



A GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO

INFORMATION PACKET

2027

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INFORMATION FOR

Spring & Summer 2027



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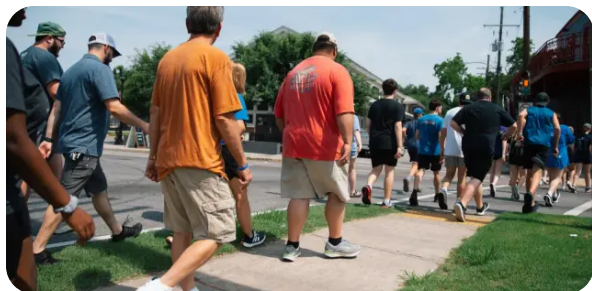


Thank you for your interest in serving with MissionLab in the city of New Orleans! We're excited about the possibility of partnering with your group to proclaim the gospel in a city that desperately needs it.

Our goal is to facilitate meaningful mission opportunities for your group, equip you with world-class training from our faculty and staff at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College, and provide the highest level of customer service on our campus for the course of your stay.

Our hope is that your group returns home with an urgency to fulfill the Great Commission in your hometown, and ultimately all nations — taking what you've learned in New Orleans and putting it to use in your daily lives.

If there is any way we can serve you, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our hope and prayer is that you would join us in the work God is doing in New Orleans!



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MISSIONLAB BASICS

MissionLab is a life-changing, action-packed week where your church group will grow spiritually, do hands-on ministry, and live on mission alongside leaders from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the remarkable city of New Orleans. Groups stay right on the historic NOBTS campus in the heart of New Orleans — close to everything the city has to offer, while based in a safe, gated home away from home.



2027 PROGRAM DATES

All program weeks are \$379 per person and have a Sunday – Friday schedule.

SPRING 2027

- March 7 – 12, 2027
- March 14 – 19, 2027
- March 21 – 26, 2027

SUMMER 2027

- May 30 – June 4, 2027
- June 13 – 18, 2027
- June 27 – July 2, 2027
- July 11 – 16, 2027
- July 25 – 30, 2027
- June 6 – 11, 2027
- June 20 – 25, 2027
- July 4 – 9, 2027
- July 18 – 23, 2027

CUSTOM DATES

Looking for a trip outside our program dates? Our team would love to facilitate a mission trip to New Orleans any time of year. While not every date or trip option is available, we do our best to accommodate your needs and offer custom rates.

A few helpful details to consider ahead of time: preferred check-in and check-out days, dorm-style or hotel-style housing, the types of ministry sites your team is interested in, and which meals you'd like us to provide.



HOUSING & CAMPUS

Dorm and hotel style rooms on the NOBTS campus, with access to the gym, cafeteria, and worship venues — all included.



MEALS

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided Monday through Thursday in the on-campus cafeteria.



MINISTRY SITES

Morning and afternoon placements at local churches, food banks, community centers, and outreach opportunities across New Orleans.



WORSHIP NIGHTS

Three evenings of live worship with a band and speaker — theologically rich, energizing, and complementary to your mission work.

BUILT FOR EVERY GROUP

Whether you're a youth pastor planning a summer trip, an adult team looking for meaningful service, a family serving together, or a school building a service-learning program — MissionLab has a week built for you.



YOUTH & COLLEGE GROUPS

An unapologetic mission trip that balances real ministry work with worship and fun, built to challenge students and grow their faith.

- ✓ Ministry sites matched to your team's maturity
- ✓ Three worship nights with live band & speaker



ADULT GROUPS

A great option for adult groups of all skill sets, offering a comfortable place to stay and adaptable ministry site options.

- ✓ Ministry sites matched to skills, not just labor
- ✓ Classroom space for teaching & discussion



FAMILIES

We believe missions is for the whole church. Every age has a meaningful role alongside our New Orleans ministry partners.

- ✓ Age-appropriate ministry placements for all ages
- ✓ Stay together on a safe, gated campus



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Combine real ministry service with experiences unique to New Orleans for a custom trip that balances ministry, learning, and fun.

- ✓ Custom schedule for any time of year, any length
- ✓ Service learning documentation available

TYPICAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

This is what a typical week-long schedule looks like for our Spring and Summer program weeks. Shorter stays or non-program weeks may look a bit different, but this gives a rough overview of how your time will be allotted.

A SAMPLE WEEK AT MISSIONLAB						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST		BREAKFAST / DEVO TIME				
MORNING		MORNING KICK-OFF & MINISTRY SITES	MORNING MINISTRY SITES			CHECK-OUT BY 7 AM
AFTERNOON	CHECK-IN 5-7 PM	AFTERNOON MINISTRY SITES				
DINNER		DINNER AT 5 PM				
EVENING	MEET & GREET 7-9 PM	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	NIGHT OUT	WORSHIP	



MINISTRY SITE PLANNING

According to a group's preference, we line up sites that will be spiritually impactful and play into how God is moving in New Orleans long term.



BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

Breakfast and dinner are provided in the cafeteria on the NOBTS campus. Lunch is a sack lunch provided for you to take with you. Allergies can be accommodated.



WORSHIP & PREACHING

During program weeks, large group gatherings are led by a worship band and speaker that create an exciting environment to hear from and worship the Lord.



DORM OR HOTEL HOUSING

Housing on the NOBTS campus in either dormitory or hotel style accommodations, both clean and safe.



PREPARATION MATERIALS

We send out pre-trip materials designed to spiritually prepare your group for missions in our city, and for the practical side of ministry here and back home.

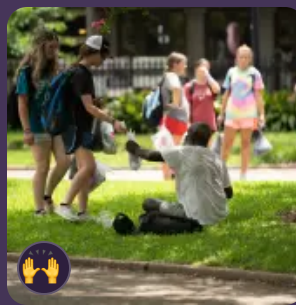
HANDS-ON MINISTRY

Serve people and communities in New Orleans, sharing God's love and making a difference through hands-on ministry. Sites are matched to your group's preferences and gifts.



LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

Assisting local churches in their outreach and community engagement efforts by supporting events, facility projects, and ministry programs.



UNHOUSED MINISTRY

Building relationships with individuals experiencing homelessness by providing essential supplies and encouragement through personal conversations and prayer.



EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Actively sharing the gospel and serving the community through creative evangelism, service projects, and acts of compassion.



FOOD BANK MINISTRY

Partnering with food banks and pantries to help organize, pack, and distribute food to families experiencing food insecurity.



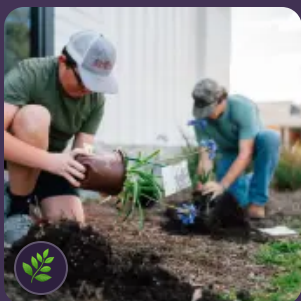
COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Partnering with local organizations to serve and support the unique needs of the community through mentoring, social services, and neighborhood projects.



NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Visiting residents of local nursing homes, sharing the love of Christ through games, conversation, and encouragement.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

Creating and maintaining garden spaces that provide fresh produce for local neighborhoods while fostering community engagement and discipleship.



SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

Hands-on projects that promote sustainability and care for creation, helping local partners build lasting solutions for their neighborhoods.

DORM / HOTEL HOUSING

Our program features on-campus housing in either dormitory or hotel-style accommodations on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary — a home base built for your mission trip.



SAFE & CONVENIENT

Housing is on a campus that is gated with 24-hour security. Meals, worship, and gospel training are also on campus.



CENTRALLY LOCATED

The campus is less than 15 minutes from the French Quarter, City Park, and more attractions in New Orleans.



FREE-TIME FUN

We build in free evenings for groups to relax on campus or sightsee. Enjoy the gym, disc golf course, fields for games and activities, and more.



TOUR THE CAMPUS

Attendees have the opportunity to tour our beautiful campus and learn more about degree opportunities.



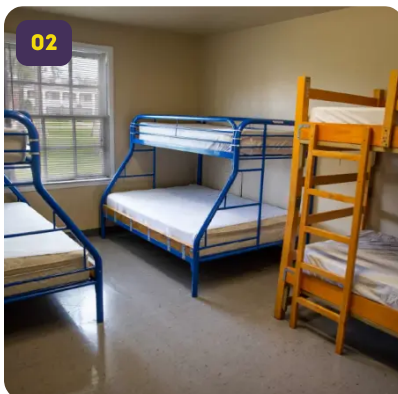
PRICE BUILDING DORMS

Our main housing for MissionLab teams. Rooms have 4–6 bunk beds plus a private bathroom and shower.

Beds: 4–6 beds per room

Bath: Bathroom & shower in room

Attendees must bring their own bedding and towels.



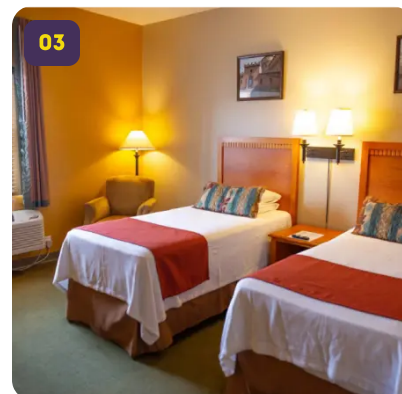
DODD & SPURGEON DORMS

Right next to the Price dorm, these dorms offer rooms with 4–6 beds each with community-style bathrooms on each floor.

