



## SHORT TERM MINISTRY TEAMS

Leader,

Thank you for your interest in bringing a team to Dream Center OKC! We are so excited you are taking the step to minister outside your normal circle of influence. At Dream Center OKC, God is always doing something exciting and worth being a part of!

Dream Center OKC emphasizes building lasting relationships between inner city persons and believers. Our hunger and poverty relief, kids and youth, and outreach programs all focus on initiating, developing, and maintaining long-lasting relationships. As a short-term participant in the ministries happening here, your role is to fill in for regular, local volunteers who are absent, reach out to people not yet connected to our programs, and assist in ministry projects.

You'll get to be involved in highly relational ministry, mentoring and playing with kids, distributing groceries to families in need, preparing clothing donations for giveaways, praying with people, and much more.

This packet has been developed to give you a basic idea of what you will experience at Dream Center OKC. However, no two days or mission trips are ever alike! We hope you are ready for an adventure serving God with us!

Blessings,

Dream Center OKC Team

## Ministry You May Get to Do

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**Mentoring Mondays** matches at-risk kids and youth with an adult mentor. These 1-on-1 relationships allow kids to have the undivided attention of a caring role model in a safe environment for one hour a week. Mentors serve for a school year, providing kids with much needed consistency. Short term team members serve as substitute mentors for adults who are absent

during your trip. You'll spend an hour connecting with one child while working on homework, reading, and playing simple board games together!

**Adopt-A-Block** - Every week teams visit people in the neighborhood to build relationships and work to find and meet individual needs. You'll grill hot dogs, knock on doors, pray with people, deliver supplies to people in need, play with kids, share about the resources available at Dream Center OKC, and much more!



**Creations Afterschool Program** engages kids in grades 5th through 8th in hands-on arts and science activities in a Christian environment. You'll engage students in friendly discussions, work alongside students in our urban garden, assist in classes like woodworking, sewing, cooking, and much more!



**Clothing Closet** - You'll be helping sort items to be given away in our clothing closet and serving families as they come to "shop."



**Warriors Wrestling Team** makes mission teams during the winter a memorable experience! More than 100 boys participate on a free Christian wrestling team hosted on our campus and a partner site. Practices are twice a week with tournaments on Saturdays from November to February. Volunteers help young Warriors find their gear, serve meals, and practice drills under

the direction of experienced coaches. A sisters' program also runs during practices, offering girls and women the opportunity to build positive relationships and skills in arts, leadership, and service.



**Hunger Relief** - You may have the opportunity to help pick up donated food, sort and store items for later distribution, or assist clients in selecting food from our food bank. Whatever you do, you'll be helping ensure families in OKC don't go hungry!



**Canaries Running Team** finds its identity in the Message translation of Matthew 10:31, "You're worth more than a million canaries." Youth ages 8 and up participate on this running team that emphasizes self-worth, identity in Christ, and character development. Depending on the timing of your visit, you may assist at a practice or even attend a 5K with the team.



**INNER CITY CHURCH**

Team participants will also attend services with our partner church on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. You may even get to serve in our kids church or free Sunday meal!

## Sample Schedule

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A sample schedule is below. Please note that holidays and special events may alter the schedule significantly, especially during the summer. Ministry assignments will be made with your team's interests and needs at the OKC Dream Center in mind. An orientation and tour will be provided on your first day.

### **Mondays**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Prayer & Devotion  
9:00 Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 - 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
5:00 - 5:30 pm Dinner  
5:30 - 7:30 PM Mentoring & Hunger Relief Ministry  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Running Ministry (optional)

### **Tuesdays**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Prayer & Devotion  
9:00am Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 - 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
3:30 - 6:30pm Afterschool Program  
6:00 - 8:00pm Wrestling Ministry (seasonal\optional)  
9:00pm Hunger Relief (optional)

### **Wednesdays**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Prayer & Devotion  
9:00am Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 - 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
5:00pm Dinner  
6:00 - 7:30pm Inner City Church

### **Thursdays**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Prayer & Devotion  
9:00am Ministry Assignments  
12:00pm Lunch & Free time  
2:00 - 5:00pm Ministry Assignments  
3:30 - 6:30pm Afterschool Program  
6:00 - 8:00pm Wrestling Ministry (seasonal\optional)

### **Fridays**

Free Day  
Meals available

### **Saturdays**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Prayer & Devotion  
9:00am Adopt-A-Block  
3:00pm Free Time  
5:00pm Dinner

### **Sundays**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Prayer  
9:00am Ministry Assignment (bus & kitchen)  
11:00am Inner City Church Service  
12:30pm Lunch  
5:00pm Dinner  
6:00pm Inner City Church Service

## Lodging, Meals, & Costs

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Teams wishing to stay on campus will sleep in classrooms. Beds, cots, and linens are *not* provided. Showers are available.

Meals are provided for teams staying on-campus. Our campus hosts an adult Teen Challenge residential center, and teams will eat meals with students.

The cost for team staying on-site is \$30 a day per person. This cost includes a t-shirt, lodging, 3 meals, and ministry supplies.

Cost for teams staying off-site is \$10 a day per person. This cost includes a t-shirt and ministry supplies. Meals can be purchased for \$5 a person *with advance notice*. A list of nearby motels can be provided for teams wishing to stay off-site.

Individuals and groups wishing to serve more than 2 weeks can stay on campus for the discounted rate of \$20 a day per person. People wishing to serve for more than 6 weeks should apply as interns.

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What kind of ministries will we be doing? Do we get to pick?**

Our team will do their absolute best to give you a great Dream Center experience. As you come, you will work alongside us wherever we have the need. If you do have a preference, please let us know and we'll try to do our best!

### **What kind of teams can I bring?**

Adults, youth, and family teams are all welcome. We will do our best to set up a schedule that suits the character of your group.

### **When are teams welcome?**

Teams can usually be scheduled at any time except for the last half of December and first week of January. This break allows our team a needed break and time to plan for the coming year.

Teams who come during the school year (August – May) will serve in our afterschool programs for kids and youth. Teams who come during summer months will serve in camps and other events, many of which focus on kids and youth. Teams will also participate in hunger and poverty relief, Adopt-A-Block, and other outreaches.

### Church Services:

Each team/individual is expected to attend all Inner City Church services while staying at the Dream Center. We have services on Sundays at 11am and Wednesdays at 7pm.

### Dress code:

While you are here you are representing the Dream Center and a Christian lifestyle. It is very important that all volunteers/visiting team members dress modestly.

- No spaghetti straps, midriff, or low cut tops.
- Shorts or skirts MUST be a modest length.

### What to Bring:

- **Sleeping Bags, Pillows, Cots**
- **Personal Hygiene Items & Towels**
- **Daily Clothing** – Shorts, jeans, sweatshirt or jacket, T-shirts. Also, bring a pair of closed toe shoes for the ministry and flip flops for the showers.
- **Bible, pen & note paper**
- **Spending Money** – For day off and snacks between meals
- **Donations** – kids games and craft supplies, toilet paper, feminine products, men and women's hygiene items, diapers, baby wipes, socks, underwear, shoes, coats, clothing, fans, blankets, sleeping bags, twin size beds, nonperishable food, and anything else you would like to donate. (You can call for a more updated list of needs.)
- **Willing hearts** – Be prepared to give of yourself and serve others!

### How to Book:

Email [chase@dcokc.org](mailto:chase@dcokc.org) with tentative dates, size of team, and team interests to schedule a team.