

Grade Trips @ TDChristian 2017-18

Grade 9 students participate in a two-day Service Trip to downtown Toronto during the first week in September. The main reasons for these trips are: first, to provide students the opportunity to get to know each other; second, to encourage students to learn for service in the light of God's Word. They work directly with organizations with which TDChristian High School has partnered for years. It is a rewarding experience of volunteering alongside new peers as students begin their high school career at TDChristian. (A complete page providing more details follows in the booklet.)

Grade 10 students participate in a two-day trip to Beacon from Wed., Sept. 27 to Thurs., Sept. 28. This trip is tied to the Careers course which all Grade 10 students take. The main reasons for this trip are: for students to recognize God-given talents in others and in themselves as they continue their journey of learning for service in light of God's word; for students to grow skills in empathy and inclusion so that the grade creates a hospitable and collaborative learning environment; and to provide opportunities for students to connect, or reconnect, positively with others in their class by working together and listening to each other. (A complete page providing more details follows in the booklet.)

Grade 11 students participate in the Toronto Service trip during either Semester 1 or Semester 2 as part of their English and Perspectives class or as part of Internship Block. At an in-depth level, students learn about homelessness and communities providing assistance. This trip encompasses the opportunity to tour Toronto neighbourhoods, enjoy different ethnic foods, and listen to a speaker who helps us, as humans and Christians, better understand our role and posture in how to serve others. (A complete page providing more details follows in the booklet.)

Notes:

1. The following pages describe each of the above trips.
2. After each page of description is the corresponding Commitment Forms.

GRADE 9 TRIP @ TDChristian

Grade 9 students will participate in a two-day Service Trip to downtown Toronto. The main reasons for the trip are:

- 1) to provide students the opportunity to get to know each other,
 - 2) to encourage students to learn for service in the light of God's Word as they work directly with organizations, many with which TDChristian High School has partnered for years.
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- Date:** Trip 1 (male students): Wednesday, September 6 to Thursday, September 7.
Trip 2 (female students): Thursday, September 7 to Friday, September 8.
- Timing:** Arrive at TDChristian High School as normal on the first day of your trip; we will return from the trip in time to catch the school buses home the following day.
- Location:** Stay overnight at Knox Presbyterian Church (630 Spadina Ave., Toronto).
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WHAT TO BRING

Since space on the bus and at Knox Presbyterian Church is limited, please only bring what you need for two days and one night.

- Wear comfortable clothes in which you can work and walk long distances.
- Wear comfortable shoes that are close-toed. **** Important** No open-toed shoes are permitted** (e.g. sandals) as most service locations require close-toed shoes for safety reasons.
- Bring a warm jacket or hoodie sweatshirt.
- Pack a bag lunch for the first day of your trip as you will not be able to purchase a lunch downtown on your first day. The other three meals (dinner, breakfast, lunch) will be provided for you.
- Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, wash cloth, towel, and toiletries.
- Bring two pairs of good condition/quality socks to give to homeless people.

Optional items to bring:

- Rain coat. We will use the underground PATH system or public transit, when possible, if it rains.
- Spending money. We may stop at Wendy's/Tim Hortons on way back to TDChristian at the end of the trip. Absolutely no shopping is allowed downtown.

WHERE WILL I BE SERVING?

On the first day of the trip, you will find out who is in your group including your leader. During the trip, you will serve at two or three different locations. Below is a list of the downtown ministries with which TDChristian High School partners for the Grade 9 service trip experience.

- Good Shepherd (<http://www.goodshepherd.ca/centre.php>)
- The Lighthouse (<http://lighthousecentre.ca/>)
- Portland Place (<http://pccweb.ca/portlandplace/>)
- Scott Mission (<http://www.scottmission.com/>)
- St. Felix Centre (<http://stfelixcentre.ca/>)

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca, by phone at (905) 851-1772 ext 203, or at *Back in the Groove Again* on Thursday, August 31, 2017.

Please complete the ensuing Commitment Form and return it to the table at the *Back in the Groove Again* on Thursday, Aug. 31, 7:00 pm, or to the school office on the first day of school.

GRADE 9 TRIP: STUDENT COMMITMENT FORM

Date: Trip 1 (male students): Wednesday, September 6 to Thursday, September 7.
Trip 2 (female students): Thursday, September 7 to Friday, September 8.

Timing: Arrive at TDChristian High School as normal on the 1st day of your trip; we will return from the trip in time to catch the school buses home the following day.