Beds: 4–6 beds per room

Bath: Community bathroom & shower

Participants must bring their own bedding and towels.



PROVIDENCE GUEST HOUSE

Hotel-style housing across the street from the main NOBTS campus, with linens, pillows, and towels provided. Rooms have two twins or one queen bed.

Beds: 2 twins or 1 queen

Bath: Bathroom & shower in room

There is an extra cost per person to stay at the Providence Guest House.



12 MIN TO FRENCH QUARTER

Easy access to the heart of New Orleans for sightseeing and free-time fun.



3 MEALS A DAY

Breakfast and dinner in the cafeteria, plus a sack lunch to take to ministry sites.



BRING YOUR OWN BEDDING

Linens, pillows, and towels are not provided in Price, Dodd, or Spurgeon dorms.



GYM, DISC GOLF & FIELDS

Attendees can enjoy the on-campus gym, disc golf course, and fields for games and activities during free time.

PAYMENT & FORMS SCHEDULE

In the months leading up to your trip, we'll make our training curriculum available to help get your group ready for their time in New Orleans. Please stay in contact with us regarding deadlines — it's essential for helping things run smoothly as we plan your group's trip.

01

TO BOOK

10% DEPOSIT

Due to reserve your team's spots. This deposit is non-refundable but may be transferred as a credit for up to one year.

02

60 DAYS BEFORE

ALL FORMS SUBMITTED

Certificate of Insurance, background checks, and rooming sheet are due no later than 60 days before arrival.

03

30 DAYS BEFORE

REMAINING 90% DUE

Final numbers and payment are due 30 days prior to arrival and are non-refundable, even if your team size decreases.

04

UPON ARRIVAL

CHECK-IN ITEMS

A \$250 damage deposit, participant release forms, and payment for any group additions (by check) are due at check-in.

HOW TO BOOK

01

CHOOSE YOUR DATES

Select the spring or summer week that works best for your group. A 10% deposit reserves your spot.

02

CUSTOMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Tell us which ministry sites your group wants to serve at, and we build your schedule.

03

SERVE & GROW

Arrive in New Orleans ready to serve, worship, and grow together.

Book online at [USER.MISSIONLAB.COM](https://user.missionlab.com)



MLAB GUIDELINES

01

CONDUCT

Christian conduct is expected at all times. Threatening or demeaning behavior toward others will not be tolerated — including fighting, cursing, and harassing or making negative comments about others.

02

CHAPERONES

Campers should be with chaperones at all times, on or off campus, including gym time and field activities. Campers may not leave campus without a chaperone from their group.

03

HOUSING

No guys are permitted in girls' rooms, and no girls are permitted in guys' rooms. In Dodd and Spurgeon Halls, members of the opposite sex are not allowed in the buildings.

04

CHILDREN'S PRICING

Children age 5 and under attend free of charge. All other attendees, including chaperones and leaders, are included in the per-person program price.

✓ PACK THESE

- ✓ Linens, towels, pillows & blankets (if staying in dorms)
- ✓ Toiletries: toothbrush, soap, deodorant, etc.
- ✓ Clothing appropriate for ministry sites
- ✓ Clothing for worship and free time
- ✓ Sun protection and bug spray
- ✓ Rain jacket
- ✓ Refillable water bottle

X DO NOT BRING

- X Alcohol or tobacco products
- X Illegal substances
- X Firearms or fireworks
- X Inappropriate, explicit, or hateful clothing
- X Items that may be used for pranks



COMMON QUESTIONS

The questions we hear most from group leaders as they prepare their teams for a week in New Orleans.

Have one we haven't answered? Reach out any time at info@missionlab.com.

PLANNING YOUR GROUP

Q. My group is large enough to split into two teams — am I responsible for the split?

Yes. Larger groups are divided into teams of around 15, and you're welcome to assign that split however you see fit.

Q. We're bringing one charter bus for both teams — is that enough transportation?

We'd encourage you to arrange independent transportation for each team. Relying on a single vehicle to shuttle both crews to and from separate ministry sites often means a team ends up running late to its afternoon site.

HOUSING

Q. Are rooms single-gender, and are en-suite bathrooms available?

Yes, housing is always single-gender. Whether your rooms have en-suite bathrooms depends on your assigned building. Some dorms, like the Price Building, have private in-room bathrooms, while others, like Dodd, use clean community-style bathrooms on each floor. Your MissionLab coordinator will confirm your group's building and bathroom setup before you arrive.

Q. How many participants share a room?

Dorm rooms are single-gender and typically sleep four to six people. As you plan where your chaperones need to be, a common arrangement is up to six per room in the women's dorm and up to four per room in the men's dorm. Your coordinator will confirm the exact counts for your group.

