

TAKING HOPE TO THE STREETS
AGORA
MINISTRIES

We are so excited that you are interested in partnering with us here at AGORA Ministries. Our staff is looking forward to hosting your team!

AGORA Ministries exists to share the love and hope of Christ in high need areas. We will accomplish this by encouraging, empowering, educating, and mentoring families, children, and “at risk” youth in our area.

Our week-long mission trips are called STREET CAMPS. Our teams are given the opportunity to serve, share, and grow during their time at AGORA Ministries.

Our goal is for you and your team to walk away from each interaction on the Westside with a deeper knowledge of the love of God. We hope this manual will be a resourceful tool for you as you prepare to bring your team to the Alamo City.

MINISTRY OPPORUNITIES

PRAYER WALKS

Here at AGORA Ministries we believe that prayer plays an important role in the daily life of ministry. We encourage our teams to be a part of what God is doing here on the Westside of San Antonio by praying as they walk through specific locations that we have mapped out.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

We believe it is our responsibility to take care of the neighborhood that God has placed us. The goal is to be a light and help our neighbors in practical ways. Teams have the chance to help pick up trash, mow lawns, paint, and even help clean a neighbor's home.

BLESSING BAGS

Food insecurity is a very real and on-going problem for many people who live on the Westside of San Antonio. Teams have the opportunity to put the blessing bags of food together and then deliver them to our neighbors. We want to bless them with food, but our main goals are to get to know them and to pray with them.

HYGIENE BAGS

In this activity we put hygiene bags together and distribute them to the homeless community in partnership with local homeless outreach organizations. Hygiene bags provide the means to restore basic elements of human dignity while also communicating value to the individual. Here at AGORA we believe that Jesus cares about individuals and these hygiene bags are one way to care for our homeless community.

KID'S OUTREACH

This time is spent investing into a group of kids by teaching character development, life skills, and growing deeper in relationships with God and each other. Each event consists of hand movement songs, games, food, fun and most importantly a life-relevant lesson that will help develop their character to become the best they can be.

MINISTRY OPPORUNITIES (continued)

MINISTRY PREP

Teams are given this time to prepare for Kid's Outreach as well as our flash mob. We will go over skits, crafts, games, and teach our teams a variety of dances.

TEACHINGS

Our teams will have the chance to worship and grow together. We challenge all of our participants to grow personally and not just be content at where they are at. Each year, our staff prays about a specific theme that reflects the three teachings your team will receive during your Street Camp with us.

DEVOTIONALS

We believe it is important to give each team the opportunity to start each morning with a short devotional. Our staff prepares a devotional for each day your team is with us. The devotional will go along with our theme for the year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

STREET CAMP COST

- The total cost is \$350 per person.
- As part of the total cost, a \$50 per participant is required to secure your teams spots. The deposit is non-refundable.
- Team leader must pay the team's remaining balance 2 weeks before your Street Camp starting date.
- For every 8 full priced paying participants, 1 leader can go free

AGORA DORMS

- 55 beds
- All housing is dorm style
- 7 bathrooms
- 6 showers
- Medium sized kitchen

PARKING

- Gated parking for 6 cars or 5 vans
- Street parking is available for more vehicles

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- All participants must be 12 years old or older
- Our chaperone ratio is 1 adult to 4 youth of the same gender as they will be supervising in the dorms

ALLERIGES

- We do accommodate special dietary needs if we are informed 1 week before your team arrives.
- We do encourage those with special dietary needs to bring snacks with them

MEALS/SNACKS

- We do provide all three meals for each full day that your team is with us
- Participants are required to be at each meal
- If your team plans to eat out and miss a meal, please let our staff know at least 1 week before your Street Camp

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

- Teams are welcome to bring snacks with them, but all snacks must be kept in bins that are provided by your team
- Food is NOT allowed inside dorm rooms, ONLY in living areas

AGORA T-SHIRTS

- Each participant will receive an AGORA t-shirt
- These shirts will need to be worn at all outreaches

LAUNDRY

- We do have a washer and dryer available for our teams to use

WHAT TO BRING

- Bible
- Journal
- Pen/Pencil
- Twin size bedding or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Towel
- Washcloth
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash/Soap
- Brush
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Medications (Must be given and managed by leader)
- Sunscreen
- Cap
- Insect bug repellent
- Backpack
- Water Bottle

CLOTHES/SHOES

- Bring clothes for each day
- At least 2 outfits you don't mind getting paint on
- Closed toe shoes must be worn at all outreaches
- Pants/Jean are required at Homeless outreaches, leggings are not considered pants
- Shorts are allowed, but they must be at fingertip length
- If we think your shorts are too short, we will ask you to go change
- Bring a pair of modest pajamas

WHAT **NOT** TO BRING

- Immodest clothing (V-necks, short shorts, see-through pants, or spaghetti straps)
- Valuables (We recommend you leave anything of great value at home)
- Alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, and weapons

Medical and Medication Instructions

If you are bringing any medication, please list below the type of medication and the schedule to be followed for administering the medication. (Please include a copy of the instructions with the student's prescription in a Ziploc bag, along with a copy of your insurance card.)

Please list the name and type of each medication:

Please give instructions on how each medication should be given:

Are there any side effects to watch for? If so, please describe:

Are you aware of allergies your student may have? If so, what are they and what is the reaction:

Does your student have any medical problems we need to be made aware of?

