

## **Tell me about Youth Ablaze:**

Youth Ablaze, a Ministry of International Accelerated Missions is a teen mission outreach organization with a desire to challenge teens to become more intimate with Christ, and to equip them to make Him known to others here and abroad. We have sent out several teams over the last few years including trips to Romania, Russia, Mexico, Peru, India and into Albany's Inner city.

We hold a six day *Boot Camp Experience* in upstate New York prior to each mission outreach where teams are prepared practically and spiritually for their mission. Every day starts off with a quiet time, then goes into practical training—specific to the program they will execute in the Mission field, and ends with an evening worship service. Each Boot Camp Experience includes one or two days of fasting, with times of focused prayer for the outreach. If medical reasons prevent your teen from participating in the fast, please note that on the enclosed Parent Consent Form for Fasting. Boot Camp is also a time when the team learns how to work together through fun team building activities. The Boot Camp Experience culminates with a Commissioning Service the night before leaving for the Mission field.

The safety of the team and our daily witness to those around us is of utmost importance to Youth Ablaze. We have established guidelines so that missionaries understand their responsibility in these areas. Missionaries must agree with and adhere to these guidelines. Our daily conduct and behavior is an important evangelism tool; therefore, we have set guidelines for conduct and dress and each missionary is expected to abide by them. Please review the enclosed guidelines with your teen, and then sign the Conduct and Dress Code Agreement which is also enclosed. Understand that if at any point your teen does not strictly adhere to this agreement they will be asked to leave the mission field, at your expense.

Since personal safety is always a concern, our student missionaries are required to stay with at least 2 team members and/or a leader at all times. Shopping or sightseeing on their own, at any time, is strictly prohibited. Again, if at any time they do not abide by this rule they will be asked to leave the mission field, at your expense.

Youth Ablaze routinely checks State Department website which includes any travel advisories for the country we are going to and information on specific acts of terrorism, health risks, and any recommended immunizations. Please read the enclosed trip profiles for specific immunizations recommended for your trip.

At any point in our planning, terrorism or safety risks resulting in the barring of travel to our destination will result in one of the following: (1) rerouting the trip to another country, (2) postponement of the trip, or (3) cancellation of the trip all together. If canceling the trip is our only option, due to IRS regulations, which state that all contributions are non-refundable, the money raised in your teen's name will be held by International Accelerated Missions for up to two years to be used on another trip sponsored by Youth Ablaze.

## **Money**

Once all the preliminary steps are completed and teams are devised, we will notify your teen of any fund raiser for missionary students. We will also send you information on support letter writing to get you started on raising the money needed for your mission.

An account with your teens' name will be established at International Accelerated Missions. Donation envelopes will be supplied to each missionary student to help expedite the process of donations. I AM will be responsible for sending

receipts to all who donate on behalf of your teen. All donations are tax exempt as I AM is a non-profit organization.

We strongly encourage your teen to make your home church aware of their upcoming mission trip--many churches are excited and have a desire to support their teens in short term missions.

Again, because of the IRS regulations we must abide by and contributions being non-refundable, any funds received over and above their trip fee will not be refunded. This money may be used in one of three ways (determined by you and your teen): disbursed to other team members who are going on the same trip, be held for two years for your teen to use on another Youth Ablaze Mission trip or used by Youth Ablaze for other pressing needs.

### **What happens if my child decides not to go?**

Financial disbursement of monies given are at the discretion of IAM Missions, and due to IRS rules, contributions are non-refundable. If your teen decides not to go on a trip, the money they raised, less the amount spent on airline tickets, land packages already purchased, and the 12% for I AM and Youth Ablaze, will be credited to your teen's account and will be available for their use, within the next two years, on another mission outreach with Youth Ablaze.

### **What does the Trip Cost cover?**

All expenses, from the time of registration through the end of your trip, are covered in the base cost of each trip. This includes all room and board, travel, visas, sightseeing, airport taxes and recreation expenses. It also includes an offering for the missionary organization we are working with in that particular country. This price does not include passports, pictures, luggage, and travel to and from your Boot Camp Experience or personal souvenirs.

Youth Ablaze/International Accelerated Missions receives twelve percent of each trip fee, to use toward administrative costs.

**The Cost for each trip is based on last year's pricing and is subject to change. Dates, travel arrangements and schedules are subject to change, as well.**

### **If it's God's Will it's God's Bill!**

Many families are concerned about how the money is going to come in. Those who have gone before were uncertain where the money would come from but no one has ever come up short. Those who have gone before you are the first to declare God's faithfulness in the area of finances. This will undoubtedly become part of your teens' testimony related to this mission.

## **How can I help or be a part of this Mission experience?**

Every summer we have parents who have helped at boot camp for staff support; helping make meals, pack, organize crafts, etc. We are also in need of people throughout the year to prepare crafts and shop for Boot Camps and any trip needs. We also need people to coordinate each Commissioning Service. There are so many ways you can be involved and make it a family affair. If any of these areas call out to you, please let us know. We would love to have your help and we know you will love the experience! You can email us or call at anytime.

We will be praying for your teen and your family as you seek God's plan for your teen. Please feel free to call and ask questions or set up an appointment to meet. Unlike other Mission organizations, because we are local we have the benefit of being able to do that.

## **What traveling arrangements should I make for my teen that may be traveling from another state?**

Make arrangements to fly into Albany International Airport. Send Youth Ablaze all flight information including air service, flight number and itinerary. Youth Ablaze will make the appropriate arrangements to pick your teen up at the airport. YA will house anyone who needs to arrive a day early.

## **Possible Missionary Schedule while on the Field**

7am Rise and Shine

8am Breakfast

9am Quiet time/team time

11am Out in Field-either doing VBS or

Work project

1pm Lunch/Rest

Work project or evangelistic outreach

3pm Afternoon Outreach

6pm Dinner

7pm Outreach

9pm Team Debrief

11pm Good Night Missionary!