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Tecate, Mexico Service Trip: March 20 – 26, 2027

Mission
For 35 years, TKA has helped the underserved and poor in Tecate. We will be partnering with Baja Bound and Baja Christian Ministries 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 alongside 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 thirtieth annual trip will be faith-increasing and life-changing for our students!

Cost: Student: $1475
Parent: $738

Travel Protection

Cost: $88.77 Purchase via the link or QR code: Purchase Now
(incl. cancel for any reason - for full details please review the attachments)

Travel Protection Instructions and Resources:
(1) Travel Protection Brochure, (2) Steps to purchase, (3) Video with purchase steps

Itinerary

March 20	Arrive at camp in Mexico around 6:00PM
March 21	House building starts
March 22-25	Work on building sites and other Outreach Opportunities
March 26	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 a local church in Tecate that has a camp ground with cabins and bathrooms. Girls and boys stay in separate sections of camp. There will be multiple adult leaders in each cabin.

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Travel
Charter Buses and Vans. **PASSPORT REQUIRED**

Medical

We have an UPDATED MEDICATION POLICY for Service Trips!

- All prescription medications will require a Doctor's note (preferably our TKA Medication Authorization Form) and be in the original and appropriately labeled container.
- Students may self carry prescribed medication only with Doctor's written approval.
- Students may not self carry controlled substances and instead will need to be submitted with the exact amount required for the trip for the TKA staff to administer.
- TKA will provide the following medications but permission must be given prior to the Service Trip (Tylenol, Advil, Zyrtec, Claritin, Benadryl, Peptobismal, Dramamine, Tums, Chewable Melatonin, Hydrocortisone Cream and Cough Drops). Students must take the initiative to request these over the counter medications from TKA staff.
- If parents prefer students to self carry personal over-the-counter medications (OTC) and vitamins, **Medication Authorization Form must be turned in at least two weeks prior to the trip departure date (only parental permission needs to be completed for OTC medications).**
- Medications will need to be dropped off 2 weeks prior to the trip, on one of the below dates and times:

Monday, March 1st 7:30 am to 9 am

OR

Wednesday, March 3rd from 7:30 am to 9 am

- **NO MEDICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON DEPARTURE DAY.**

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. We will send out a form to fill out if your student has dietary restrictions as we get closer to the trip.

Who is going?
The team will consist of 360 students, approximately 100 staff and parent chaperones.

Parent Volunteers
Because we drive to sites in 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. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out this form Tecate Adult Voluteer Form

Questions?
Email service@tka.org, and our team will respond as soon as possible. Please note that we are currently experiencing a high volume of service-related emails, so we ask that you allow 3–4 business days for a response.

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Please Note: *Information is subject to change.*