meets the code.
- Long pants must be worn at the construction work sites. Pants made of heavy cloth, like denim, is preferred.
- Shorts are acceptable at the lodging facility and some community sites (check with your Site Coordinator). Shorts should be fingertip length. No short shorts.
- Participants are to be fully dressed in accordance with this dress code any time they are outside their assigned room at the lodging facility. Shorts or long pants and a sleeved shirt is required in hallways, in worship, and en route to showers and restrooms.
- Yoga pants, tights, and leggings are not pants. These may not be worn outside your assigned sleeping room unless layered underneath a modest length dress or skirt.
- Durable shoes with closed toes must be worn at all ministry sites. Sandals are not acceptable. Shoes or boots with heavy soles are recommended for construction projects.
- Always wear shoes outside of rooms.
- If you are participating in a project that involves your group attending local churches on Sunday morning, please be sure to bring long pants (nice jeans are fine), or even appropriate skirts or dresses to wear. We will provide a t-shirt for everyone, but no shorts need to be worn to church on Sunday.

## ENFORCEMENT OF THE DRESS CODE

- Group leaders are asked to review the dress code with participants before leaving for the project. A pre-trip meeting is an excellent time to review the code. Please be certain everyone in your group, including students and adults participants, understand what is required and what is prohibited.
- Group leaders will be asked to enforce the dress code among participants in their church groups during the project.
- If necessary, the staff will take appropriate action with the individual group leader to ensure that all participants follow the dress code.
- Violation of the dress code at ministry sites may result in participants being transported back to the lodging facility. Participants will not be allowed to work if not dressed according to the dress code.



## WHAT TO BRING TO A PROJECT

IMPORTANT NOTE: World Changers and LifeWay Christian Resources are not responsible for personal items lost or stolen at the project. ***Be sure equipment is clearly labeled with your name.***

### EACH PARTICIPANT SHOULD BRING:

- Water Bottle
- Air mattress (twin size only)
- Bible
- Camera
- Facial Tissues
- Hat
- Insect Repellent
- Light Jacket
- Lip Balm
- Mirror
- Pen or Pencil
- Towels and Washcloths
- Sunscreen
- Pillow
- Plastic Bags for Dirty Clothing
- Jacket/Umbrella
- Shorts (no short-shorts)
- Slacks or Nice Jeans and Shoes for Church
- Sleeping Bag/Bedding
- Socks and Underwear
- Close Toed Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Personal Family Health Insurance Card (if you have coverage)
- Money for Missions Offering (All money collected in the offering will stay in the city to help with Church Planting)
- Money for The Marketplace (sales table)
- T-shirts with Sleeves (guys and girls - no midriff tops; girls - no tops with spaghetti straps, including dresses)

### WHAT NOT TO BRING TO A PROJECT

- Clothes that don't meet dress code
- Expensive electronics
- Expensive clothing
- Expensive jewelry
- Tobacco or vaping products, alcohol, or illegal drugs
- Weapons of any kind
- Fireworks





# DAILY SCHEDULES

World Changers Church Planting is more concerned with meaningful ministry than schedule. The schedule might look different based on context and location, according to the needs of each city. You will notice two schedule options: AM Gathering, PM Gathering. Each city will choose a schedule that allows for the most ministry in their context. We ask participating churches to be flexible throughout the week.

## SATURDAY

- 1-3:00 PM Check In
- 4:00 PM Welcome Celebration
- 4:30 PM Group Leader Meeting
- 5:30 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM The Gathering/Gospel Engagement
- 8:00 PM Church Group Devotions
- 9:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
- 10:00 PM In Rooms
- 10:30 PM Lights Out

## SUNDAY

- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:15 AM Personal Devotion
- 9:00 AM Leave for Church Plant
- 12:00 PM Lunch with Church Planter
- 1:00-4:30 PM City Experience
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
- 7:30 PM The Gathering
- 8:30 PM Church Group Devotions
- 9:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
- 10:00 PM In Rooms
- 10:30 PM Lights Out

## AM GATHERING SCHEDULE:

### MONDAY-THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Personal Devotion
- 9:30 AM Ministry Prep
- 10:00 AM The Gathering
- 11:00 PM Lunch
- 12:00 PM Ministry Assignments / Dinner in your Context
- 8:30 PM Return to Lodging Site
- 9:00 PM Church Group Devotions
- 9:30 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
- 10:30 PM In Rooms
- 11:00 PM Lights Out





## **PM GATHERING SCHEDULE:**

### **MONDAY - THURSDAY**

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Personal Devotion
9:30 AM	Ministry Assignments / Lunch in your Context
5:00 PM	Return to Lodging Site
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
7:30 PM	The Gathering
8:30 PM	Church Group Devotions
9:30 PM	Free Time / Marketplace Open
10:00 PM	In Rooms
10:30 PM	Lights Out

### **THURSDAY EVENING**

7:00 PM	Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
7:30 PM	The Gathering
9:00 PM	Church Group Devotions
10:00 PM	Free Time / Marketplace Open
10:30 PM	In Rooms
11:00 PM	Lights Out

### **FRIDAY**

6:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM	Depart for Home



## PARTICIPANT FORM

- Every participant (student and adult) must complete and sign a participant form.
- **Participants under age 18 must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian and *must have their form notarized* to participate in a World Changers project.**
- **Group leaders are responsible for bringing all signed original copies of Participant Forms to the project and presenting them to the World Changers Summer Staff at check-in.**
- **Group leaders may choose to keep a photocopy of each form in case of emergency during the project.**

The participant form gives important medical information and authorization for emergency medical treatment. World Changers must have a completed Participant Form on file for each participant (student and adult) before he or she can attend a ministry site.