Location: Stay overnight at Knox Presbyterian Church (630 Spadina Ave., Toronto).

Parents, guardians, and students are asked to carefully read what follows, discuss it together and indicate by your signatures that you agree with the commitments required as part of the service trip.

I am excited about positively contributing to my learning to serve in downtown Toronto.

I will in no way endanger myself or others while on this service trip.

I will not go off alone at any time.

I will respect the Knox Presbyterian Church safety and security rules and also the rules set in terms of quiet during the night. I will keep the facilities clean and stay in our specified areas.

I will follow all TDChristian High School rules outlined in the *Family & Student Handbook*, including not smoking, vaping, using drugs or consuming alcohol.

I understand that the desire is for me to leave electronic devices including cell phones at home.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand and am willing to make the above commitments to be part of the Grade 9 Service Trip. I understand that failing to comply with any of them may result in my returning home early at my family's expense. Suspension from TDChristian High School is also a possibility.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT, WAIVER, AND COMMITMENT:

Student Name: _____ Health Card#: _____

Emergency Contact Number(s): _____

Allergy/Other information: _____

I hereby authorize the chaperones to make any emergency medical decisions on my behalf for my son/daughter, if necessary. I understand and agree with the commitments that my child has agreed to above and recognize that failure to comply with them could mean my child returns home early. Any expenses incurred in the event of an early return will be our family's responsibility.

Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

GRADE 10 TRIP @ TDChristian

Welcome to the Grade 10 trip! Here are the details of the overnight trip from **Wednesday, September 27 to Thursday, September 28, 2017**. This trip will be tied to the Careers course which all Grade 10 students are required to take.

Rationale:

- For students to recognize God-given talents in others and in themselves as they continue their journey of learning for service in light of God's word.
- For students to grow skills in empathy and inclusion so that the grade creates a hospitable and collaborative learning environment. *"Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."* 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- To provide opportunities for students to connect, or reconnect, positively with others in their class by working together and listening to each other.

We expect to accomplish these goals through:

1. shared times in small and large group activities as well as during meals and the bus rides.
2. meaningful conversations
3. journal writing and reflection in response to questions and interactive experiences.

Tentative Schedule Overview:

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| Noon | Arrival and lunch at Beacon on Wednesday, Sept. 27 (Busses leave from TDChristian at 9 a.m.) |
| 1:00 p.m. | Outdoor collaborative and small group activities facilitated by Beacon staff |
| 5:30 p.m. | Dinner |
| 7:00 p.m. | Games facilitated by Beacon staff |
| 9:00 p.m. | Campfire: a time of reflection |
| 10:30 p.m. | Bedtime in assigned cabins |
| 7:30 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 8:30 a.m. | Outdoor collaborative and small group activities facilitated by Beacon staff |
| 11:00 a.m. | Lunch |
| 2:30 p.m. | Arrival at TDChristian on Thursday, Sept. 28 |

Chaperones: Seven or eight TDChristian staff members

Where: Beacon Bible Camp, 4488 Southwood Rd, Torrance, Ontario; phone number is 705-762-5333.

What to bring:

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| – sleeping bag and pillow | – rain gear in case it rains | – toiletries |
| – running shoes | – warm clothing in case in gets cold | – journal and pen/pencil |

Note: Students should leave electronic devices, including cell phones, at home

Questions or concerns? Please e-mail Marg at marg@tdchristian.ca, or call Marg at (905)851-1772.

We look forward to this trip and solicit your prayers for an enriching and positive experience!

Sincerely,

Rachael Weening

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GRADE 10 TRIP: STUDENT COMMITMENT FORM

Date: Wednesday, September 27 to Thursday, September 28.
Timing: Arrive at TDChristian High School as normal on the 1st day of your trip; we will return from the trip in time to catch the school buses home the following day.
Location: Beacon Bible Camp, 4488 Southwood Rd, Torrance, Ontario

Parents, guardians, and students are asked to carefully read what follows, discuss it together and indicate by your signatures that you agree with the commitments required as part of the service trip.

I am excited about positively contributing to my learning in collaboration and empathy.

I will in no way endanger myself or others while on this trip.

I will not go off alone at any time.

I will respect the Beacon Bible Camp safety and security rules and the rules set in terms of quiet during the night. I will keep the facilities clean and stay in our specified areas.

I will follow all TDChristian High School rules outlined in the *Family & Student Handbook*, including not smoking, vaping, using drugs or consuming alcohol.

