

world **changers**
parent pack



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Parent FAQ

WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE DOING?

Your student will be serving a community by working on someone's home. Construction projects allow students to serve through painting, siding replacement, replacement of windows/doors, interior repairs, building wheelchair ramps and more! Depending on the city some students may serve through roofing if they are old enough. All participants will be placed on a crew that is blending with participants from other groups. Your Participant will not be on a crew without someone from their group. World Changers focuses on discipling your participant's through service and evangelism. In the evening there will be a worship service, sermon, and youth group devotions.

WHERE WILL THEY BE STAYING?

Facilities vary per location, but are typically either local school campuses or churches where participants sleep on air mattresses (brought by them), eat in the cafeteria, and have evening gatherings in the auditorium or sanctuary. Shower facilities are used there or are provided by portable shower units.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING?

A detailed what to bring/not to bring list is provided by World Changers further on in this packet. In general, students need to bring all bedding, toiletries, and clothes. Your group leader may have additional requests or guidelines so be sure to check with them.

WHAT ABOUT SAFETY?

Safety is a high priority at World Changers. All of our projects have a First Aid Certified staff person or volunteer on site. World Changers conducts background checks on all employees working at the project. Our staff are extensively trained on ministry safety, construction site safety and crisis management. All group leaders are responsible for conducting background checks on their adult chaperones that attend. We notify local law enforcement when World Changers is in the community so they can provide extra assistance as needed.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE INSURANCE?

Although highly recommended it is not required that students be insured in order to attend. World Changers provides LIMITED supplemental accident insurance for each participant.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NEVER BEEN AWAY FROM HOME BEFORE?

We advise working with your student's group leader to help set expectations and prepare them for their trip ahead of time. In addition, try to plan out a system of communication that will allow you to stay in touch with your student, while still respecting the group leader's cell phone policy. Another great way to stay in touch with your student is through our online E-Couragram system. This allows you to write and send encouraging messages to your student that are printed and delivered to them at the project.

All of our staff are well-trained and prepared to assist with any issues or problems that your student may encounter while away from home. Your group leader is responsible for bringing one adult of the same gender for every five students. This ensures that your student will be well supervised and have access to trusted adults in their group. Continue to pray with, and for your student as they are thinking about or planning on participating in one of our projects. With your support, we know that the Lord will use your student to do great things for the community and city that they will be serving in!

DOES MY CHILD NEED SPENDING MONEY?

At all World Changers project your student(s) have the opportunity to purchase memorabilia from the Marketplace. Items include stickers, hats, t-shirts and prices range \$1-25. Some locations may provide snacks for purchase. World Changers 7 Day (Saturday-Saturday) projects give groups Wednesday afternoon off and dinner is not provided by World Changers. Coordinate with your group leader about how much money to send with your student for this or for other activities that your student ministry has planned in addition to World Changers.



Medical Care at the Project

At a project, World Changers enlists one or more adults who are trained in basic first-aid to serve as first-aid coordinators (FAC). Their training is certified by a recognized organization, like the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. First Aids will help hydrate students at risk of dehydration and help clean and band aid minor cuts and scrapes. Here is helpful information regarding medical care at the project:

- First-aid coordinators will NOT administer over the counter medications. Any prescribed medication brought to a project must be accompanied by a valid medical doctor's order or covered in appropriate protocols. The group leader is responsible for purchasing and/or dispensing any medicine to students.
- Group Leaders will need to input all participant medication when they register participants so that our First Aid Coordinators have accurate records before the project begins. Please make sure you give your Group Leader a thorough list of all medications, even if your participant will be administering their own medication.
- Whenever a participant goes to the hospital during a project, an adult must accompany the participant, and the Project Coordinator and group leader must immediately be informed. In most cases, the group leader is taken to the hospital as soon as possible. The group leader is responsible for contacting parents/guardians immediately whenever a participant has any medical care provided or considered by FAC or hospital.
- The first-aid coordinator must complete an Accident Report Form whenever first-aid is administered. Necessary first-aid is rendered at the job site and at the lodging facility.
- Emergency personnel are called whenever necessary. A local doctor has been enlisted to advise and render care when necessary.
- A participant form is provided for every participant. Before leaving home for the project, a form must be completed and signed by each participant (student and adult). Participants under age 18 must have a parent's signature and have their participant form notarized by a notary public. The form gives important medical information and authorization for emergency medical treatment. Group leaders are responsible for bringing the participant forms to the project and presenting them to the staff at check-in.
- Participants (student and adult) will not be allowed to serve without a completed Participant Form.
- Participants are responsible for having primary medical insurance coverage. World Changers is not financially responsible for the medical care of participants who are injured or become ill at a project.
- The group leader has primary responsibility for the medical care of group members.
- If an adult member of your group is a licensed nurse or trained in basic first-aid, please tell your Project Coordinator. It is helpful to know the names of all medical professionals present at the lodging facility. Any person enlisted by the Project Coordinator to serve as first-aid coordinator pays a reduced registration fee.
- Participants (student and adult) should inform the Project Coordinator immediately if they are too sick to accompany their crew to a site. Adults may be asked to stay at the lodging facility with students from their group who are too sick to go to the work site.

