

GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP EVENT

Vision

Provide an opportunity for US/Canadian youth to develop their leadership skills in an international cross-cultural setting, in partnership with international youth developing their leadership skills at the same time. North American students will live, learn and serve alongside youth from other nations. Teaching and mentoring will be by both North American and international youth leaders. All learning will be done bilingually, in Spanish and English. North American students will live with their international counterparts, attend creative sessions on leadership together, and work together to encourage and enhance local community ministry in the international setting.

Dates

Santiago, Dominican Republic – March 23-31
City of 1 million on the north side of the DR

La Villa de San Antonio, Honduras – June 8-16
Village of 5000 about 1 1/2 hours north of Tegucigalpa, and near Comayagua

Puerta Plata, DR – June 29-July 7
City of 200,000 on the northeast coast of the DR

SLRC, Mexico – July 6-14
City of 200,000 across the US border from Yuma, AZ

Tome, Chile – July 19-29
Fishing town of 50,000 about six hours south of Santiago, Chile, and near Concepcion

(Youth from each of these areas will be invited to participate.)

Ages - 15-19 year olds

Housing - either the North American students will live in pairs in the homes of host leadership Students participating in the event or both the North American students and the local students will live together in local churches.

Meals - all provided by Merge Ministries

Interpreters - all provided by Merge Ministries

Cost -

Santiago, DR - \$535

Puerta Plata, DR - \$535

Tome, Chile - \$690

La Villa de San Antonio, Honduras - \$520

San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico - \$445

These costs include:

Trip Set up

Housing

Food (including food for the international youth)

*Ministry supplies (youth will be split into three groups of North Americans and International students. They will be given a budget to use for local community ministry). Basically it is all-inclusive except for plane flights, entrance or departure taxes (DR \$10, Chile \$131, Honduras \$38, Mexico \$0), souvenirs, and possibly some meals in travel.

Merge staff, interpreters, cooks

Ground Transportation

Tourist events

Tentative Schedule outline

Saturday

All Day US/Canadian students arrive

Evening Opening meeting, team building

Sunday

Morning Leadership Training & Worship Service w/local church

Afternoon Team building activities

Evening Leadership Training

Monday

Morning Leadership Training

Afternoon Ministry Teams created – brainstorming

Evening Leadership Training

Tuesday

Morning Leadership Training, Ministry planning and prep

Afternoon & Evening Ministry Planning/Mentoring

Wednesday

Morning Leadership Training, Ministry planning and prep

Afternoon & Evening Ministry implementation/Planning/Mentoring

Thursday

Morning Cultural Event

Afternoon & Evening Ministry implementation/Mentoring

Friday

Morning Leadership Training, Ministry planning and prep

Afternoon & Evening Ministry implementation/Mentoring

Saturday

Morning Leadership Training, Ministry planning and prep

Afternoon Ministry implementation/Mentoring

Evening Celebration with hosts

Sunday

US/Canadian students head home