



Greetings GoStudents Participant!

We are so excited to have you be a part of GoStudents 2020! We wanted to reach out with some information and details. We mailed out our Acceptance Packets recently so you should be receiving yours soon. Please read it and this email very carefully and feel free to reach out with any questions!

CORONAVIRUS

Oklahoma Baptists understands there are growing fears about the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are currently making plans and preparations to move forward with our GoStudents mission projects for this summer. However in light of the global expansion of the Coronavirus, we cannot guarantee whether the situation will have gotten better or worse by summer. All we can do is wait, watch, and pray. We are diligently monitoring the [Centers for Disease Control recommendations](#) and consulting the [U.S. State Department travel advisories](#). We're also monitoring recommendations from our [state office](#) and the [International Mission Board](#). We have not decided at this point to cancel our projects, but if that were the case we would refund/transfer all payments made. **We will make a final decision about our summer mission projects on April 15.** Again, even though we are in a holding period waiting and watching, we are making plans and preparations to move forward this summer on our projects.

TRAINING

We are also currently making plans and preparations to move forward with our **GoStudents Training Retreat at Eagle Heights Church in Oklahoma City on Saturday, March 28th**. As with the projects themselves, we cannot guarantee that the situation will have gotten better or worse by then. We will wait and watch for recommendations from the [Oklahoma State Department of Health](#). We will probably cancel or restructure the retreat if school is canceled at that time.

The rest of this email assumes the retreat will go on as planned.

There is a schedule in the [Acceptance Packet](#), but it is attached to this email as well. Training is planned from 9:00am – 6:30pm. We will have a small GoStudents store with some things that you can purchase if you would like with cash or check. Check-in will be in the Student Building which sits just west of the main church building.

There will be light breakfast items available during check-in starting at 8:00am. The optional parent meeting starts at 9:00am at which time participants will go to their first group time. It will be a very fast paced day, so come ready and excited for the Lord to work mightily as we prepare for what He is doing across the world!

DOCUMENTS

Passport/ID

If you have not yet uploaded or sent us your clear, color copy of your passport (for trips outside of the United States) or your ID (for trips inside of the United States) please do so ASAP or let us know when you will be getting it. We will be booking travel soon and must have your passport or ID to do so.

Parent Consent Form

All participants need to complete the [Parent Consent Form](#) and mail, email, or fax it back to us. If you have not yet done this, please do so. You can download it at the link below.

<http://www.gostudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Parent-Release-Form-2020.pdf>

FOCUS MISSIONS ACCOUNT

If you do not know your login, please use the 'forgot password' feature to reset your password. If you have tried that and cannot get it to work, please email gostudents@oklahomabaptists.org. You need to be able to log in to see your funding, requirements, and see your Project Coordinator and team! There is also a discussion board that you can communicate with your team through. Login in and upload a profile picture so that you can go ahead and get to know your team and Coordinator(s).

LOGIN Page: <https://gostudents.focusmissions.com/login>

FUNDING

I have attached the payment schedule. You will notice that some dates have already passed. We realize that some people were not accepted until January or February, so we will be working with you all on payment deadlines on a case by case basis in order to make sure that we get all payments and documents turned in even after those dates. If you are behind on your funding, **you will need to contact our office asap to work out a plan to get caught up, if you have not yet done so.**

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. If you are behind on payments, you can pay them online or mail them in to our office.
2. If you have not turned in your clear color copy of your ID (for trips inside of the United States) or passport (for trips outside of the United States), please do so.
3. If you have not yet turned in your Parent Consent Form, please send it to our office.
4. Lunch will be provided at training (chick-fil-a!) *(Please notify the GoStudents office of any food allergies asap)*
5. Bring a bible. We will give you a pen and notebook.
6. Before the retreat make sure you have memorized the [GOODNEWS Gospel Conversation Acronym](#).
7. Belize participants need to stay until Sunday, March 29 until 7pm for drama practice and performance. Make sure and bring an air mattress, bedding, extra clothes etc. Parents may want to plan to watch the performance at 6pm Sunday night! (Belize 1 – FBC Choctaw, Belize 2 – Eagle Heights Church Student Building)
8. There will be a GoStudents Store with some items available for purchase. You can purchase items with cash or check if you would like!

We are so excited to see you at the retreat and join together in sharing the Good News with the nations. We hope that you have already started to pray for God to work in a powerful way through all of our GoStudents Teams. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns by emailing gostudents@oklahomabaptists.org or abiliske@oklahomabaptists.org or bbaldwin@oklahomabaptists.org or by calling our office at (405) 942-3800.

For our King and His Cause...

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