

Dear Parents and
Senior High CARE 2009 Applicants,

Thank you so much for your desire to love on and serve people in our surrounding community by applying for our 2009 CARE Trip. I would like to take this moment to share with you our heart and philosophy behind this CARE trip.

What is CARE?

- CARE stands for Care and Repair Event
- Our purpose in this trip is to give of ourselves by loving and serving those in need
- It is a week-long service and mission trip designed to share the gospel of Christ through word and action
- It is a response to Matthew 28 and Acts 1

Who can be a part of CARE?

- This trip is for anyone who has a desire to work towards helping out those in need
- It is for those who are willing to give up a week of their lives to spend on investing in the lives of other people
- It is for those who complete the application process and turn in the required funds by the required time
- It is a great opportunity to get friends involved in what God is doing through Woodcreek Senior High Ministries

Our heart is to make the CARE Trip an important part of what we do at Woodcreek Senior High Ministries by expressing the love of Jesus Christ by serving other people. Although the location may vary, the passion and philosophy behind the trip will remain constant. The CARE Trip is at the core of what the Woodcreek senior high values – faith expressing itself through love (Gal. 5:6).

- All CARE 2009 applications are due to the Youth Offices by **October 26th**.

It is sincerely our heart to see students grow and develop a heart for Christ. We hope that through this application process *all* of the students involved with the Woodcreek Youth will be challenged and seek to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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senior high**CARE trip****Dec. 28th, 2008 - Jan. 2nd, 2009****CARE application**

due: October 26th

Dear applicants and parents,

We are very excited that you desire to be a part of this year's CARE Team. This trip is an incredible opportunity to demonstrate your faith and learn to be servant-hearted for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We hope that this trip motivates you in your faith and helps to encourage your walk with Christ.

This application is designed to both help us get to know you better and give you a chance to express yourself to us. Please take this application seriously and fill it out completely and honestly, as we want to get to know you better. And also note that there are minimum requirements for this application, so just make sure you get it all done.

Our CARE Trip is an opportunity not to be considered lightly – so please do your best on this application and email Mike with any questions.

By filling out and turning in this application you are affirming your commitment to attend the preparation meetings, serve in all fund-raising projects, and raise the minimum support (\$295) and go on the trip. In other words, please do not turn in this application if you cannot commit to these basic requirements.

RBFC has a great legacy of developing students who have a heart for serving Christ by serving others – thank you for your desire to continue in that legacy!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School Attending and Grade Level: _____

Your signature and the signature of your parent(s) indicate that you have read the above statement and the cover letter and agree to the philosophy of the trip and of the commitment. If you are selected for the trip and are unable to go, you are still responsible to raise/pay for the prepaid expenses of the trip, up to \$350.

Participant's Signature _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Parent(s) Signature(s) _____

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Instructions: Please answer the following questions honestly. Check the appropriate boxes and fill in any information you feel would be helpful for us to know about you.

Are you currently involved in any groups, clubs or organizations (i.e. band, theater, Honor Society, Boy Scouts, etc.)?

Yes No

If so, which?

Have you ever been a part of a service or mission trip in the past?

Yes No

If so, what did you do and where was it?

If you could tell us one thing about yourself, what would it be and why?

Please rank which part of the CARE trip seems most exciting to you from 1- being the most exciting to 5 – being the least exciting.

- ___ Preparing Food
- ___ Painting Houses
- ___ Building Things
- ___ Picking Up Things/Organizing
- ___ Clean up Crew

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Instructions: Please answer the following questions honestly. Each essay question needs to be answered thoroughly and completely. Please answer all the questions in an essay(s) that **must be at least 750 words and no more than 1800 words in total**. Please place the total word count at the top of the first page. Each essay answer **must be typed**. Please staple your typed response essay to the back of this application packet.

The following questions are designed to give you an opportunity to share your heart

Questions for first time CARE team members only:

- Tell us about your relationship with God.
- Describe why you desire to be a part of this year's CARE Team.
- In your own words, why would you say Woodcreek sends the Senior High on this trip?
- What is something that you hope to gain from being a part of this trip?
- Is there anything else you would like to share about your personal faith journey or anything relating to this trip?

Questions for returning Care team members only:

- Describe the most impacting thing from your previous trip.
- How has God grown you spiritually since your previous CARE trip?
- What did you learn about serving on a previous CARE trip that will help you serve better on this trip?
- How can you help be a leader to those who are first time CARE team member?
- In what way do you want to challenge yourself in your walk with Christ on this trip?
- Is there anything else you would like to tell us about you and this year's CARE trip?

This year's trip will be a return to New Orleans to continue in the hurricane relief efforts. We will be going with the EFCA Katrina Project (www.efcakatrinaproject.com) - the same organization we used last year. They have direct ministry impact to those still suffering and in need in the city and surrounding communities of New Orleans.

Our desire is to have the heart of Christ when we look out on our world...

**"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."
Galatians 5:6**