

LIFE 2010 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 3, 2010

Costs

For LIFE – At this point the cost for the LIFE trip alone is **\$1200 and \$800 for leaders**. Here is the breakdown of costs:

- LIFE Conference - \$395
- Airfare - \$500
- Hotel - \$190
- Food - \$40 (many meals are included in the LIFE conference cost)
- Extra Expenses - \$100 (this covers transportation, service projects and some leadership expenses).
- T-Shirts - \$20 (This is optional and not included in the overall cost. We will vote on this at the first meeting).

For LIFE and the Mission Trip – There is an optional mission trip at the end of LIFE. For someone going to both LIFE and the mission trip **the cost will be \$1500 and \$1100 for leaders**. The extra \$300 per person covers all expenses for the mission trip.

Payment Schedule

These are the amounts you should have in your account if you want to be on track for paying for the trip.

Dates	Students/Leaders (LIFE ONLY)	Students/Leaders (LIFE + MT)
January 31 st	\$250 / \$200	\$300 / \$250
February 28 th	\$400 / \$300	\$500 / \$400
March 31 st	\$600 / \$400	\$750 / \$550
April 30 th	\$800* / \$550*	\$1000* / \$750*
May 31 st	\$1000* / \$700*	\$1200* / \$900*
June 30 th (Required)	\$1200* / \$800*	\$1500* / \$1100*

* NOTE: The estimates above may be covered by fundraisers, sponsor letters, and donations.

How to Pay

Make sure you turn all payments into Brian only! He will record your payment in the computer and will keep track of your totals. DO NOT PUT MONEY INTO THE CHURCH OFFERING, because it may not get attributed to your account. Also, if your family members or friends want to donate money for your trip make sure all checks and/or cash comes directly to Brian. Checks are always addressed to “MVCC” or “Mountain View Community Church” and they should put “LIFE” and your name on the memo line.

Scholarships

At this time there will be no scholarships granted for the trip. However, on occasion donations will come in for the trip and this will be divided evenly unless there is a specific name attached to the donation.

Fundraisers

Fundraiser money will be split evenly between all who participated in the fundraiser (including leaders). As of right now, there are only 2 fundraisers on the calendar that Brian will be in charge of.

- March 7th – International Lunch at Church (The money raised from this will help offset some of the mission trip expenses not included in the cost).
- April 16th & 17th – LIFE 2010 Church Auction Setup and Event (Only those who help will get money from this fundraiser).

Other Fundraisers – Leaders, students, and parents if you would like to have more fundraisers please feel free to plan and organize events on your own. My only requests are running the idea by me first and making sure ALL STUDENTS hear about the event to be fair.

Fundraiser Ideas – Car washes, International or LIFE lunches, garage sales, baking sale, Craig’s List sale, church-wide date night, make some videos and sell them, concession stands, craft fair, dance event, rest stop service, etc.

Sponsor Letters

Another way to generate more income is through the sponsor letter. This is not required, but I recommend it based on past experiences with trips. A sponsor letter is not begging for money, but a chance to share your entire trip experience with those you love. If the letter is written well and sent out early enough people will respond. A sample letter will be handed out.

What the Letter Should Include

- Where you are going and what you are participating in (LIFE Conference / Mission Trip, etc)
- The dates of the trip (July 5-July 11 or July 5-July 14)
- Some of the highlights of what you will experience (check the Life/AIM website for information)
- Why this trip is important to you
- The total costs for the trip and the due date (see above)
- Request support financially and for prayer for the team as we get ready for and go to the event.
- A confirmation that you will keep them up to date and will be sharing the trip with them at a later date (make sure you follow up your claim).
- Information about sending payments to Brian (see the sponsor letter)

Who Should You Send it To?

- Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles
- Family Friends
- Neighbors
- Teachers, people in Leadership positions over you, or employers.
- People in the church you are close with

NOTE: Make sure you keep it to people you really care about. This is not a sales pitch for anyone and everyone!