

**Dear Host,**

Thank you for your interest in hosting one of our Street Invaders teams. Our missions are an important part of the entire discipleship process of Street Invaders, as they give our students an opportunity to step out in faith and see the Lord use them to share His message of love and mercy. Evangelism is one of the main goals we hold for our teams, and your partnership allows this process to become a reality. If plans come together for you to host a team, there are a few things that we would like to share with you, which we feel are essential to a successful mission and outreach experience for both your ministry and ours.

1. As mentioned, evangelism is our first priority for our students. We look for opportunities for each team member to tell their story or be able to verbally communicate elements of the Gospel message. If you are planning to run a VBS, camp, service program or outreach, it would be important that you incorporate opportunities so that the team could express their stories and the basic Gospel message.
2. At Street Invaders, our mandate is discipleship through evangelism. To achieve this, we believe we have to use every opportunity to develop students as disciples. We value that the Lord will use our teams to share the gospel with people of any age, but along with this, it's important that they are able to share their faith with other youth. If the team is working with a VBS, camp or service project where the majority of the focus is with people other than junior or senior high students, it's important that there is also time for them to work with junior or senior high students if possible.
3. Each team needs a portion of the day to themselves for devotions, team meetings, practices, preparation, etc. This also gives the team leader a chance to spend some prayer and planning time with the team.

Please take time to pray and ask the Lord if we would be the right fit for your church and outreach. We would love the chance to work with you and anticipate that the Lord will do something significant and eternal as we partner together in His name. We have other information about preparation to host a team that accompanies this letter, along with an application form. Please contact us if you have any other questions. Also, please contact us at the office for further advice on how to structure your mission as needed. Street Invaders has sent out hundreds of teams over the years and so we have a good handle on what works and what doesn't.

Blessings,



Piet Pistorius, Director Street Invaders

## CHURCH MISSION HOSTING

### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR INTEREST IN HOSTING A TEAM.

This program is not possible without people and ministries like you. We recognize the resources, planning, time, and impartation your ministry gives to Street Invaders when hosting a team. Your willingness to host plays such an important role in creating disciples in the next generation. Street Invaders exists not only to teach students how to live out their faith, but also to show them what it means to be part of the body of Christ and the Kingdom of God and it is because of our hosts that this is possible.

We strive to have the highest standard of excellence for each mission that we are involved with each summer. Please keep in mind that these teams are made up of ordinary students who have been having extraordinary encounters with the Lord. We want to ensure that each mission is about honoring the Lord first, that there is a clear focus on sharing the Gospel message, and that through this experience our students and your church are led to commit to a greater level of discipleship in Jesus. This mission hosting guide can help both us and you do just that and set up clear expectations for the team and the host.

We believe that the team will be a blessing and the students will be fantastic guests while they are there. However, as stated above, the teams are made of teenagers who are often young in their faith. Please be gracious and understanding if they are still learning or struggling with certain aspects of the mission. Please do not hesitate to talk to the team leaders if you have any concerns or frustrations with the mission or the behaviour of a team member. You can also reach us at: [office@streetinvaders.ca](mailto:office@streetinvaders.ca) or (403)717-0707 if you have concerns about the leaders.

Here is what you can expect from us and what we are asking of you!

#### ***We commit to providing (at least) the following:***

- A minimum of two qualified, trained, and vetted adult leaders for the team that will oversee the students and communicate with you about planning, schedule, and how we can serve your ministry while you host the team
- Students and leaders will bring sleeping mats, sleeping bags, and pillows, and are happy to sleep in the church if necessary, or wherever you deem possible as long as it is safe.
- We will send a range of students ages 13-18. We aim to send some students with leadership ability on each team to help support the leaders and the goals you have while hosting the team
- Our goal is to be as much of a blessing to you as you are to us. Please let us know how the team can support the vision and mission of your ministry and support you while you host the team.

***We ask that all of our Mission Hosts provide the following:***

- Transportation from the mission training location to the mission and from the mission to the praise party. However, the team leaders traveling to your mission may have vehicles to transport the team with so please discuss with the program director if your team will require additional vehicles. Nevertheless, gas will still need to be covered by the mission host if the team brings cars.
- Accommodations (laundry, showers and sleeping arrangements for both genders)
- All meals (3/day) for the team during the mission
- A completed church mission registration form (attached) or apply online at [www.streetinvaders.ca](http://www.streetinvaders.ca)
- A designated church representative for us to coordinate with your ministry
- A tentative schedule outline from the mission (This will be confirmed by the mission team leader in cooperation with the church rep and leadership)
- A donation to support Street Invaders at the end of the mission is not required; however, if you are inclined to take up an offering/donation for the program, the team leader can assist with coordinating it

Please contact us if there are any financial concerns or any other questions. We have great resources and ideas available to help you. Just let us know!

## MISSION HOST LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS/EXPECTATIONS

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Team Leaders that will be coming to your church with the team will consist of either:

- One Sr. Leader (and possibly their spouse if they're married)
- Two Co-Leaders
- One Sr. Leader & one Assistant Leader

There may be additional assistant leaders added to any of these leadership structures. The most common Street Invaders team leader combination is: two Co-Leaders with one Assistant Leader.

### CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE

If at all possible, it is extremely valuable for your church to send a representative to be with us at Street Invaders during the mission training phase. However, a church representative is required for the mission phase. This representative will likely be the one who has overseen the mission preparation for the team going to your location and therefore will provide valuable input for the team as it prepares to travel to minister in your area. In many cases, the church representative is the church's youth pastor, but at a minimum must be the main person who is in charge of organizing the mission. Here are some points to consider when choosing a church representative:

- Your church representative will work with the team closely throughout mission training and the mission. This experience will be invaluable for them and the benefits can spill over from them into the church after the team leaves.
- Additionally, the representative will be a great resource for further outreaches in your area as a result of their involvement with the program.
- As Street Invaders plans further into the future, partnerships and relationships can benefit everyone as we work together to motivate young people and see souls saved!

