THE KING'S ACADEMY

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Los Angeles Service Trip: March 20 - 27, 2027

Mission
The Los Angeles Service Trip partners with Union Rescue Mission (URM) to serve people experiencing homelessness by meeting practical needs and sharing the hope of the Gospel. Students will serve inner-city communities through a variety of hands-on opportunities, providing food, clothing, and other essential resources while learning about the challenges facing those experiencing homelessness. This trip offers students a unique opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, grow in compassion, and be a tangible expression of Christ's love in their own country. They will also serve and run a VBS at a local church for underprivileged families.

Goals
- Team members will provide material and spiritual service to inner-city residents. Team members will likely experience settings that may be uncomfortable, and they may be around others who may make them feel uncomfortable. This is not an opportunity for team members to compare levels of bravado, but to bring love and compassion where there has been mostly emptiness and disdain.
- Team members will experience a variety of ways to practice urban ministry, and to deepen their understanding of the complexities influencing chronic inner-city homelessness.
- Team members will be challenged to grow new eyes for service, new ears for compassion, new thoughts for responding, and new hearts for people living in the city.

Trip Cost: $1,325

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	Team departs TKA and arrives in the afternoon; receives orientation
March 21	Team attends local church service; possible service project in afternoon
March 22-25	Service projects – L.A./Skid Row/Watts/MacArthur/Imperial Courts
March 26	Team participates in City Life experience
March 27	Team returns to TKA and arrives in the afternoon

Who is going?
The team will consist of a maximum of 35 students, plus 8 adult chaperones.

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Accommodations/Food
We sleep at Momentum Ministries. Boys will have a room with bunk beds and girls will have a separate room with bunk beds. The first 2 nights we will sleep in classrooms camping style to understand what it might be like for those without beds and then the remaining days we will be in the bunk rooms. On some days, our lunches will be self-prepared sack lunches, and for two dinners we will eat at a local restaurant.

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.**

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.

Leaders: Matt Nisbet and Michele Duncan

Please Note: *Information is subject to change.*