Dress Code

Please remember that this is a mission experience. Participants are on mission at all times, at the ministry site and at the lodging facility. Participants should make a special effort to wear clothes that are modest and appropriate for the work to which we have been called.

- Sleeved shirts are to be worn by all participants at all times (no tank tops, spaghetti straps or midriffs, this includes dresses). At the worksite, at the lodging facility, on the way to and from the showers. If the sleeves are torn off the shirt, it no longer meets the dress code.
- Long pants must be worn at the construction work sites. Pants made of heavy cloth, like denim, are preferred. Pants at the worksite should not have any rips or distressing. Pajama pants and tights are not allowed at the worksite.
- Yoga pants and leggings are allowed, however, they should be paired with a long t-shirt, dress, or skirt. Tights can not be worn as pants, they need to be layered underneath, shorts, dresses, or skirts.
- Shorts are acceptable at the lodging facility. Shorts should be at least fingertip length. No short shorts. Any skirts or dresses should also be at least fingertip length.
- Participants are to be fully dressed in accordance with this dress code any time they are outside their assigned room at the lodging facility. Shorts or long pants and a sleeved shirt is required in hallways, in worship, and on the way to showers and restrooms.
- Durable shoes with closed toes must be worn at all work sites. Sandals and Crocs are not acceptable. Shoes or boots with heavy soles are recommended for construction projects.
- Always wear shoes outside of rooms.
- If you are participating in a project that involves your group attending local churches on Sunday morning (6 & 7 day projects), please be sure to bring long pants (nice jeans are fine), or even appropriate skirts or dresses to wear. We will provide a t-shirt for everyone, but no shorts need to be worn to church on Sunday.

Enforcement of the Dress Code

- Group leaders are asked to review the dress code with participants before leaving for the project. A pre-trip meeting is an excellent time to review the code. Please be certain everyone in your group, including student and adult participants, understand what is required and what is prohibited.
- Group leaders will be asked to enforce the dress code among participants in their church group during the project.
- If necessary, the staff will take appropriate action with the individual's group leader to ensure all students follow the dress code.
- Violation of the dress code at ministry sites may result in participants being transported back to the lodging facility. Participants will not be allowed to work if not dressed according to the dress code.
- Any dress code disputes, not covered specifically in the dress code, fall to the discretion of the Project Coordinator.



What to Bring to a Project

IMPORTANT NOTE: *World Changers is not responsible for personal items lost or stolen at the project. Be sure equipment is clearly labeled with your name.*

Each Participant should bring:

- Water Bottle
- Air mattress (twin size only)
- Safety Goggles
- Work Gloves
- Bible
- Facial Tissues
- Hat or Visor
- Insect Repellent
- Light Jacket
- Lip Balm
- Pen or Pencil
- Pillow
- Plastic Bags for Dirty Clothing
- Rain Jacket/Umbrella
- Shorts (fingertip length)
- Sleeping Bag/Bedding
- Socks and Underwear
- Sturdy Shoes or Work Boots
- Sunglasses
- Towels and Washcloths
- Sturdy Clothing (long pants are required for work sites)
- Slacks or Nice Jeans and Shoes for Church (7-day Projects)
- Personal Toiletries (Comb, Soap, Toothbrush, Deodorant, etc.)
- Personal Family Health Insurance Card (if you have coverage)
- Money for the Missions Offering and the Marketplace (sales table)
- T-shirts with Sleeves (no midriff tops, no tops with spaghetti straps, including dresses.)

Optional Items for Construction Projects (Please bring two or more.):

Keep this checklist handy and don't forget to bring the equipment to the project.