Q. Are bath mats provided, or do we bring our own?

The bathrooms do not come with bath mats, so plan to bring your own. The same goes for linens, towels, pillows, and toiletries for dorm stays.

MEALS

Q. Which meals are provided, and where?

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all provided on campus Monday through Thursday. Wednesday is our midweek "Night Out," so breakfast and lunch are provided as usual, and dinner is served on campus only for teams who choose to stay in rather than head into the city.

Q. Are meals provided on arrival day and departure day?

Meals are not provided on Sunday evening when you arrive or on Friday morning when you depart. We strongly encourage teams to enjoy dinner out in the city on arrival night and to plan for breakfast on the road home.

Q. What do lunches look like?

Each morning the cafeteria prepares sack lunches for your team, and you take them with you when you head out. You're welcome to eat them at your ministry site or bring them back to the Price Fellowship Hall on campus.

Q. Are snacks or vending available in the evenings?

Yes, there's a vending machine inside the Price Building that students can access during the week.

Q. Is coffee available on campus?

Coffee lovers are covered. The cafeteria has free coffee prepared at breakfast and dinner, and a coffee shop is set up during those meals for anyone who'd like to purchase something a little more specialty. No need to pack a coffee pot.

COMMON QUESTIONS CONTINUED

MINISTRY SITES

Q. What will our team actually be doing each day?

Every group's ministry is customized to our partners' needs, so day-to-day work varies. Teams commonly serve through neighborhood canvassing and evangelism, community and construction projects, VBS, and site organization. Once your ministry partners are assigned, we'll connect you with them directly so you can get specifics and prep your team well.

Q. We'd like to bless the local churches we serve — how should we do that?

Once you're paired with your ministry sites, reach out to those partners directly to ask how you can best serve and support them. Your MissionLab coordinator will provide their contact information.

Q. Will we be the only group at our ministry site?

Yes. In almost all cases, your team will be the only group serving at your assigned ministry sites.

Q. Is water provided at the ministry sites?

When the cafeteria packs your lunches, they include one water bottle per person. Because New Orleans summers are hot, we strongly encourage everyone to also bring a refillable water bottle to fill up at breakfast. If your team would like to bring extra snacks or Gatorade for the work day, you're welcome to.

Q. What happens if there's bad weather?

We're ready for it. If weather keeps teams on campus, we'll gather everyone in the dorms with an alternate plan. If it develops while you're on site, your MissionLab Missionary serves right alongside you and is equipped to adjust and handle the situation as it arises.

PACKING & MONEY

Q. Beyond clothing, bedding, and toiletries, what should participants bring?

Bring a refillable water bottle and clothing you don't mind getting dirty for ministry sites, plus outfits for worship and free time. Helpful optional extras include hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, a rain jacket, and any personal medicine. Note there are no laundry facilities on campus, so pack enough for the full week.

Q. Can participants use the campus pool and rec facilities?

Yes. MissionLabbers have access to the campus REC and pool during free time, primarily on Wednesday evening after dinner. If you'd like to swim, pack a bathing suit that follows the NOBTS dress code. You'll receive that dress code policy from us if you haven't already.

Q. What should students bring spending money for?

Spending money is handy for coffee, the vending machine, souvenirs, and the MissionLab store, which is open before and after chapel services. There's no set amount we recommend, so just use discretion for the week.

Q. What forms of payment are accepted on campus?

We accept cash, card, and tap pay.

Q. Is a MissionLab shirt provided?

Yes, we provide one MissionLab shirt per person, and it will be waiting in your room when you arrive. There's no assigned day to wear it, so feel free to wear it whenever you'd like during the week.

YOUR WEEK

Q. Where do we go when we arrive on campus?

When you reach campus, stop at the guard shack first. Once they check you in, follow the posted signs to the Price Building for registration. Staff will point out the other buildings you'll need as you get settled.

Q. How does midweek free time work?

Midweek free time falls on Wednesday. Teams typically return to campus after the day, freshen up, and then head into the city. The French Quarter, City Park, and more are less than 15 minutes away, and our Visitors Guide has plenty of ideas for where to eat and explore.

Q. What is our assigned breakout room for?

Your assigned breakout room is your team's home base for daily devotions, debriefs, and site training and recap. We'll even provide a devotional for your team to walk through during that time.

Q. How many other groups are here during our week?

It varies from week to week. Your MissionLab coordinator can give you a sense of how many other groups will be on campus during your specific week as it gets closer.

Q. Will we get to know MissionLab staff during the week?

Yes! Every group is paired with a MissionLab Missionary who walks with your team throughout the entire week, including out at your ministry sites.



THANK YOU!

FOR CONSIDERING MISSIONLAB

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