

**Student/Young Adult
Mission Trip Information
Packet**



April 14-19, 2019

About Coney Island

“Graffiti Ministries is located in the borough of Brooklyn, in a neighborhood called Coney Island. Each New York City neighborhood is very unique, and ours is no exception. Many people are aware that Coney Island is home to a world famous amusement area, but at just 6 blocks this is a small portion of our community. That many people do not know is that Coney Island is home to more than 60,000 people, and is among the three poorest neighborhoods in New York City.”

“Many individuals and families in our neighborhood are impacted by cyclical, generational poverty and the challenges that so often follow such as lack of educational attainment, high unemployment, substance abuse/addiction, hunger and gang related violence. Graffiti Coney Island seeks to participate with God in His ministry of reconciliation in this community by providing access to the Gospel and its redemptive work.” – Graffiti Ministries Learning Center

Living Arrangements/Transportation

We will be staying at an Airbnb in Brooklyn, NY.

Sleeping arrangements will be determined based on who signs up and how many individuals go on this trip. You can request roommates by emailing Pastor Jacob at Jacob@fbcspringfield.org.

We will be using the Subway train everyday to get to Graffiti Ministries every morning. *The public transportation is included in the cost.* Each person will be getting the Unlimited 7-Day MetroCard.

For more information about the public transportation in New York City visit:

<http://www.mta.info/nyct>

Contact Information

Students are allowed to have phones, but are requested to use them just for updating parents and taking pictures.

In case of an emergency, please contact either Pastor Jacob at 262-210-8337 or Tina Hardy at 703-599-0640.

If you want to contact Graffiti Ministries you can contact Pastor Steven Trainer from Graffiti Fellowship Church at 718-265-7041 or info@graffitiministries.org.

Address of Ministry: 2811 Mermaid Ave. 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11224.

Who Is Able To Go?

Graffiti Ministries in Coney Island has an age requirement of 12 years old. Sadly this means only the students who are at least 12 years old by April 14th are eligible to attend.

This trip is also open to adults who are part of our church body. There isn't an age limit. Contact Pastor Jacob at Jacob@fbcspringfield.org to talk about ways you can help out with this trip/go on this trip.

Ministry

"Each mission team that serves with Graffiti will undergo Upside Down Ministry Training for a portion of the first day of service. This training will serve to prepare you for specific ministry items, further outline our DNA, and also provide context for ministry in our community of need." - Graffiti Ministries Learning Center

Some of the specific ministries we will be a part of include:

- After school program for young elementary kids
- Prayer walks
- Outreach projects
- Information distribution
- Hangout with kids during school lunch
- Participate in cleaning ministry

*We will receive a more detailed list of ministries we will be participating in closer to the trip from Graffiti Ministries.

Cost/Funding

The cost for the Graffiti Student Mission Trip will be \$200 per student. This cost will cover meals, lodging, ministry material, transportation, Metro passes, and group activities. If your child really wants to go, but the cost is too high, contact Pastor Jacob at Jacob@fbcspringfield.org, and something can be worked out.

FBC Springfield wants to see the Gospel spread in our neighborhoods and nations, which is why the church has already allocated funds to help offset the cost.

If an individual wants to raise more funds amongst their family members and close friends to cover the remaining \$200, they are more than welcome to do so. Attached to this cover letter is a sample support letter to send out to family members and close friends who are not a part of FBC Springfield.

Parking Guidelines

Suggested packing list:

- Clothes for 5 days
- Sweatshirt/light jacket
- Shoes meant for a lot of walking
- Sleeping attire
- Toiletry Items
- Bible
- Water bottle
- Extra \$ for snacks and extra activities during group time at Coney Island

What **not** to bring:

- Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, fireworks and any form of weapon

Clothing Policy: Our goal is to represent Christ wherever we go; therefore, we are asking all participants to please wear appropriate attire throughout the week.

Schedule

Sunday, April 14th

3:00pm – Meet at FBC Springfield at load up bus and pray before departure.

7:45pm – Arrive at hotel and go to rooms/unpack

8:30pm – Walk (0.2 miles) to Table 87 Coal Oven Pizza for dinner

10:00pm – Arrive back to hotel

Monday, April 15th

8:00am – Breakfast at hotel

8:30am – Leave hotel for Graffiti Ministries

9:50am – Arrive at Graffiti Ministries

10:00am – Upside Down Mission Training

12:00pm – Community Mapping/Prayer Walk **Lunch while out*

2:30pm – Prayer Walk debrief, Kids Program Orientation

3:30pm – Outreach Project

5:00pm – Leave Graffiti Ministries

6:15pm – Arrive back at hotel

6:30pm – Dinner

7:30pm – Group Discussion/Debrief of first day

Tuesday, April 16th

6:30am – Breakfast at hotel

7:00am – Leave hotel for Graffiti Ministries

- 8:00am – Arrive at Graffiti Ministries
 - Full day of ministry (*Detailed schedule will be provided by Graffiti Ministries closer to trip).
- 5:00pm – Leave Graffiti Ministries
- 6:15pm – Leave Graffiti Ministries
- 6:30pm – Dinner
- 7:30pm – Group Discussion/Lesson

Wednesday, April 17th

- 6:30am – Breakfast at hotel
- 7:00am – Leave hotel for Graffiti Ministries
- 8:00am – Arrive at Graffiti Ministries
 - Full day of ministry (*Detailed schedule will be provided by Graffiti Ministries closer to trip).
- 5:00pm – Leave Graffiti Ministries
- 6:15pm – Arrive back at hotel
- 6:30pm – Dinner
- 7:30pm – Group Discussion/Lesson

Thursday, April 18th

- 6:30am – Breakfast at hotel
- 7:00am – Leave hotel for Graffiti Ministries
- 8:00am – Arrive at Graffiti Ministries
 - Some type of ministry
- 1:45pm – Lunch
- 3:00pm – Graffiti Church set up
- 4:00pm – Final Prayer/Group Picture
- 5:15pm – Arrive back at hotel
- 5:30pm – Dinner
- 6:15pm – Explore Prospect Park/Hang out/Outdoor Games
- 7:30 – Group Discussion/ Debrief of last day

Friday, April 19th

- 8:30am – Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00am – Leave for Luna Park in Coney Island
- 9:30am – Arrive at Luna Park (An Amusement Park, famous for the Wonder Wheel and the Cyclone Rollercoaster)
 - Have lunch while at the park
- 3:00pm – Leave Luna Park to go back home (We will eat a packed dinner on the way home).
- 8:00pm – Student pick up at FBC Springfield

Family Support Letter

Dear **(Name)**,

I wanted to share with you some great things God is doing in my life and the opportunities He has been giving me to serve Him. The youth group and the young adult ministry at my church, FBC Springfield, have the opportunity to serve the Lord with a five-day mission trip to Coney Island in Brooklyn, NY. This will take place during my Spring Break, April 14-19th. Around eight of us will be traveling there to spread the gospel through children ministry and various cleaning opportunities with a ministry called Graffiti Ministries.

I ask for your help in two ways. First, I ask for your continued prayers for both myself and my team who will embark on this missionary journey. We need prayers to help prepare us for what we will encounter and give us the strength and patience to be open, loving and prepared to learn and work hard. Secondly, we need your financial support. Each participant is responsible for earning \$200, for expenses associated with this trip.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the trip. My phone number is **(provide phone #)** and my email is **(provide email)**.

Again, I appreciate your consideration of partnering with me through your prayers and financially. I look forward to doing God's work in Brooklyn NY this April. I will make sure to give you all of the details and share all of our adventures with you when I get back.

In Christ,

(Your Name)