

2010 City of Children Schedule – Outline

The following is an outline for a one-week mission trip. The items that are in **Bold** are the scheduled times that our kids follow throughout the year. We ask that you honor those times during your visit. Items in *Italics* are optional and are to be planned at your discretion.

Saturday

- 12pm* Arrive in San Diego
**Be sure to eat lunch in San Diego before you come to Ensenada – a great place to stop is Seaport Village or In-n-Out Burger. Tell the bus company when you book your bus.*
- 2-4pm* Arrive City of Children
**The earlier you arrive, the more time you'll have to play with the kids. Dinner is on your own when you arrive. Some groups order pizza or just have sandwiches since this is a travel day.*
- 7:00pm* An optional evening activity on this night might be fun and games with Mexican Teens*
- 8:00pm* Many groups choose to end their day with a devotional. You are welcome to involve the Mexican Teens as well.
- 8:30pm Mexican teens return to dorms**
- 10:00pm Lights out in the American dorms**

Sunday

- 7:30am* Breakfast
- 9:00am Worship with everyone in the gym**
- 10:00am* After church, our kids will go to class. This is a great time for you to take a group picture!
- 10:30am City of Children tour**
**This is the only time during the week that you and your team will be allowed in the Mexican dorms to see how they live.*
- 12:00pm Lunch with Everyone**
**This is a meal you don't have to plan. We will serve your team and all of our kids and staff an authentic Mexican meal. Some groups like to cater fish tacos for this meal. You are welcome to do so, however, you will be responsible for paying for it.*
- 2:00pm Games for those without family visitors**
**Sunday afternoon is a great time to get to know our kids. They are allowed to play from 2-4pm. We recommend that you plan organized games that include everyone. Some groups plan a "Junior Olympics" or a campus wide baseball or soccer game. Please let us know in advance the location and specific activity so we'll know what to tell our dorm parents.*
- 5:30pm Dinner**
**You are welcome to have our kids join you for lunch and/or dinner. Many of our teams host a different group of kids for each meal. You are also welcome to host all of our kids for a meal.*
- 6:30pm VBS - Bible classes**
**You are free to begin and end your VBS program however you would like. Some groups have a big introduction on Sunday night with no*

classes. Others have a popcorn and movie night on the last night in the American kitchen (note – food and drinks are not allowed in the gym). Be creative!

- 7:30pm Snacks and play time**
- 8:00pm Medianos return to dorms**
- 8:30pm Mexican teens return to dorms**
- 10:00pm Lights out in the American dorms**

Monday – Wednesday

- 7:30am* Breakfast
- 9:00am* Work Projects
**Mornings during the week are devoted to work projects, both on campus and in the surrounding communities. Most groups split their teams up into work groups – one that goes out, one that stays at the home, and one that cleans up breakfast – empties trash – and helps prepare for lunch. If you are planning on working out in the community, we suggest that you leave no later than 8am. For those staying at the home to work, we recommend you begin no earlier than 9am. Between 8 and 9am is a good time to clean the dorms and take out the bathroom trash!*
- 9:30am* Baby Dorms
If you are looking for a good workout and life changing experience, plan on sending groups to visit the baby dorm during the week from **9:30-11:30am. Please be sure that you have an adult that accompanies your teens and that you stay only in the living room or outside in their play area.*
- 10:00am* Ladies Bible Class
**Many groups host a Ladies Class at this time from Monday through Wednesday. Our mommas love and look forward to this – especially if it involves coffee and snacks! A lot of times they use the same curriculum that is being taught to the kids at night or a ladies class curriculum from your home church.*
- Noon* Return & Clean-up
- 1:00pm Lunch**
- 2:00pm Play time with the Kids**
**We encourage you to prepare activities in the afternoons for our kids like arts and crafts, sports, board games, card games, etc. Please be sure to let us know where you are planning those events and with who. Groups visiting between March and June may be limited in the number of kids they can interact with because they may be working on homework.*
- 2:00pm* Preschool VBS
**Because our preschool kids are so young and they go to bed early, they are not able to come*

and watch your nightly VBS program. In light of that, we encourage you to prepare a mini-VBS program in the afternoons for them. The kids love it when this is away from their dorm like in the kitchen in the gym. They love it when you bring puppets!

4:00pm Children return to dorms
5:00pm Clean up
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm VBS - Bible Classes
7:30pm Snacks and play time
8:00pm Medianos return to dorms
8:30pm Mexican teens return to dorms
9:00pm American Team meeting and devo
10:00pm Lights out in the American dorms

Thursday

7:30am Breakfast
9:00am Leave for Ensenada
*Most groups take Thursday morning off to visit Ensenada and do some souvenir shopping
11:30am Lunch in Ensenada
1:30pm Return to City of Children
2:00pm Play time / Baby dorms open
4:00pm Children return to dorms
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm VBS - Bible Classes

7:30pm Snacks and playtime
8:00pm Medianos and teens return to dorms

*On the last night, you are invited to visit the mediano dorms **with a member of our staff** to tuck in the kids and say goodbye since you'll be leaving early the next day. If you decide to do this, we ask that all of your team participate. Please don't bring toys to give to the kids when you got to tuck them in. The best thing to do is to write a note and give it to the kids at that time. Weeks before they arrive, a couple of our groups assign each of their team members one of our children. In preparation for their trip, they are encouraged to pray for and write that child. During their trip, they spend one on one time with their assigned child getting to know them better. What they find is, in doing so, they develop a friendship that goes far beyond the week they were here!

9:00pm Devotional and Pack
10:00pm Lights out in the American dorms

Friday

6:00am Wake up / clean up
7:00am Breakfast
8:00am Load buses and depart for San Diego

- Be sure to send us your completed schedule no later than **two weeks** before you arrive so it can be translated and given to all of the dorm parents. In fact, we would prefer you to send it to us **one month** in advance along with your menu!