

SERVICE ADVENTURE

Alumni

What Is the Service Adventure?

The Service Adventure is a short-term mission trip that challenges you to experience service and ministry on a whole new level. The combination of Service and Adventure makes it an exciting opportunity for Christian growth! For two weeks you can join participants from different countries as they come together for one purpose—to become better prepared to serve the Lord. Whether that means serving in your neighborhood, in another part of the world, or possible service through the Educational Assistance program for graduates, you will catch a lifelong vision of a world in need of Christ!

You will have the opportunity to serve the Lord through serving others in need. Be challenged as you step out of your comfort zone and explore a different culture. Meet new people and make friends that will last a lifetime!

Training for Service

In the first week of Service Adventure, you will be challenged and grow along with your team members as you participate in training for ministry. You will learn to work together through team-building activities as you prepare to serve the Lord and people who serve in schools using the A.C.E. program.

Training for service includes learning how to recognize and fulfill your unique calling by studying what it means to serve the Lord wholeheartedly. Inspiring evening devotions challenge you to action through God's Word, prayer, and Scripture memory. Preparation for service also includes practical classes and activities such as cross-cultural orientation, puppetry, language lessons, and school furniture construction skills.

Part of the adventure will include roughing it by sleeping on a hard surface, eating unusual foods, and using less-than-comfortable bathing facilities—excellent training for missionaries!

Service in Action

Once training is complete, the second week will be spent serving and ministering in needy schools that use the A.C.E. program. You will travel with your team to spend at least five days implementing what you have learned. Teams will enjoy getting to know the people as they minister, build student offices, paint, and do whatever they can to help these schools prepare for the new school year. Participants will have the chance to take part in sharing the Gospel through their testimonies as well as puppetry or drama.

At the end of serving at offsite locations, fellow participants and leaders will return to the Service Adventure base for a day of rest and debriefing. Debriefing is an essential part of the Service Adventure experience because it allows participants to make an overall self-assessment of physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual growth. This is a time for evaluating personal and group experiences, preparing a video presentation to share your adventure, and applying what was learned to everyday life.

Who Can Attend?

All participants must be at least 16 years of age by June 1 prior to Service Adventure. Attendees must be using at least three core subjects of the A.C.E. curriculum, be a graduate who used the curriculum, or be a parent or staff member actively serving in a school using the A.C.E. program. Participants under the age of 18 must have written permission from a parent/guardian. A written recommendation from the participant's pastor or supervisor is required. Adults of all ages are encouraged to participate as the Service Adventure is not just for young people. Background checks are necessary for participants 18 and older.

How to Apply

Step One: To apply for the Service Adventure, send the following printable forms with the **nonrefundable** \$75 annual registration fee before **April 1** to **Service Adventure, Accelerated Christian Education Ministries, P.O. Box 508, Hendersonville, TN 37077-0508. Alternately you may email these items to hisservant@acem.org, or you may fax them to 615-612-6069.**

- Application (must include a recent photograph of yourself)
- My Christian Testimony (details about your salvation experience)
- Why I Want to Attend
- Willing Servant Agreement
- Character Reference (*sent to ACEM by your pastor/supervisor*)
- Service Adventure Screening Form
- Health Status
- Medical Release
- Model/Photo Release
- Release of Liability
- Proof of PACE work (if student)
- Nonrefundable Annual Registration Fee of \$75

NOTE: Be sure you have a valid government-issued passport. You must have at least six months of time left on your passport at the end of Service Adventure. If you do not have a passport, get it as soon as possible.

Your Service Adventure application will be submitted to an approval committee. Once their decision is made, you will be notified via email of approval status.

Step Two: Once you have been accepted, you will receive an email with a letter and any information that you may need to proceed with the registration process. To complete registration, send the following items to ACEM at the above address before **June 1**.

- Copy of completed flight itinerary provided by travel website/agent or detailed arrival/departure information if traveling by bus, train, or car (Each participant is responsible for making travel arrangements to the Service Adventure site.)
- Service Adventure Fee of \$350

NOTE: Be sure to secure a passport.

The Cost

Cost for participation is **\$350**. This fee covers lodging, meals, equipment, supplies, class materials, training, and local transportation during the Service Adventure. This fee is due before June 1. (The participation fee of \$350 does **NOT** include transportation costs from your home to Service Adventure and is in addition to the \$75 registration fee.) Please bring your Service Adventure shirt with a patch. If it has been lost or ruined, you can purchase one at Service Adventure for \$25.