- Hammer
- Paint Brush (4 inch width preferred)
- Paint Roller
- 4 to 6 inch Putty Knife
- Tape Measure

What Not to Bring to a Project

- Clothes that don't meet dress code
- Expensive electronics
- Expensive clothing
- Expensive jewelry
- Tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs
- Weapons of any kind
- Fireworks



Daily Schedules

5 DAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY

1-3:00 PM	Check In
3:45 PM	Welcome Celebration
4:15 PM	Adult Meeting
4:30 PM	Construction Volunteer, Crew Encourager, Driver Meeting
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	The Gathering / Gospel Engagement
8:30 PM	Church Group Devotion
9:00 PM	First Crew Chat
9:30 PM	Crew Position Training
10:00 PM	Free Time
10:30 PM	In Rooms
11:00 PM	Lights Out

8:30 PM	Church Group Devotions
9:30 PM	Free Time / Marketplace Open
10:00 PM	In Rooms
10:30 PM	Lights Out

FRIDAY EVENING

7:00 PM	Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
7:30 PM	Final Crew Chat
8:00 PM	Project Celebration
8:30 PM	The Gathering
9:30 PM	Church Group Devotions
10:00 PM	Free Time / Marketplace Open
11:00 PM	In Rooms
11:30 PM	Lights Out

TUESDAY – FRIDAY

*Adult meetings will be added as needed

6:45 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	Dismiss to Ministry Sites
On-Site Personal Devotion	
12:00 PM	Lunch/Devotion
3:30-4:30 PM	Return to Lodging Site
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
7:30 PM	The Gathering

SATURDAY

6 AM	Continental Breakfast
8 AM	Depart for Home



6 DAY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

1:00-3:00 PM Check In
 4:00 PM Welcome Celebration
 4:00 PM Group Leader Meeting
 5:30 PM Dinner
 6:30 PM The Gathering / Gospel Engagement
 8:00 PM Church Group Devotions
 9:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 10:00 PM In Rooms
 10:30 PM Lights Out

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Breakfast
 8:00 AM Quiet Time
 9:00 AM First Crew Chat
 As Scheduled Worship and Ministry Site Visit
 12:00 PM Lunch
 1:00-4:30 PM City Experience
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
 7:30 PM The Gathering
 8:30 PM Church Group Devotions
 9:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 10:00 PM In Rooms
 10:30 PM Lights Out

MONDAY – THURSDAY

Adult meetings will be added as needed

6:45 AM Breakfast
 7:30 AM Great Send Off (Monday Only)
 Dismiss to Ministry Sites
 On-Site Personal Devotion
 12:00 PM Lunch at Ministry Site /Devotions
 3:30-4:30 PM Return to Lodging Site
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
 7:30 PM Evening Gathering
 8:30 PM Church Group Devotions
 9:30 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 10:00 PM In Rooms
 10:30 PM Lights Out

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00 PM Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
 7:30 PM Final Crew Chat
 8:00 PM Project Celebration
 8:30 PM The Gathering
 9:30 PM Church Group Devotions
 10:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 11:00 PM In Rooms
 11:30 PM Lights Out

FRIDAY

6 AM Continental Breakfast
 8 AM Depart for Home



7 DAY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

1-3:00 PM Check In
 4:00 PM Welcome Celebration
 4:30 PM All Adult Meeting
 4:45 PM Construction Volunteer, Crew Encourager, Driver Meeting
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM The Gathering
 8:00 PM Church Group Devotions
 9:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 10:00 PM In Rooms
 10:30 PM Lights Out

12:00 PM Lunch/Devotion
 3:30-4:30 PM Return to Lodging Site
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
 7:30 PM The Gathering
 8:30 PM Church Group Devotions
 9:30 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 10:00 PM In Rooms
 10:30 PM Lights Out

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Breakfast
 8:00 AM Quiet Time
 9:00 AM First Crew Chat
 As Scheduled Worship and Ministry Site Visit / Lunch with Host Church
 3:30 PM Return to the Lodging Facility
 3:30 PM Crew Chief Meeting
 4:30 PM Gospel Engagement
 5:00 PM Crew Position Training
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
 7:30 PM The Gathering
 8:30 PM Church Group Devotions
 9:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 10:00 PM In Rooms / Showers Closed
 10:30 PM Lights Out

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

12:00 PM Lunch and Devotion at Ministry Site
 Leave after lunch for Lodging Facility to enjoy the evening off
 8:00 PM Facility Re-opens
 8:30 PM Church Group Devotions
 10:00 PM In Rooms
 10:30 PM Lights Out

