



Mystery Trip 2017

Sunday, July 23– Wednesday, July 26

July 16th Pre-Trip Meeting (youth, parents, leaders) @ noon in LOFT

First thing's first. The official Mystery Trip cheer:

Leader says: **MYSTERY TRIP!!**

Group replies: ***Where are we going?!***

**Repeat 3 times.*

Details (at least a few...) of the trip:

- We will meet downstairs in the CLC game room for check-in on Sunday, July 23, at 7:30 a.m. We will arrive back in Plano on Wednesday, July 26, at about 5 p.m. ****Find out updates on arrival time when we return through Twitter @CUMCYOUTHPLANO and the CUMC Youth Plano Facebook page.***
- Upon our leaving the church parking lot on July 23, parents will be given a detailed itinerary of where we'll be going. ****Please keep the trip a complete surprise to your children while we're away; it is much more fun this way! They may text or call you and try to trick you by saying they already know; THEY DON'T.***
- There will be a stellar team of adult leaders attending Mystery Trip who will love and supervise your children!!
- Youth will have 1 adult to "check in" with throughout the trip; these adults are "shepherds" to your children. They will help take care of them and be available to serve however needed. Youth will find out who these adults are on Day One of the trip.
- The youth staff is available in case of emergency. **Stefani:** 972-921-4952; **Jordan:** 678-200-3490

What to expect:

- only the best, of course!
- the most fun you've had so far in the youth ministry (or anywhere else, for that matter!)
- loving adults who care a lot about you
- time with God
- food and activities
- to follow "the rules" 😊
- worship
- play time *and* sleepy time
- new friends
- stronger relationships with current friends
- God changing your life!! 😊

What not to expect:

- boredom and/or lameness
- a "free-for-all/do-whatever-you-want-to-do" week
- pranks, PDA, poor language, and the like

What to pack:

- Bible
- Twin air mattress
- comfortable and appropriate clothes and shoes
- sleeping bag and pillow
- appropriate pajamas
- bath towel(s)
- toiletries
- shower shoes (optional)- suggest bringing a shower bag of some kind for wet bathing suit
- **3** swimsuits (church appropriate 2-pieces are OK...no string bikinis)
- Sunscreen- whatever you see fit for your student
- **2** beach towel
- camera
- flashlight
- “work” clothes (nothing major, just something you wouldn’t mind getting dirty)
- tennis shoes
- blanket for outdoor lawn use
- extra money for snacks and/or souvenirs

**Should youth choose to pack ipods and/or cell phones, they are responsible for them. We are not sad if either gets lost or breaks. Also: youth staff and adult counselors reserve the right to confiscate these items for the week if necessary.*

What not to pack:

- loud and/or inappropriate movies or music (this includes ipod speakers)
- drugs/alcohol/tobacco
- skateboards or the equivalent
- knives, weapons, fireworks, or dangerous/hurtful “toys”

**ipods and cell phones are to be used sparingly. Youth are expected to participate fully in all Mystery Trip events and activities and spend the majority of their time with the people on the trip.*

Why we expect what we expect and pack what we pack (and vice versa):

- “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” ~ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do EVERYTHING for the GLORY of God.” ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31
- “But as for you, person of God, shun all this; pursue RIGHTEOUSNESS, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. I charge you to keep the commandment without SPOT or BLAME until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” ~ 2 Timothy 6:11, 14
- “In the same way, let your LIGHT SHINE before men, that they may see your GOOD deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” ~ Matthew 5:16
- “Be careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise.” ~ Ephesians 5:15
- “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an EXAMPLE for the believers in speech, in LIFE, in love, in faith, and in PURITY.” ~ 1 Timothy 4:12

***The goal of every CUMC Youth Ministry trip, retreat, and/or activity is to bring God glory. God is the reason we are here and have opportunities like Mystery Trip!! Let’s celebrate by honoring God and each other in all that we do!**