Transportation

Travel arrangements to and from Service Adventure should be made by each individual participant. Please contact us for consultation **PRIOR** to making your travel arrangements! All participants should arrive on the first day after 5 a.m. and should depart on the last day no later than midnight. Please do not plan to travel on other days.

For More Information

If you would like to learn more about how you can experience this life-changing Service Adventure, please email hisservant@acem.org or call 615-612-5200.

Do you want to be an additional blessing? Your church or school can help raise funds for student office construction (\$40 per office) or to purchase other Learning Center needs for the school in which you will serve. If you would like to make donations to help with tools and materials, email the address listed above.

Attach a recent photograph of yourself with this application.

SERVICE ADVENTURE APPLICATION

Step One

Date _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Print Name _____ Preferred Name _____
Last First

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Sex M F T-Shirt Size XS S M L XL XXL

Country of Citizenship _____ Passport Number _____

PASTOR/SCHOOL INFORMATION

Pastor's Name _____ Church Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

School Name _____ Administrator's Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Acct. # _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (if under 18)

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

List any medical problems or physical limitations _____

Describe your involvement with A.C.E. (*student, graduate, supervisor, parent, pastor, etc.*) _____

Years with A.C.E. _____ Year of graduation _____ Denomination/Religious affiliation _____

(If student) Current PACE assigned (e.g., #1112): Math _____ English _____ Social Studies _____ Science _____
Students must submit proof of PACE work (Student Progress Report, Supervisor's Progress Card, or transcript).

(If adult) Position at school _____ How many years? _____ Responsibilities _____

Previous involvement in the Service Adventure _____

Language(s) spoken: First _____ English will be used primarily Second _____ Third _____

Participant Signature _____ Date _____
Your signature verifies that all information is accurate and correct. If getting assistance filling out this form, please indicate that person's name and give the reason.

Person assisting with form _____ Reason _____
Note: Applicants aged 18 and up will be asked to sign a release giving permission to complete a background check before acceptance.

Parent/Guardian Permission (if under 18): I give _____ my permission to participate in the 20____ ACEM Service Adventure.

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Print Parent Name _____

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MY CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY

Step One

(Use additional pages, if needed.)

Date of salvation (if known) _____

My salvation experience: Please write a brief statement of your Christian testimony (your salvation experience—the day you accepted Christ)

My participation in church and school activities (current responsibilities at church, current and prior participation during high school years, and current community service activities)

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Print full name _____ Date _____

Name of contact person who can confirm your involvement _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Willing Servant Agreement

Step One

We appreciate your willingness to return to Service Adventure and be a servant to those around you! Because of your experience with Service Adventure, we know you are familiar with the A.C.E. expectations and standards. As you know, the main focus of Service Adventure is to draw people closer to the Lord. Every year, we pray that the lessons learned at Service Adventure will be applied to your everyday life and encourage you to become more like Christ.

1. How has God worked in your life this past year? (Explain)

2. Do you feel closer to God now than you were a year ago? (Explain)

3. What new ways (ministries/activities) have you served the Lord this past year?

4. What do you hope to learn from Service Adventure this year?

5. What do you hope to contribute to Service Adventure this year?

6. What direction do you feel God is leading you when praying about your life's vocation?

7. Do you have a friend or family member who has applied to be on this year's Service Adventure team? If yes, what is his/her name and relation to you?

8. What leadership characteristics will you use to assist your fellow teammates and supervisors?

9. Service Adventure alumni are an example to students who have not attended before. What kind of example will you be?

I agree to follow the Lord's leading during Service Adventure. I will be an example of a true servant of Christ. I will follow all directives asked of me with a good attitude and help others around me have the same. I will be a help, not a hindrance, to God's work during Service Adventure.

Name (Please Print)

Date

SERVICE ADVENTURE CHARACTER REFERENCE

Step One

(To be completed by someone other than a relative, friend, or coworker.)

Participant: Please fill in your personal information and give this form to your *pastor* or *supervisor* to complete.

