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MISSION TEAMS
***A Mission Trip to the Heart of
Downtown Atlanta, GA***

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**MISSION TEAMS
2021 TEAM LEADER PACKET**

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SAFEHOUSE OUTREACH INTRODUCTION

Safehouse Outreach uses *unconventional methods to reach the unconventional*, touching the lives of those who live in the margins of society. We believe in giving *a hand-up, not just a hand-out*. SafeHouse Outreach serves the poor, homeless, at-risk children and youth, and teenage moms and dads. Our passion is helping people that are often overlooked and have nowhere else to turn. Our programs are designed to meet individual needs, while instilling the principles of personal responsibility and accountability – all with unconditional acceptance.

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No Shots, No Passports, A Different World

SafeHouse Outreach offers custom Mission Team Trips for groups to **stay** overnight and **serve** with us.

- **Stay** - We have 4 dorm rooms with a total of 45 beds, men's and women's locker rooms, and a full kitchen. Groups can plan to stay one night, one week, or longer. Each trip is customized per the group's needs.
- **Serve** - Learn to serve these who live in the margins of society. Participants engage in real, on-site outreach, work projects, program implementation, and leadership development.

SafeHouse Outreach Mission Team trips are great for every type of group.

- Student Groups
- Men's/ Women's Groups
- Families
- Companies
- Clubs



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THE PROJECTS

- **Impact Service and Meal** – This project includes purchasing, preparing, and serving food for 150+ people experiencing homelessness. Your group can also facilitate the evening programming through music, drama, or spoken word. Additionally, teams are responsible for setup, breakdown, and cleanup of the evening Impact Meal.
- **Soup & Sock Event** – We begin by going on walks throughout the city to recruit people to come to the soup and sock event. Then we prepare soup for each of the homeless men and women that attend. We then serve the soup along with a pair of socks to everyone. Finally, we use the handout as a way to hangout with the people and love on them.
- **Work projects** – Various work projects need to be completed around Safehouse Outreach and neighboring organizations. These projects can be anything from cleaning, sorting, painting, or construction. We expect that each plan on completing at least one major work project.
- **Community Outreaches** – Outreaches consist of building a community by sharing love and hope through benevolence and planned activities. Activities include: Sidewalk chalk, music, drama, when I grow up, face paint, games, sports, etc...
- **City Walk** – We will walk the streets of Atlanta and pray for the City and the people we are attempting to reach. This is a great opportunity to familiarize your group with the city and to see some of the areas where the people we are reaching live and socialize.
- **Picnic In the Park** – For this project we will walk to Woodruff Park, a nearby hangout for people experiencing homelessness, and distribute snacks and bottles of water. We will also bring balls, Frisbees, etc. and play games with others in the park.
- **Unholy Land Tour** – This is a two hour bus tour of Atlanta at night. The tour is informative and inspirational. Highlights are the history of Safehouse ministry since 1982 and much historical information regarding Atlanta Ga. (Sometimes called the New York City of the south.) Over 100,000 people have taken this tour.
- **Homelessness for a Day** – This full day event is designed to give people a glimpse of what a day is like in the life of a person living on the street of Atlanta. Teams are divided into groups and assigned a leader. Groups are then taken deep into the city and dropped off. Each group has to find a meal,



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secure shelter for the night, hang out with other people living in homelessness, and find there way back to Safehouse.

- **City Sweep** – This is our opportunity to give back to the City of Atlanta by cleaning the sidewalks and areas near SafeHouse Outreach.

- **Community Involvement** – As part of our work projects, we partner with local organizations to serve some of their immediate needs. Some of the organizations we work with include:
 - Gateway Center
 - Atlanta Mission
 - God's Farm
 - Furniture Bank of Atlanta
 - Reflections of Trinity
 - Frontline Response



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THE SCHEDULE

Typical Schedule 3-7 Day Mission Trip

- **Day One**
 - 2:00 – Arrive at Safehouse Outreach
 - 4:00 – Orientation
 - Pass out Journals
 - 5:00 – Dinner
 - 5:30 – Serve at Impact Meals
 - 8:00 – Group Time
 - 9:00 – Free Time

- **Day Two – Day Six**
 - 9:00 – Breakfast
 - 10:00 – Service Project
 - 1:00 – Lunch
 - 2:00 – Service Project
 - 5:00 – Dinner
 - 5:30 – Serve at Impact Meals
 - 8:00 – Group Time
 - 9:00 – Free Time

- **Day Seven/ Final day**
 - 9:00 – Breakfast
 - 10:00 – Final Clean up/ clean out of SafeHouse Outreach
 - 11:00 – Debrief/ Share Time
 - Pass out t-shirts
 - 12:30 – Lunch
 - 1:30 – Leave for home