If the team coming to your community has a Sr. Leader or a Co-Leader who is also acting as your church rep., an additional church rep. is not necessary. If you are unable to come up with a church representative that will be able to attend mission training, we can connect the representative directly to the team leaders before the program begins. '

*For a detailed breakdown and job description outlining the role, requirements, and expectations of a church representative, please contact our office.*

## MISSION HOST SCHEDULE

### SCHEDULE

We don't allow a lot of time off during Street Invaders for our students, it is important for the team to work hard. We prefer that 2-3 hours a day be left for the team to do training, devotions, and prayer. Please be conscious of this when making your mission schedule for the team coming to your church. The team leadership is responsible for deciding when the young people need rest and will work alongside you to make time and space for this. Please keep in mind the time necessary to do laundry, as well as at least a half a day off per every 7 days.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE

#### DAY 1

8:00 Get Up  
9:00 Breakfast  
10:00 Prayer and team devotions  
11:00 Planning for evening / make event advertising cards  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Visit a park or mall and talk to kids / invite out to events at the gym and youth room  
3:00 Get all the stuff ready for games / activities and decide who is doing what  
5:00 Supper  
6:00 Prayer and last minute stuff  
7:00 Evening event / activities  
8:30 Share the word / pray  
9:00 Final game / invite out to next event  
9:30 Cleanup and snack  
10:00 Back to sleep location or get ready for bed  
11:00 Everyone goes to bed

#### DAY 2

8:00 Get Up  
9:00 Breakfast  
10:00 Prayer and team devotions  
11:00 Planning for afternoon  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Go to park with soccer ball and Frisbee, invite people to join you  
3:00 Send team out in groups of 2 or 3 to meet people and invite to hang out in gym / church  
5:00 Supper  
6:00 Prayer and last minute stuff  
7:00 Evening event / activities  
8:30 Share the word / pray  
9:00 Final game / invite out to next event  
9:30 Cleanup and snack  
10:00 Back to billets or get ready for bed  
11:00 Everyone goes to bed

## MISSION HOST PLANNING AND IDEAS

### OUTREACH IDEAS

You and your church representative will obviously know your town/city and church better than we will. However, if you're struggling with ideas, we have many suggestions for evangelism.

Here are a few examples:

- Specialized Mission Team Focuses (e.g. Skate Teams, Etc.)
- Street Work: Preaching/Evangelism
- Relief Work
- Drama, Music, Visual Arts
- Mall, Beach, Park, Or Skate Park
- Youth Group
- Children's Ministry/VBS
- Prayer And Intercession
- Senior Citizen's Homes

We have developed many types of outreach programs/strategies that aren't listed here. Please contact us for more information.

### BILLETS AND MEALS

Try to get your church people to donate the food/meals you will need to feed the team for the days they are with you, otherwise you will need to budget for groceries.

Make a good plan as to where the team will sleep. If they are billeted, they need to be staying in groups no smaller than two people of the same gender. Street Invaders preference is for the team to stay together under the same roof if possible. It makes it easier all round in terms of time, transportation, oversight, etc. The best situation for billeting is that the entire team stays at your church/building in separate areas.

### OTHER

At Street Invaders, we believe it is extremely important that we operate under a spiritual covering and authority. This is not only a biblical concept, but it brings safety to everyone involved. The Street Invaders program is responsible to United Youth Outreach, which is based in Calgary, Alberta.

United is an 'apostolic covering' for youth ministries. They believe in equipping young people for discipleship through evangelism, and they put this philosophy into practice through our programming and outreach. For more information about United, please contact them at 403.717.0707 or email them at [office@unitedyouthoutreach.ca](mailto:office@unitedyouthoutreach.ca)

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Street Invaders has over 30 years of experience in leading young people in evangelism.  
We are happy to work directly with you to setup a great mission for your church.  
Please contact us at any time!

PLEASE APPLY ONLINE AT [WWW.STREETINVADERS.CA](http://WWW.STREETINVADERS.CA) IF POSSIBLE  
IF APPLYING BY MAIL, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO STREET INVADERS

## CHURCH MISSION HOSTING APPLICATION

CHURCH NAME		EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
PHONE NUMBER		FAX NUMBER	
SENIOR PASTOR'S / LEADER'S NAME		HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
YOUTH PASTOR'S / LEADER'S NAME		HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
STREET INVADER REPRESENTATIVE NAME (FROM CHURCH)			EMAIL ADDRESS
ADDRESS	CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
WORK PHONE	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	
POSITION IN CHURCH		DATE OF BIRTH	

Please include a pastoral / board letter of recommendation with this form if your church representative is not a paid staff member at the church

### ARE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS MADE AT THIS TIME?

1. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM MISSION: \_\_\_\_\_
2. TRANSPORTATION DURING MISSION (IF NEEDED): \_\_\_\_\_
3. DAILY MEALS FOR ENTIRE MISSION: \_\_\_\_\_
4. TEAM ACCOMMODATIONS  LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_
5. LEADER ACCOMMODATIONS  LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_
6. SHOWERS FOR TEAM:  LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_
7. LAUNDRY FOR TEAM:  LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any other information that may be important for us to know about your particular mission (ie. planning children's outreach, ministry to homeless, etc.)

I have read and understood the requirements to host a Street Invaders team.

Name (Please print)

Signature

Date