Dear Students and Parents,

We are delighted that you are interested in joining us for our 2020 Summer Mission Trip to Hidden Acres in Kaufman, TX (July 6-10). This packet is our attempt to provide clear communication to you about the trip details and our application process. So, we ask that you read this letter carefully before moving on to the other pages.

**Our Vision**

The mission of the youth group is the same as the church’s overall mission: to move together into the remarkable love of Jesus Christ.

The goal of Jeff and the youth volunteers is to partner with parents for effective ministry and investment in the next generation, specifically students in junior high and high school.

**Application Process**

The application process begins with an interview-type conversation between students, parents (at least one), Jeff, and possibly the student’s connection group leader. In this conversation, we will talk about the students desire to go on a summer mission trip. Even more important is the discussion we will have about their relationship with Christ. This will allow parents, students and youth staff to have an honest conversation about the student’s relationship with Christ.

**Our goal** is to take students who, after mission meetings and preparation, would feel confident in sharing Christ with others. Therefore, a student’s relationship with Christ is the most important criteria for determining whether he/she will be a participant on one of our trips. Another key factor will be his/her involvement within TFC’s youth ministry. A student who is actively involved (Connection Group, Outreach Opportunities, Work Weekends, Retreats, other TFC youth events…) will be at a greater advantage than those minimally involved. This process will help the TFC youth leadership attest to a student’s relationship with Christ, and that he/she is in a healthy community with those they will be serving alongside.

In this packet, you will find the following:

* + - Interview Questions (**must be turned in to Jeff 24 hours before your interview**).
    - Reference Form

Upon completion of the application process, students will receive information about fundraising opportunities, both individual and for the group.

We have been praying for the youth group, and we hope these trips are the catalyst for God moving greatly in their hearts. We ask that you begin earnestly praying and asking God to make it clear if He is leading your student to serve on these trips. Please let us know if you have any questions.

As always, we are so excited to see what God is going to do both in and through your students. We count it a privilege to partner with you to invest in this next generation.

In Him,

Jeff and the TFC Youth Leadership

Name: Current Grade: Interview Date: / /

**You may type or write your responses to the following questions. If you write your responses, please write in a legible manner. Please also read the questions very carefully, as there may be multiple questions for each prompt. Please answer these questions honestly.**

1. Why do you want to go on the Hidden Acres mission trip this year?
2. Have you been to Hidden Acres before? If so, how did it impact you?
3. Have you accepted Christ alone for salvation? If so, what steps are you taking to actively grow in your faith?
4. Have you been baptized? If not, what is keeping you from baptism?
5. How do you connect in the TFC youth ministry (programs, events, etc.), and how often are you involved?
6. God has gifted and equipped you with some specific skills and abilities. If you’ve been to Hidden Acres before, how were you able to use those gifts? If you haven’t been, how do you think your spiritual gifts, talents and skills will benefit those we serve?
7. What do your parents hope for you on this trip?
8. What are your expectations for this summer’s trip if you’re able to go? If you’ve been before, how have they grown/changed?
9. Being part of the summer mission team means that you will need to prioritize your attendance and build relationships with your peers in the youth group during the school year – Sunday Morning Youth, SURGE, Dallas Life, Work Weekends, etc. (notice…not mandatory, but prioritized). Are you able to commit to that mindset and these programs/events as priorities?

### DO NOT Sign and Date UNTIL your Interview

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###### Parent/Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

###### Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **REFERENCES (fill before interview)** | | |
| List two references in the space provided below, who have knowledge of your character and have known you for at least 2 years. One should be a person from your church (pastor, small group leader, etc.), and one should person who has influence in your life (teacher, mentor, older sibling, parent, etc.) | | |
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