FRIDAY EVENING

7:00 PM Group Leaders and Staff Meet for Prayer
 7:30 PM Final Crew Chat
 8:00 PM Project Celebration
 8:30 PM Gathering
 9:30 PM Church Group Devotions
 10:00 PM Free Time / Marketplace Open
 11:00 PM In Rooms
 11:30 PM Lights Out

MONDAY – FRIDAY

**Adult meetings will be added as needed*

6:45 AM Breakfast
 7:30 AM Great Send Off (Monday Only)
 Dismiss to Ministry Sites
 On-Site Personal Devotion

SATURDAY

6:00 AM Continental Breakfast
 8:00 AM Depart for Home



Participant Commitment

The purpose of this commitment is to create clear expectations for all World Changers participants attending a project. You should read over the responsibilities expected of every World Changers participant.

While participating in the project I will seek to demonstrate my love for Christ and for others by agreeing to...

- **Commit to sharing the gospel.** Through preparation of the Pre-Project Study, I will avail myself to learning how to share the Gospel and take advantage of the opportunities presented to me to share the Gospel.
- **Seek to grow in my personal and corporate prayer life.** I will seek the Lord daily through prayer and Bible study. I will purpose in my heart to leave more spiritually mature than when I arrived.
- **Keep myself healthy.** I agree to not use tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs. I will notify the project staff of any prescription drugs I will be using during the week.
- **Maintain a safe working environment for myself and my crew members.** I agree not to have possession of or use any fireworks, firearms, pocket knives, or weapons of any other kind.
- **Work to the best of my ability.** I am excited about demonstrating my love for Christ by working on a home for a resident; participating in a ministry project, or whatever the project requires of me. To the best of my ability I pledge to work in a manner that would be pleasing to Christ.
- **Follow the dress code.** I agree to bring clothes that comply with the dress code, and not to bring clothes that do not comply with the code. I will dress, at all times, in a manner worthy of an ambassador of Christ.
- **Stay in designated areas.** I agree to stay with the group at all times. I understand that I cannot leave the work site or lodging location without the permission of my ministry team leader, crew chief, group leader, or Project Coordinator. Note: Girls will not be in boys' rooms, and boys will not be in girls' rooms.
- **Respect the privacy of others.** I will not tamper with or take others' possessions.
- **Maintain a clean environment.** I will do my best to keep all areas of the lodging facility clean and free from litter. I will respect the property and grounds serving as "home" for all participants for the week. I understand that any property I damage will be my personal responsibility.
- **Demonstrate a Christ-like spirit. My attitude will be like that of Jesus (Philippians 2:5). I will love those with whom I work and those around me throughout the week.** I will not allow another's property or person to be abused.

I have read the responsibilities listed above and the dress code and agree to follow them during the week I am participating in the project. I understand that failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.

YOUR REGISTRATION TO ATTEND A WORLD CHANGERS PROJECT IS YOUR COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT AND ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED HEREIN.

Participant Form

- Every participant (student and adult) must complete and sign a participant form.
- ***Participants who are minors* must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian AND must have their form notarized to participate in a World Changers project.***
- Group leaders are responsible for bringing all signed original copies of Participant Forms to the project and presenting them to the World Changers Summer Staff at check-in. To expedite your check in group ;eaders can alphabetize participant forms by ***first*** names.
- Group leaders may choose to keep a photocopy of each form in case of emergency during the project.

The participant form gives important medical information and authorization for emergency medical treatment. World Changers must have a completed Participant Form on file for each participant (student and adult) before he or she can attend a ministry site.

*A minor is any person under the defined age of majority in the participants residing state. For most states this is age 18, exceptions are listed below:

- In Alabama the age of majority is 19.
- In Nebraska, the age of majority is 19.
- In Mississippi, the age of majority is 21.



Participant Form

**Group Leaders: Bring ONE notarized copy of this document to registration.
Keep a photocopy for yourself to have with you in case of emergency.**

Project Location/Date: _____

Church Information:

Name of Church: _____
Group Leader Name: _____ Group Leader's cell #(_____) _____
Church Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Participant Information:

Name: _____ Age _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___
Grade Completed (if applicable): _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____
Phone Numbers - Home: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____
Mobile: (____) _____ Other:(____) _____

Medical and Insurance Information:

List any medical difficulties which are currently being treated: _____
List any medicines or substances to which you are allergic: _____
List any medications you are currently taking: _____
List any special diet or special needs: _____
Date of Tetanus Immunization: ___/___/___ Family Physician _____
Phone:(____) _____ Insurance Co. _____
Policy #: _____ Subscriber Name: _____ Subscriber Number: _____

In consideration of Participant's ability to participate in the event(s), I, the undersigned Participant, (and, if Participant is a minor, I the undersigned Parent/Guardian):

A. Permission For Medical Treatment: Hereby grant my permission for the First Aid Coordinator and/or their designee to obtain necessary medical attention in case of sickness or injury to Participant, including transporting Participant to a medical facility and sharing the above information with medical personnel, and further hereby give permission for medical personnel to administer medical care to Participant, as necessary.

