



FULL FORCE HSM TRIP

This guide includes all the necessary information needed for parents about their child's missions trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico, with CrossRoads Mexico Missions.

June 6th-12th, 2026
Piedras Negras, MX
CrossRoads Missions





Vision

To mobilize the Church in meaningful service opportunities that advance the Gospel.

Mission

To see the Church passionately mobilized to fulfill the Great Commission, transforming lives through Christ-centered ministry.

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Dear Parents and Families,

We are excited to invite your student to be part of the High School Missions Trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico. This trip is an opportunity for students to grow in their relationship with Jesus, serve alongside trusted ministry partners, and experience what God is doing beyond our local church.

At Southeast Christian Church, we believe missions help students live out their faith in practical ways, develop compassion for others, and gain a deeper understanding of God's heart for the world. Throughout this experience, students will be encouraged to serve humbly, build meaningful relationships, and rely on the Lord in new ways.

This packet is designed to provide important information about trip preparation, expectations, required forms, cultural context, communication plans, and frequently asked questions. We encourage you to review this information carefully and partner with us as your student prepares both spiritually and practically.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We look forward to seeing how God will work in and through this trip.⁵





Trip Overview

- **Full Force High School Missions Trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico.**
- Students from all Southeast Christian Church campuses will come together to serve, grow in faith, and partner with a trusted international ministry.
- Students will serve alongside Crossroads Mexico Missions.
- **The purpose is to engage students in cross-cultural missions, provide opportunities to experience the global body of Christ, grow in their personal faith, and build unity by serving alongside students from all campuses.**

CrossRoads Missions

- CrossRoads Missions is a Christian nonprofit that mobilizes churches and volunteers to serve communities in the U.S. and Mexico.
- They focus on meeting real needs—like construction, disaster relief, and outreach—while building meaningful relationships and sharing the love of Jesus.
- They engage volunteers and partner with many churches to create lasting spiritual and community impact.



Trip Dates

- **June 6th-12th.**
- Students will leave on the morning of June 6th, and will return the evening of June 12th to Louisville, Kentucky.

Trip Cost

- **\$2,000**
- This cost includes flights, lodging, and meals provided at the ministry partner site. The cost does not include personal purchases, airport snacks, souvenirs, or other optional expenses.

Important Deadlines

- **Application Deadline:** April 1st
- **Half of Funds Due:** April 19th - **\$1,000**

If the balance is not met by April 19, your student will be paused from participation and given a 48-hour window to complete the remaining amount. If the balance is still not met after that time, their spot on the trip will be released.

- **Full Balance Due:** May 29th - **\$2,000**
- **Campus Information Meeting:** April 19th,
4:30 - 5:15 pm.

Trip Itinerary

June 6 – Travel to Piedras Negras

June 7 – Church engagement and worship

June 8–12 – Serving in the community through construction projects, English classes, small groups, worship experiences, and learning about the city and culture

June 12 – Travel home



Travel Day

June 6th

- **Arrival to airport: 4:00 am**
- SDF(Louisville) departure: 7:15 am
- SAT(San Antonio) arrival: 10:25 am
- Charter busses will pick up the team at the airport in San Antonio and deliver to the bridge at Eagle Pass.
- From there, the team will walk across the bridge to Piedras Negras, have their passports checked, and walk to the CrossRoads campus roughly 100yards from the bridge.
- *Southeast is not responsible for the cost of airport parking.*

June 12th

- SAT(San Antonio) departure: 5:25 pm
- SDF(Louisville) arrival: 10:25 pm

Required Forms/ Documentation

All required forms must be completed and uploaded through the ServiceReef Dashboard by the assigned deadlines.

- **Passport**

- Each student must have a valid passport for international travel.
- Passports should remain valid for at least six months beyond the trip dates.
- A copy of the passport will be uploaded to ServiceReef.

- **Consent Forms**

- Parents will complete travel consent and emergency permission forms allowing leaders to seek medical care if necessary.