I understand that the desire is for me to leave electronic devices, including cell phones, at home.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand and am willing to make the above commitments to be part of the Grade 10 Trip. I understand that failing to comply with any of them may result in my returning home early at my family's expense. Suspension from TDChristian High School is also a possibility.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT, WAIVER, AND COMMITMENT:

Student Name: _____

Health Card#: _____

Emergency Contact Number(s): _____

Allergy/Other information: _____

I hereby authorize the chaperones to make any emergency medical decisions on my behalf for my son/daughter, if necessary. I understand and agree with the commitments that my child has agreed to above and recognize that failure to comply with them could mean my child returns home early. Any expenses incurred in the event of an early return will be our family's responsibility.

Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

GRADE 11 TRIP @ TDChristian

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| Dates: | Tuesday, October 3 to Thursday, October 5, 2017 for Semester 1 students Tuesday, April 3 to Thursday April 5, 2018 for Semester 2 students |
| Timing: | Arrive at TDChristian High School by 7:00 am Tuesday; we will return from the trip in time to board the school buses home on Thursday. |
| Location: | Stay overnight at Knox Presbyterian Church (630 Spadina Ave., Toronto). |

WHAT TO BRING

- Wear comfortable and appropriate clothes in which you can work and walk long distances. Clothing may get dirty and possibly wrecked. Think modesty, and for your safety, no TDChristian clothing.
- Wear comfortable shoes that are close-toed. **** Important** No open-toed shoes are permitted** (e.g. sandals) as most service locations require close-toed shoes for safety reasons.
- A back-pack for day use.
- A larger bag to hold the rest of your stuff. **** Important**** You will not have access to your main bag & sleeping gear until about 10:00 pm each night. Carry whatever you need for the day with you, including a change of clothes if you don't want to wear your work clothes all evening.
- Bring a warm jacket or hoodie sweatshirt.
- A small bottle of hand sanitizer and some anti-bacterial wipes are a good idea.
- Pack a bag lunch for the first day of your trip as you will not be able to purchase a lunch downtown on your first day. All other meals will be provided for you.
- Bring a sleeping bag, pad or mat (no air mattresses), pillow, wash cloth, towel, and toiletries.
- Bible and pen.
- Your teacher may hold onto your Service Trip booklet for you.

Optional items to bring:

- Rain coat
- Bathing suit – men's showers are open concept; women's showers are two individual stalls.
- Some spending money (suggested amount of \$20.00 - absolutely no shopping is allowed downtown).

WHERE WILL I BE SERVING?

During the trip, you may serve at a variety of locations. Below is a list of some of the downtown ministries with whom TDChristian High School partners.

- Good Shepherd (<http://www.goodshepherd.ca/centre.php>)
- The Lighthouse (<http://lighthousecentre.ca/>)
- Portland Place (<http://pccweb.ca/portlandplace/>)
- Scott Mission (<http://www.scottmission.com/>)
- Sanctuary (<http://sanctuarytoronto.ca/contact-us/>)
- Church of the Redeemer (<http://www.theredeemer.ca/>)

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Timing: Arrive at TDChristian by 7:00 am Tuesday; we will return from the trip in time to board the school buses home on Thursday.

Location: Stay overnight at Knox Presbyterian Church (630 Spadina Ave., Toronto).

Parents, guardians, and students, please carefully read what follows, discuss it together and indicate by your signatures that you agree with the commitments required as part of the service trip.

- I will positively contribute to my learning to serve in downtown Toronto.
- I will in no way endanger myself or others while on this service trip.
- I will not go off alone at any time.
- I will respect the Knox Presbyterian Church safety and security rules and the rules set in terms of quiet during the night. I will keep the facilities clean and stay in our specified areas.
- I will follow all TDChristian High School rules outlined in the Family & Student Handbook, including not smoking, vaping, using drugs or consuming alcohol.
- I understand that the desire is for me to leave electronic devices including cell phones at home. However, if my parent or guardian gives me permission to take such devices along, I understand that I am responsible for their security. Use of cell phones will be limited.
- Under no circumstances will I enter the sleeping area of the opposite gender.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand and am willing to make the above commitments to be part of the Grade 11 Toronto Service Trip. I understand that failing to comply with any of them may result in my returning home early at my family's expense. Suspension from TDChristian High School is also a possibility.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT, WAIVER, AND COMMITMENT:

Student Name: _____

Health Card#: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number(s): _____

Allergy/Other information: _____

Are you vegetarian? Please circle: YES or NO

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Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____