# PARTICIPANT FORM

**Group Leaders: Bring ONE notarized copy of this document to registration.  
Keep a photocopy for yourself to have with you in case of emergency.**

Project Location/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Information:

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Leader's cell #(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Grade Completed (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers - Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical and Insurance Information:

Generally, Participant's Health is: (Check One)    Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor

If Fair or Poor, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical difficulties which are currently being treated: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medicines or substances to which you are allergic: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medications you are currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

List any special diet or special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Tetanus Immunization: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subscriber Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

***In consideration of Participant's ability to participate in the event(s), I, the undersigned Participant, (and, if Participant is a minor, I the undersigned Parent/Guardian):***

**A. Permission For Medical Treatment:** Hereby grant my permission for any church staffer or counselor, or adult present or in charge of First Aid, to obtain necessary medical attention in case of sickness or injury to Participant, including transporting Participant to a medical facility and sharing the above information with medical personnel, and further hereby give permission for medical personnel to administer medical care to Participant, as necessary.

**B. Acknowledgement and Permission:** Hereby acknowledge that any activity involves the potential for contact with someone other than camp staffers (i.e. employees at a non-LifeWay sponsored event, church volunteers, etc.). **I further acknowledge that if Participant is attending a camp with:**

**1. Construction Activities,** that those may include but are not limited to 1) painting, installing doors, installing windows, building porches, constructing wheelchair ramps, conducting cleanup activities, scraping paint and removing debris from the work site, climbing ladders, nailing nails, scraping paint, carrying heavy building supplies and serving each day in sometimes extreme summer temperatures, 2) travel to and from each worksite, and 3) **PARTICIPANTS AGE 16 AND OLDER MAY ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING OPERATING POWER TOOLS AND WORKING ON SLOPED ROOFS.**

**2. Recreation Event Activities** that those may include but are not limited to 1) initiative games, high and low challenge courses, outdoor education, paintball, aquatics (including beach activities where applicable) , 2) climbing or descending unpredictable and possibly slick or uneven terrain, 3) activities leading to elevated heart and respiratory rates, 4) traveling long distances in remote settings, 5) carrying weight on your back and shoulders, 6) encountering unforeseen forces of nature and weather, 7) experiencing uncomfortable group dynamics.

**3. Mission Event Activities** that those may include but are not limited to 1) travel hazards, 2) being a distance from medical care, 3) experiencing uncomfortable group dynamics.





**4. International Mission Event Activities** that those may include but are not limited to 1) travel hazards, 2) being a distance from medical care 3) political instability in mission location, 4) traveling long distances in remote settings, and 5) experiencing uncomfortable group dynamics.

**C. Photograph/Video Acknowledgement and Permission:** Acknowledge that there may be photographs taken or videotaping during normal event activities, and I hereby grant my permission for such photographs/videos to be taken and to be used in promotional materials.

**D. Release and Indemnity:** Acknowledge and agree that I release and forever hold harmless LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention (“LifeWay”), the venue, church, project and event sponsors and state conventions as well as their members, trustees, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors and affiliates (collectively, the “Released Parties”) from any and all claims or demands for personal injury, sickness, and death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, incurred by me or my minor child while participating in or employed by this project or the events and/or while on property leased or owned by the Release Parties. I further assume full personal responsibility for any loss of or damage to property to the extent caused by me or my minor child. I also assume full personal responsibility for all medical bills for me or my minor child. I agree to indemnify the Released Parties from any and all claims and demands for personal injury or death as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising out of the willful or negligent actions or omissions of me or my minor child. I further hereby assume responsibility for all transportation costs related to my or my minor child’s dismissal from the project and/or event, as applicable.

**E. Understanding.** Represent and acknowledge that (1) I have completely read and understand this document and all its terms and all matters referred to herein, and my signature below is my voluntary, free act and deed, (2) I have had ample opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel, (3) by signing this document, I understand that I am relinquishing legal rights and remedies that may have otherwise been available to me, (4) I understand that the above Releases shall be construed as broadly and inclusively as is permitted by applicable law and agree that if any portion of this document is held invalid, the remaining shall continue in full force and effect, (5) to the extent any restriction on filing lawsuits is deemed unlawful, I agree to submit any claims to Christian conciliation/mediation organization for binding resolution, and (6) a copy of this form as signed shall be treated as authentic and binding as the original, and a copy of same may be provided to venue.

Complete and sign below (Consent by a parent or guardian is required for those under the age of majority which varies by state. For example, in Alabama and Nebraska consent is required for those under 19 years of age).

Participant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(if Participant is a minor)

**Notary Acknowledgement:**

State of \_\_\_\_\_)

County of \_\_\_\_\_)

On the \_\_\_\_ day of , 20\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ that the foregoing is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the state that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