Print Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Dear Pastor or Supervisor: Thank you for assisting with the selection of participants for the ACEM Service Adventure. ACEM is endeavoring to assist mature, committed, Christian young people and adults to represent our Lord as His servants. With this in mind, we ask that you please fill out the Character Reference form and return it to: **Service Adventure, Accelerated Christian Education Ministries, P.O. Box 508, Hendersonville, TN 37077-0508** or email to **hisservant@acem.org**. All responses will be held in strict confidence.

- How long have you known this prospective participant? _____
- Your relationship with the prospective participant: Pastor Supervisor
- Please indicate character strengths and weaknesses in the following areas:

	Excellent	Good	Inconsistent	Poor	Unknown
Ability to follow direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude toward authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Functions under stress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership qualities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working relationships with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Character and honesty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spiritual life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **If "Inconsistent" is marked, please explain.** _____
- Please note anything, including areas of concern, about the prospective participant or his/her family that you feel we should know. _____
- To the best of your knowledge, does or has the prospective participant engage(d) in the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs? Yes No
- Is the applicant active in your church? Yes No If no, which church? _____
- What character trait(s) are demonstrated that you believe qualify this applicant to attend the Service Adventure? _____
- Has the applicant been previously involved in service opportunities? _____ If so, what was his/her participation? _____
- Please indicate your recommendation for this prospective participant.
 - Fully recommend Not recommended at this time
 - Recommend with slight reservations

Your Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Signature _____ Title _____

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Accelerated Christian Education Ministries Service Adventure Screening Form

Step One

Print Current Legal Full Name _____
Please list all names used in the last 7 years (including Maiden Name) _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Male Female Driver's License Number _____
Phone Number (____) _____ Passport Number _____
Present Address _____ City _____
State/Province _____ County _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Answer the following questions truthfully to the best of your ability.

Have you ever been convicted of, plead guilty to, been charged with, or been investigated for the endangerment of the life of a child? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been convicted of, plead guilty to, been charged with, or been investigated for any crimes involving drug-related charges, theft, criminal negligence, and/or any crime of violence? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Are you currently under parole or probation, or have you ever been under investigation for any crimes that you are aware of? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

If you are 18 or older, you will receive an email from HireRight® with a link to complete an authorization form that will allow us to conduct a background check. Please complete within one week since the link expires.

I have read this document and understand that by signing below I am legally affirming that all of the information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize Accelerated Christian Education Ministries to request any police/sheriff's department or other relevant law enforcement entity or other record-keeping organization to release information regarding any record of charges or convictions contained in its files, or in any criminal file maintained on me, whether said file is a local, state, or national file, and including but not limited to accusations and convictions for crimes committed against minors to the fullest extent permitted by state or federal law. I do release said police/sheriff and other organization from all liability that may result from any such disclosure made in response to this request.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Full Name _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (if under 18) _____

Print Full Name _____

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SERVICE ADVENTURE HEALTH STATUS

Step One

(Please type or print clearly.)

Print Name _____ Date _____

Please identify any medical conditions or limitations which might affect your performance during the ACEM Service Adventure. _____

Do you have any allergies that require special attention? If so, please explain.

Do you require any medications? If so, please identify by prescription name.

Do you have any dietary concerns or requirements? _____

Have you had surgery during the past 12 months? If so, please explain.

Are you currently under a doctor's care? If so, for what condition?

Doctor's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Doctor's Address _____
Street City State/Province ZIP/Postal Code Country

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Phone (____) _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Immunization History			
Please list dates of most recent vaccination boosters.			
Note: The following vaccinations are recommended but not required.			
Vaccine	Date	Travel Immunizations	Date
DTP or DTaP	_____	Hepatitis A	_____
Tetanus Booster	_____	Hepatitis B	_____
MMR	_____	Tuberculosis	_____
Polio	_____	Rabies	_____
Influenza	_____	COVID	_____
H1N1	_____		

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

Name _____ Relation _____

Phone (____) _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

SERVICE ADVENTURE MEDICAL RELEASE

Step One

(Please type or print clearly.)