- **Team Covenant**

- Students will agree to expectations for behavior, spiritual commitment, teamwork, and respect.

- **Social Media Policy**

- Students will follow guidelines for posting content responsibly and respectfully.

- **Insurance Information**

- Parents will upload a copy of the student's health insurance card and emergency contact information.

Packing Guidelines

- Students must pack all of their luggage in a **carry-on suitcase**.
- They can also bring **one personal item**, but it must fit under the seat in front of them securely.
- Students should pack for **7 days and 7 nights**.
- Students should pack **modest, comfortable clothing**.

Dress Code

- Student should not wear revealing clothing.
- No short shorts (shorts must be 6-7 inch inseam.)
- No cropped tops
- No tank tops or cut off t-shirts.
- All clothing should be free of inappropriate words, graphics, or themes.

Luggage Specifics



- Carry-on suitcases must be 14" by 22" or smaller.
- Liquids must be 3.4 ounces (100 mL) or less
- No Sharp Objects (Even Small Ones)
- Students should keep electronics easily accessible during security screening.

Packing List

- Pillowcase/Pillow
- Towel
- Toiletries-soap, shampoo, body wash, tooth brush, toothpaste, hairbrush, etc.
- Clothing-modest and comfortable
 - Shorts are fine for inside the neighborhood as long as **they have a 6-7 inch inseam**. Pants are required outside of the neighborhood.
- Work Clothes
- Tennis Shoes or Boots
- Clothing for church/events
- Sleepwear
- Backpack
- Bible/Pen/Journal
- Electrolytes
- Passport
- Body Wipes
- Medications
- Water bottle
- Cash(\$15-\$20/meal, 2 meals while on field)

Expectations

- Students are expected to **represent Southeast Christian Church** and Christ with respect, humility, and integrity.
- **Show respect** to leaders, teammates, ministry partners, and members of the local community.
- **Demonstrate good, God-honoring behavior** in all situations and to serve together in unity as a team.
- **Honor and respect our ministry partner, Crossroads**, by following their guidance and valuing their leadership.



General Rules



For the safety and success of the trip, students are expected to:

- **Listen to trip leaders** and ministry partners at all times
- **Arrive on time** for all scheduled activities.
- Remain fully engaged in all aspects of the trip.
- **Maintain a positive attitude**, avoid complaining, and follow directions promptly.
- The use or possession of drugs, alcohol, vaping devices, or any prohibited substances is strictly forbidden.

Failure to follow these expectations may result in disciplinary action and potential removal from the trip.

Fundraising Information

- A detailed fundraising guide is available through SE Unleashed at seunleashed.com.
- **Students can find the fundraising guide by scanning the QR code below.**
- **Common fundraising options include:**
 - Receiving checks made payable to Southeast Christian Church
 - Collecting cash contributions
 - Raising funds online through the ServiceReef dashboard under each student's personal trip page.
- Families are encouraged to prayerfully consider how to support their student's fundraising efforts and share opportunities with friends and extended family.



Navigating ServiceReef

The screenshot displays the ServiceReef dashboard for user John Smith. The main header shows the mission: "2026 HSM Full Force - CrossRoads Missions Mexico" with dates from Mar 14, 2026, to Mar 21, 2026. Below this, there are sections for "CONTACT PERSON" (Missions Ministry, email: missions@secc.org) and "DISCUSSION" (1 message, 1 participant). A "My Fundraising Progress" section shows \$750 of \$2,000 raised, with \$1,250.00 remaining. A table lists three donors: Donor 1 (Feb 16, 2026), Donor 2 (Jan 26, 2026), and Donor 3 (Jan 26, 2026). A "Your Tasks" section shows 5/6 tasks completed, with one task: "2026: Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program" due March 6, 2026. The dashboard also features "My Stats" showing \$500.00 in total donations given and \$750.00 in total donations received. A "Share Your Mission" section promotes Missional.Life. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Dashboard, My Family, Opportunities, Tracks, Finance, Update Profile, and Assessments.

