Mission: Arlington

First Baptist Gulf Shores Mission Camp 2025

INFORMATION SHEET

Parents of our wonderful students,

We are doing something very special this year for our Student Ministry Summer Mission Trip! We are headed to Arlington, Texas to partner with *Mission Arlington*, an organization with a long history of hosting mission teams from all over the country to serve the greater Arlington/DFW community.

Our specific mission will be working with children by leading Backyard Bible Clubs in apartment complexes. *Mission Arlington* has a curriculum called Rainbow Express that they have ministering with to children around Arlington for years. They update it every year to cater to the specific needs in their community. We will be leading those at apartment complexes.

We will be serving together with our own church group the entire time, although we will meet together in the mornings for devotionals and worship with other church groups. Important dates and info can be found at the bottom of this page. A tentative schedule and "what to bring" are provided with this letter.

IMPORTANT INFO!

Mission Camp dates: June 22-28, 2025 Total Cost: \$400 <u>Hotel Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Arlington</u> Partnering Mission Organization: Mission Arlington / 210 W South St, Arlington, TX 76010

> Important Dates: March 23rd - \$100 Deposit Due (non-refundable) April 27th – Second Payment of \$150 Due (non-refundable) May 12th – Remainder of Balance, less fundraising, due (I will have all fundraising calculated by May 5th)

Required Parent and Student Meeting – March 19th at 7:00 PM in Student Room Required Student Mission Training Dates TBD



WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol, tobacco, ecigarettes, illegal drugs, fireworks, water guns, or any kind of weapon
- Gaming devices, roller blades or skateboards. Students can bring cell phones, but they are not to be out and in use during Bible study, worship or mission times.
- Items that may be used for pranks such as water balloons, shaving cream, silly string, etc. Pranks are not allowed.
- No need to bring sheets or bedding this year other than what you may want for the bus ride.

WHAT TO BRING

- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes (for mission site)
- Bible, notepad, and pen
- Toiletries such as toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, etc.
- Sun protection
- Spending money for snacks, 3 meals during travel and 2 meals during fun day out, souvenirs (optional)
- Swimsuit (Girls: one piece and shorts, or two piece with cover up shirt-Boys: swimming trunks/shorts)
- Appropriate summer clothing
- Refillable Water Bottle

(No spaghetti straps or large arm hole tanks without an undershirt. Shorts at a modest length, shouldn't be covered completely by shirt.)

WE ARE PROVIDING-

- Accomodations, Tickets to outings
- All meals other than the 5 mentioned above



Tentative Mission Arlington Itinerary

Opening Day (Sunday, June 22, 2025)

Depart FBGS for Arlington, TX
Bathroom Break, Magee, MS
Love's Travel Stop, 1790 Simpson, 1790 US 49, Magee, MS 39111
Lunch Break, West Monroe, LA <mark>(Lunch is Not Provided by FBGS)</mark>
Slim Chickens, 5081 Cypress St, West Monroe, LA 71291
Bathroom Break, Tyler, TX
Pilot Travel Center, 12881 FM14 A, Tyler, TX 75706
Arrive at Hotel
Drury Plaza Hotel Dallas Arlington, 101 West Road to Six Flags St, Arlington, TX 76011
Dinner in Meeting Space / Orientation (Dinner is provided by FBGS)
In room
Lights Out

Mission Days of Camp (Monday, June 23, 2025 – Thursday, June 26, 2025)

6:00 AM	Wake Up/Get Ready/ <mark>Eat Breakfast</mark> (Breakfast is provided by Hotel)
8:00 AM	Leave for Mission Arlington
8:15 AM	Arrive at Mission Arlington
	Mission Arlington, 210 W South St, Arlington, TX
10:30 AM	Rainbow Express at Mission Site (location TBD)
12:00 PM	Lunch (Lunch is provided by FBGS)
1:30 PM	Meet @ Mission Arlington, Worship & Prepare for Afternoon Rainbow Express
	Mission Arlington, 210 W South St, Arlington, TX
2:30 PM	Leave for Mission Site
3:00 PM	Rainbow Express at Mission Site (location TBD)
4:30 PM	Leave Mission Sites for Hotel
5:00 PM	Hang Time
7:00 PM	Dinner/ Debrief (Dinner is provided by FBGS)
10:00 PM	In Rooms
11:00 PM	Lights Out

Friday Fun Day at Camp (Friday, June 27, 2025)

	Tentative Schedule
8:00 AM	Wake Up/Get Ready/ <mark>Eat Breakfast</mark>
9:00 AM	Leave for Six Flags Over Texas (Ticket is Included in Cost of Camp)
9:30 AM	Arrive and wait for opening (Lunch is Not provided by FBGS)
4:00 PM	Leave Six Flags for Hotel
6:00 PM	Leave Hotel for Texas Rangers Game (Dinner is Not provided by FBGS) (Ticket Included)
10:00 PM	Arrive Back at Hotel
11:00 PM	In Room/Lights Out

Closing Day of Camp (Saturday, June 28, 2025)

8:00 AM	Wake Up/Get Ready, <mark>Eat Breakfast</mark>
8:45 AM	Load Bus for Departure
9:00 AM	Depart Hotel for Gulf Shores, AL
12:00 PM	Lunch Break, Shreveport, LA <mark>(Lunch is Not Provided by FBGS)</mark>
	Raising Cane's, 1046 Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71104
4:45 PM	Bathroom Break, Magee, MS
	Love's Travel Stop, 1790 Simpson, 1790 US 49, Magee, MS 39111
8:15 PM	Dinner Break at Bucee's <mark>(Dinner is Not Provided by FBGS)</mark>
	Buc-ee's, 20403 Co Rd 68, Robertsdale, AL 36567
9:45 PM	Arrive at First Baptist Gulf Shores for end of Mission Trip

Mission Arlington Recap Sunday (Sunday, June 29, 2025)

9:15 AM	Arrive at Impact Worship at FBGS with assigned T-Shirt
9:30 AM	Impact Worship with student testimonies, recap video, etc.
10:45 AM	Student Ministry Bible Fellowship (with additional testimonies, etc.)
11:45 AM	Head home and have a good week!

Meal or Paid Event Included in Cost of Camp Meal or Paid Event Not Included in Cost of Camp

Estimated additional money each student needs to bring for 5 meals not covered by FBGS: <mark>\$70</mark> Your student will also most likely want snacks at our 4 bathroom breaks, suggested amount: <mark>\$40</mark>

Six Flags and the Texas Rangers Game are also opportunities for your student to purchase souvenirs.

Ultimately, you will be the judge of how much additional money your student needs. Please make sure he or she knows to keep enough money for meals on Friday and the trip back. One suggestion would be to load money on a cash app card, venmo card or something similar to keep track remotely how much your student is spending. You can also add funds when needed. Many places take Apple Pay, but I would not count on every location using Apple Pay.