Please list physical or medical reasons students may not be able to participate in ministry:

AGORA Ministries Waiver, and Indemnity Agreement

IT IS THE INTENTION OF _____ (PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF MINOR) BY THIS AGREEMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE (AGORA MINISTRIES) AND ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, OR EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH OF (NAME OF MINOR) CAUSED BY ANY ACT OF NEGLIGENCE OF (AGORA MINISTRIES) AND ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, OR EMPLOYEES.

For and in consideration of permitting _____ (NAME OF MINOR) to observe, or use any facility or equipment of (AGORA MINISTRIES), or engage in and/or receive instruction in any activity or activity incidental thereto SOME OF WHICH MAY INVOLVE DANGERS AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY at: (AGORA MINISTRIES) in the city of San Antonio, County of Bexar and State of TX, beginning on the day of, the undersigned parent and/or guardian of _____ (NAME OF MINOR): hereby voluntarily and absolutely releases, discharges, waives, and relinquishes any and all loss or damages or actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death occurring to _____ (NAME OF MINOR) as a result of _____ (NAME OF MINOR)'s observing or using facilities or equipment of (AGORA MINISTRIES), or engaging in or receiving instructions in any activities SOME OF WHICH MAY INVOLVE DANGERS AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY or in activities incidental thereto wherever or however the same may occur, and for whatever period said activities or instructions may continue.

The undersigned parent or guardian of _____ (NAME OF MINOR) for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns agrees that in the event any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against (AGORA MINISTRIES) or its officers, agents, servants, or employees, the undersigned parent or guardian will indemnify and hold harmless (AGORA MINISTRIES) and its officers, agents, servants, or employees from any and all claims or causes of action by (NAME OF MINOR) or by any other person or entity, by whomever or wherever made or presented, and under no circumstances will the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ (NAME OF MINOR) present any claim against (AGORA MINISTRIES) and said persons for personal injuries, property damage, wrongful death, or otherwise, caused by any act of negligence by (AGORA MINISTRIES) and said persons.

The undersigned parent or guardian represent that he/she has read this Release, has requested and has been provided with, or has requested and declined advisement on the potential dangers/risks of engaging in the observation, activities, or instruction offered, assumes all risks associated with such dangers and risks, and is fully aware of and understands the terms and the legal consequences of the signing of this Release. The undersigned parent or legal guardian intends his or her signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and if any portion of the Release is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Dated: _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian of Minor) _____

Name of Minor _____



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM (GAP)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please fill out and submit this application to confirm your desired volunteer service project. The information provided will allow the GAP staff to assess materials, tools and resources that will be necessary to complete your project. Staff will work diligently to honor your request; however, in the event staff is not available on the requested date, please list an alternate date.

Please indicate which of the following programs you are applying for:

Interested in abating graffiti on chronically tagged dumpsters? Consider applying to participate in the **Adopt-A-Dumpster Program** which offers volunteers free paint to abate commercial dumpsters.

Interested in receiving a **graffiti abatement kit**? Contents include one gallon of recycled paint, roller, brush, goggles, safety vest and wipes (for graffiti removal on signs). Date issued: _____. Additional materials requested/issued; _____.

Interested in scheduling a volunteer clean-up for groups of at least 10, to abate graffiti in your neighborhood or in a specific area of the city? Consider applying to coordinate a **Mini-Wipeout**. Participants will be provided with free paint and supplies to complete project, which typically require 1-2 hours of community service.

Project Date(s): ___/___/___; ___/___/___ or ___/___/___		Group/Organization: _____		
Number of Total Volunteers: _____		Project Location: _____		
Number of Minors: _____ <i>Under 17 years of age</i>		Project Time: _____ am/pm to _____ am/pm		
Do you intend to communicate with the property owner to obtain permission? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N				
<i>A signed right of entry form must be obtained from property owner for projects on private property (fence, house, garage, dumpster, etc.)</i>				
Primary Point of Contact Information: <i>This is the designated person who will remain on-site during the duration of your group's project.</i>				
Name: _____		Phone: _____		Email: _____
Signature: _____		Date: ___/___/___		
Organization/Group Address: _____				
	Street	City	State	Zip

Secondary Contact: _____
 Name Phone Email

Upon receiving your completed application, staff will send you a volunteer information packet, via email, to provide you with general guidelines, tips and instructions to ensure a rewarding volunteer experience. **Return completed forms via email to lisa.mckenzie@sanantonio.gov; via fax at (210) 207-5451.**

Office Use Only: Date Form Received: ___/___/___ Application Approved ___ Y ___ N Staff Initial _____

For general information on the Graffiti Abatement Program please visit www.sanantonio.gov/dsd
 Or contact (210) 207-BUFF (2833)

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by City to participate as a volunteer in its activities, I _____ (parent or guardian's name) on behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors, hereby disclaim, release and waive any and all claims against the CITY for personal injuries or damages to property sustained by Minor or any other person arising out of the PROJECT, including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence or the CITY, its agents or employees.

IT IS MY EXPRESS INTENT TO RELEASE THE CITY FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM MINOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH CLAIMS ARE FOUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF CITY, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES.

I verify that my son/daughter is age appropriate to volunteer for this project and I, _____ as parent/guardian of said minor understand that I must accompany my son/daughter in order for him/her to volunteer OR other authorized custodian accompany my son/daughter in order for him/her to volunteer.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____