1. Go to secc.servicereef.com
2. In the top right corner, click **Sign In**.
3. Use your **Southeast account**. This is the same account used for online giving and event registrations.
4. Once you are signed in, go to **My Dashboard**.
5. Here you can see your fundraising progress, make a donation, fill out required forms, upload passport, and complete any necessary tasks.

Spiritual Preparation

- Leading up to the trip, students will be encouraged to intentionally prepare their hearts and minds for what God may want to do through this experience.
- Spiritual preparation could include:
 - Spending time reflecting on questions such as **what they hope God will do in their heart, what they want to learn about Him, and how they can grow through serving others.**
 - Establishing a consistent prayer rhythm.
 - Surrendering expectations and remaining open to how God may work in ways they do not anticipate.
- Parents are encouraged to walk alongside their student during this process by having conversations about these reflections, praying together regularly, and supporting their spiritual preparation.

Prayer Prompts

- Lord, prepare my heart for what You want to teach me.
- Father, deepen my relationship with You.
- Lord, make me a vessel for Your love.
- God, prepare the hearts of the people we will meet.
- Lord, help me step outside of my comfort zone and trust You fully.
- God, give me humility to learn and serve with a joyful heart.
- Father, unite our team and help us reflect You in the way we love one another.
- Lord, open my eyes to see people the way You see them.
- God, use this trip to grow my faith in ways that last long after we return home.

Cultural Context

- **Language:** Spanish is the primary language spoken in Piedras Negras. Crossroads ministry partners speak English and will assist with translation. Students will also learn basic Spanish phrases.
- **Cultural Context:** Piedras Negras is a border city located across from Eagle Pass, Texas. The community values strong family relationships, hospitality, and faith.





- **Customs and Traditions:** Warm greetings, respect for elders, and gratitude are important cultural practices. Students are encouraged to be polite, patient, and open to learning.
- **Ministry Partner - Crossroads:** Crossroads serves the community through church planting, youth programs, outreach events, and discipleship. Our team will partner with Crossroads to support their ongoing ministry.

Map of Mexico



Map of CrossRoads



CrossRoads Specifics

- **Transportation**

- **CrossRoads Missions provides transportation** from Eagle Pass, Texas, or from the San Antonio Airport, as well as **transportation during your student's time in Piedras Negras, Mexico.**

- **Lodging**

- **While in Piedras Negras, your student will stay in the neighborhood of Piedra Angular.** Accommodations include dormitory-style housing, bathrooms, showers, a kitchen, a community center, meeting areas, and a basketball/soccer court.

- **Meals**

- **While in Piedras Negras, meals are provided by CrossRoads Missions.** Your student will need additional money for meals during travel days, cultural immersion experiences, and any meals outside of the neighborhood.
 - Breakfast each morning includes standard continental breakfast items. Lunch consists of sandwiches, chips, cookies, and vegetables prepared by volunteers, sometimes using leftovers from previous meals. In the evenings, local cooks prepare traditional Mexican dinners. Dinner is provided upon arrival on Saturday, and breakfast is available before departure on Friday morning.

FAQ

- **Communication:** Parents and guardians can subscribe to receive live text updates by texting “HSMFF2026” to 733733. Please limit subscription to one parent/guardian per household.
- **Refund Policy:**
 - Trip deposits are non-refundable. Additional payments may be refundable prior to specific deadlines depending on expenses already incurred. After the final payment deadline, refunds are typically not available except in special circumstances.
- **Passport Information:**
 - Students must have a valid passport prior to travel. We recommend applying as early as possible due to processing times.

- **Medical Emergencies:**

- Crossroads has procedures in place for medical situations and access to local healthcare facilities. Parents will be contacted immediately in the event of an emergency. Medication and allergy information will be collected in advance.
- There will be an on-site nurse at CrossRoads at all times.

- **Leadership & Supervision:**

- The trip will include trained adult leaders with both male and female chaperones present. Safe leader-to-student ratios will be maintained.

Additional questions will be communicated as needed throughout the preparation process.