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Sample Days/ Themes

- **Relational Ministry**
 - 9:00 – Breakfast
 - 10:00 – City Walk
 - 1:00 – Lunch
 - 2:00 – Continue City Walk/ Picnic in the Park
 - 5:00 – Dinner
 - 5:30 – Serve at Impact Meals
 - 8:00 – Group Time
 - 9:00 – Free Time
 - 10:00 – Journal Time/ End of Day
- **Reality**
 - 7:00 – Homelessness For a Day
 - Outside at 7:00
 - 8:30 – Breakfast - Passed out in a meal bag or at an area meal provider.
 - 9:00 – 12:00 visit various locations/ have discussions about homelessness
 - 12:00 – Lunch – Passed out in a meal bag or at an area meal provider.
 - 1:00 – 4:00 – Visit additional locations/ have additional conversations about homelessness/ Be board
 - 5:00 – Return to SafeHouse Outreach to get into the dinner meal line.
 - 5:30 – Go through the meal line at SafeHouse Outreach.
 - 7:30 – Debrief with the entire team
 - 8:30 – Group Time
 - 9:00 – Free Time
 - 10:00 – Journal Time/ End of Day
 - 10:30 – Optional Screening of “UNTHINKABLE PROJETS”
- **Service**
 - 9:00 – Breakfast
 - 10:00 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
 - Tour/ Journal
 - 11:30 – Speech from Staff member or Community Influencer about Service
 - 1:00 – Lunch
 - 2:00 – Work Projects at SafeHouse Outreach or another Community Partner
 - 5:00 – Dinner
 - 5:30 – Serve at Impact Meals
 - 8:00 – Group Time
 - 9:00 – Free Time
 - 10:00 – Journal Time/ End of Day



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THE ACCOMMODATIONS

- Safehouse Outreach is located in the heart of downtown Atlanta - 89 Ellis Street NE, Atlanta GA 30303
- Safehouse Outreach is equipped with dorm rooms that can accommodate groups up to 45 people. If your group is going to be larger than that please let our office know so the proper arrangements can be made. All of the beds are twin size. Attendees are expected to bring their own bedding. There is a “what to bring list” at the end of this document.
- In addition the dorm rooms we also have locker rooms with showers and bathrooms for your team’s use. Finally, we have a kitchen that will be accessible to your team to prepare meals as needed.



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THE ATTRACTIONS

For some groups, when they come to Atlanta like to take advantage of the local attractions our city has to offer. Local attraction excursions are up to the group leader and the cost of attending may cost additional.

- **Six Flags**
- **White Water**
- **World of Coke**
- **Zoo Atlanta**
- **Georgia Aquarium**
- **Atlanta Braves/ The Battery**
- **The High Museum**
- **Civil Rights Museum**
- **Atlanta Botanical Gardens**
- **Carter Library**
- **Stone Mountain**
- **Woodruff Park**
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Center**



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THE COST

Mission Team trips are usually custom, all-inclusive trips that include housing, staffing, meals, snacks, program supplies, attractions, swag, and team training.

- **Urban Sleep Over**
 - Use of Dorms, Kitchen, Showers
 - Staff Facilitation
 - Lodging Cost: \$15 per person per night (10 person minimum.)
Attractions are extra.
 - Food Cost: \$15 per person per day (Breakfast, lunch, and dinner)

- **1-3 Day Mission Trip**
 - Use of Dorms, Kitchen, Showers
 - Staff Facilitation
 - Programing Staff
 - All supplies for projects
 - All meals and snacks
 - Custom designed projects that use the talents and skills of your group.
 - Cost: \$70 per person per night – T-shirts and Attractions are extra.

- **5-7 Day Mission Trip**
 - Use of Dorms, Kitchen, Showers
 - Staff Facilitation
 - Programing Staff
 - All supplies for projects
 - All meals and snacks – Includes several meals out at area well know Atlanta restaurants.
 - T-Shirts for each attendee – One Design
 - Custom designed projects that use the talents and skills of your group.
 - Trip to one of Atlanta's area attractions – GA Aquarium, World of Coke, Civil Rights Museum, and More.
 - Cost: \$70 per person per night – Additional attractions are extra.



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BOOKING YOUR TRIP

- **Interest Form** – Please visit the following website to complete an interest form: <https://www.safehouseoutreach.org/missionteams-interestform/>
 - Once you complete the form, someone from our office will reach out to you to set a time to meet, talk by phone, or zoom. During this meeting we will work out all the details for your group.

- **Agreement** – Once all the final details are worked out between you and your SafeHouse representative an agreement will be sent to you.

- **Reserving the date** – Once you have signed and returned the agreement along with a %25 deposit the date is officially reserved.

- **Individual Registration** – Once you have your date officially reserved, we will create a custom webpage for your group to register for the trip. Every person in attendance **MUST**...
 - Create a profile on the webpage.
 - “Sign up” for the trip.
 - Complete the waiver. Minor’s will have to have an adult’s consent.



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WHAT TO BRING

Safehouse Outreach is not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen during your stay with us. Please do not bring items of significant value. Below is the list of items you will want to bring for your stay.

- Bedding- Sleeping bag/ blanket and sheets/ pillow etc.
- Towel
- Washrag
- Toiletry items
 - Soap
 - Shampoo/ Conditioner
 - Deodorant
 - Toothbrush/ Toothpaste
 - Etc.
- Bible
- Good walking shoes
- Work clothes
- ID of some sort- always keep with you
- Completed Registration form – Done through Mission Team Webpage – Ask your team leader for the link.