



## Tecate, Mexico Service Trip: March 22 – 28, 2025

### Mission

For 29 years, TKA has traveled as to help the underserved and poor in Tecate. We will be partnering with Baja Bound as we work with local pastors to identify families in need of homes. Baja Bound is an organization that has been building houses in Mexico for 30 years, and will come along side our team as we build 12 houses this year.

### Goals

By serving God with all that we have, we endeavor to make a significant difference in fulfilling the physical and spiritual needs of those in Tecate. We want to catch vision for service and bring it back to our homes, to school, and to work. This twenty-ninth annual trip will be faith-increasing and life-changing for our students!

### Itinerary

March 22 Caravans leave from TKA at 5:30AM & arrive at camp in Mexico around 6:00PM  
March 23 House building starts  
March 24-26 Work on sites  
March 27 Tear down camp and leave for LA area. Stay in hotel near Ontario, CA.  
March 28 Drive from Ontario area to TKA. Arrive at TKA around 5:00 p.m.

## LOGISTICS/OPERATIONS

### Safety

Please know we understand and concur with the need to take specific safety measures while in Tecate. Safety is our highest priority, and we are continually monitoring threats or concerns that affect the welfare of our students on service trips. The school administration, school board, and service trip planning teams take this issue seriously. Likewise, we will be partnering with Baja Bound, an organization that has been hosting groups to build houses in Mexico for 30 years. They will provide staff who will help ensure our safety and security while in Tecate.

### Housing

We will be staying at local church in Tecate that has a camp with cabins and bathrooms, with girls and boys in separate sections of camp. There will be multiple adult leaders in each cabin.

### Food

Baja Bound will provide staff to prepare and cook breakfast and dinner and provide food for packing lunches each day. There will be large tanks filled with purified water at camp. This is the only water the students can use for drinking, brushing their teeth, and for cooking.

### Cost - \$985

This covers the cost for all building materials, food, tents, transportation, site expenses, etc.



### **Application Process**

The Tecate Service trip is open to all High School Students. To apply, please submit the 2025 Service Trip Application. The 2025 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The application link will be posted in Canvas in the Grade Level Classrooms. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, August 29, 3:00PM, through Tuesday, September 10, 11:59PM.

### **Selection Process**

The team will consist of 170 students, approximately 70 staff and parent chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a heart for missions, cross-cultural sensitivity, and a servant's attitude. All applicants will be notified of their placement on October 11.

### **Parent Volunteers**

Because we drive down to Tecate, parent volunteers are critical to the success of the Tecate trip as drivers, to donate vehicles, and to ensure safety on the worksites. More information about parent volunteers will be sent out in October.

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