B. Acknowledgement and Permission: Hereby acknowledge that any activity involves the potential for contact with someone other than camp staffers (i.e. employees at a non-World Changers sponsored event, church volunteers, etc.). **I further acknowledge that if Participant is attending a camp with:**

1. Construction Activities, that those may include but are not limited to 1) painting, installing doors, installing windows, building porches, constructing wheelchair ramps, conducting cleanup activities, scraping paint and removing debris from the work site, climbing ladders, nailing nails, scraping paint, carrying heavy building supplies and serving each day in sometimes extreme summer temperatures, 2) travel to and from each worksite, and 3) **PARTICIPANTS AGE 16 AND OLDER MAY ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING OPERATING POWER TOOLS AND WORKING ON SLOPED ROOFS.**

2. Recreation Event Activities that those may include but are not limited to 1) initiative games, high and low challenge courses, outdoor education, paintball, aquatics (including beach activities where applicable) , 2) climbing or descending unpredictable and possibly slick or uneven terrain, 3) activities leading to elevated heart and respiratory rates, 4) traveling long distances in remote settings, 5) carrying weight on your back and shoulders, 6) encountering unforeseen forces of nature and weather, 7) experiencing uncomfortable group dynamics.

3. Mission Event Activities that those may include but are not limited to 1) travel hazards, 2) being a distance from medical care, 3) experiencing uncomfortable group dynamics.

4. International Mission Event Activities that those may include but are not limited to 1) travel hazards, 2) being a distance from medical care 3) political instability in mission location, 4) traveling long distances in remote settings, and 5) experiencing uncomfortable group dynamics.

C. Photograph/Video Acknowledgement and Permission: Acknowledge that there may be photographs taken or videotaping during normal event activities, and I hereby grant my permission for such photographs/videos to be taken and to be used in promotional materials.

D. Release and Indemnity: Acknowledge and agree that I release and forever hold harmless World Changers the venue, church, project and event sponsors and state conventions as well as their members, trustees, directors, officers employees, agents, contractors and affiliates (collectively, the “Released Parties”) from any and all claims or demands for personal injury, sickness, and death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, incurred by me or my minor child while participating in or employed by this project or the events and/or while on property leased or owned by the Release Parties. I further assume full personal responsibility for any loss of or damage to property to the extent caused by me or my minor child. I also assume full personal responsibility for all medical bills for me or my minor child. I agree to indemnify the Released Parties from any and all claims and demands for personal injury or death as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising out of the willful or negligent actions or omissions of me or my minor child. I further hereby assume responsibility for all transportation costs related to my or my minor child’s dismissal from the project and/or event, as applicable.

E. Understanding. Represent and acknowledge that (1) I have completely read and understand this document and all its terms and all matters referred to herein, and my signature below is my voluntary, free act and deed, (2) I have had ample opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel, (3) by signing this document, I understand that I am relinquishing legal rights and remedies that may have otherwise been available to me, (4) I understand that the above Releases shall be construed as broadly and inclusively as is permitted by applicable law and agree that if any portion of this document is held invalid, the remaining shall continue in full force and effect, (5) to the extent any restriction on filing lawsuits is deemed unlawful, I agree to submit any claims to Christian conciliation/mediation organization for binding resolution, and (6) a copy of this form as signed shall be treated as authentic and binding as the original, and a copy of same may be provided to venue.

Complete and sign below (Consent by a parent or guardian is required for those under the age of majority which varies by state. For example, in Alabama and Nebraska consent is required for those under 19 years of age).

Participant’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Date:** _____
(if Participant is a minor)

Notary Acknowledgement: State of _____)
 County of _____)

On the ____ day of , 20____, before me, _____, Notary Public, personally appeared _____ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of _____ that the foregoing is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the state that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. **Notary signature:** _____
My commission expires: _____