

Lottery Procedure for Mission Trips 2012

The following procedure will be used in 2012 to determine the participants in Bethany UMC Mission Trips 2012:

1. **Group Size:** The size of each group will be dynamically determined by the number of adults that have actually signed up and paid a deposit at any point in time. The number of committed adults will determine the group size based on certain ratios of adults to youth.. These ratios are (expressed as adults: students):
 - Mission by the Sea 2:5
 - BASIC 2:5
 - UM ARMY 2:5
 - Mt. TOP 2:5
 - VBS-Brownsville 1:5
 - El Salvador 1:5

For example, if 8 adults have committed for Mission by the Sea, then a maximum of 20 youth slots would be opened. If 2 more adults subsequently commit, then the number of youth slots would be expanded to 25 at that time.

2. **Enrollment Process:** To determine the order in which youth will be assigned to available slots, we will use the following procedure:
 - a. There will be “open enrollment” until after the second parent meeting (November 9), but turning in an application and deposit does not guarantee a spot except as noted in b.
 - b. Guaranteed spots go to the following:
 - i. The student(s) of any parent who have met the requirements for guaranteed enrollment per the application (see application form) and a parent has attended a missions parent meeting
 - ii. The student(s) of any parent who has committed to be a sponsor on a 2012 mission trip and the parent has attended a missions parent meeting and has turned in a registration form and deposit by November 9 for the parent as well as the student(s).
 - c. After the second missions parent meeting, the number of available student slots is determined for each trip by the number of committed adults and the available slots are then reduced by the number of those students guaranteed a spot in b. above and who have turned in an app and a deposit.
 - d. If the number of remaining slots is greater than the number of applicants who have submitted an application form and a deposit, then all applicants up to that point get a slot.
 - e. If the number of applicants is greater than the number of available slots (after reduction described in c. above), then all applicants who do not qualify for a guaranteed spot will go into a lottery and names will be drawn until all slots are filled. After available slots are filled, any remaining names will be drawn to determine the student’s position on the waiting list.
 - f. After the second parent meeting (Nov 9), it is first come, first serve for any remaining open spots (or for a spot on the wait list following those on wait list as described in e. above).