I understand that attendance at the ACEM Service Adventure is voluntary. I release A.C.E. Ministries or Accelerated Christian Education, Inc., its employees, ACEM Service Adventure personnel, and the host school(s) selected as official ACEM Service Adventure location(s) from any liability for accidents, sickness, or death that may occur while serving with ACEM Service Adventure, at all times and locations, during ACEM Service Adventure, and while in and/or en route to and from the host country. Supervising personnel in leadership with whom I serve have my permission to take me to a doctor for medical treatment, emergency surgery, or hospitalization if the need arises. **I assume the responsibility of all medical expenses for myself.** Should circumstances require me to return home due to disciplinary action or for medical reasons, I will assume total transportation costs.

Print Name _____

Phone (____) _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

National Identification Number (e.g., Social Security Number) _____

Important: DO NOT SIGN except in the presence of witnesses. Witnesses must be **unrelated** to prospective participant and at least 21 years of age. (Please note two witness signatures are required.)

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Relation _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Relation _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Relation _____



Accelerated Christian Education
Accelerated Christian Education Ministries
MODEL/PHOTO RELEASE

Step One



I hereby grant to **A.C.E. School of Tomorrow or Accelerated Christian Education Ministries (ACEM)**, its nominees, designees, successors, and assigns or those for whom they are acting, the absolute right and permission to copyright, and/or publish photographic portraits or pictures of me, or in which I may be included in whole or in part, or composite, or distorted in character or form, in conjunction with my own or any other picture, name, or reproductions thereof in color or otherwise made through any media at its property or elsewhere, for art, advertising, business, or any other lawful purpose whatsoever.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless **A.C.E. or ACEM**, its nominees, designees, successors, and assigns, or others for whom **A.C.E. or ACEM** is acting, from any liability by virtue of any use whatsoever, whether intentional or otherwise, or from any charge that may occur or be produced in the taking of said picture or pictures, or any processing rendering towards the completion of the finished product, unless it can be shown that reproduction was maliciously caused, produced, and published solely for the purpose of subjecting me to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn, and indignity.

Model Name _____
Please Print

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Model Signature _____ Date _____

If under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the model must sign here:

_____ Date _____

parent and/or legal guardian of _____

do hereby consent and grant permission to the foregoing.

(Must be **unrelated**)

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Relation _____

Accepted and acknowledged by **A.C.E. School of Tomorrow or Accelerated Christian Education Ministries**

By _____ Date _____

SERVICE ADVENTURE RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Step One

For providing minimal accidental insurance and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and confessed, the undersigned individual hereby acknowledges that the undersigned has voluntarily elected to pursue certain educational activities with a full understanding of the risks involved therein, that the undersigned is responsible for acquiring any required travel documents and immunizations, and that in such pursuits the undersigned is not an employee, representative, or guest of Accelerated Christian Education Ministries (ACEM). The undersigned also represents to ACEM that (i) the undersigned or the undersigned's relatives have made adequate provision for the undersigned's care and return in the event of injury, sickness, or disciplinary action necessitating such return, (ii) provision has been made for the undersigned's return upon completion of the undersigned's educational activities therein, and (iii) all expenses incurred by the undersigned in connection with the performance of the undersigned's educational activities or otherwise shall be borne by the undersigned or the undersigned's sponsoring organization, and that ACEM shall have no liability whatsoever therefore.

Consequently, the undersigned with the intent of binding the undersigned and the undersigned's heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, hereby unconditionally releases, acquits and forever discharges ACEM, its successors and assigns, its officers, directors, shareholders, and employees from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of whatever kind, character and description, whether based on facts presently known or hereafter discovered, whether based upon statutory law or common law, whether known or unknown, which have accrued or which may ever accrue to the undersigned, the undersigned's heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, for and on account of all matters relating to the educational activities of the undersigned and the travel of the undersigned to and from such a location and the performance of the educational activities of the undersigned from the beginning of time until one year after the permanent return of the undersigned from such a location. This Release is for any relief, no matter how denominated, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages, punitive damages, and damages for pain and suffering or mental anguish, personal injury, medical expenses, and attorneys' fees and costs.

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

National Identification Number (e.g. Social Security Number) _____

Phone (_____) _____

Important: DO NOT SIGN except in the presence of witnesses. Witnesses must be **unrelated** to prospective participant and at least 21 years of age. (Please note two witness signatures are required.)

Note: A parent/guardian must sign this release for persons under 18 years of age.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Relation _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Relation _____

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WHAT TO BRING CHECKLIST

General Items

Required

- Bible, pen, and notebook—Bring a paper Bible as mobile devices may not be used in devotions.
- Bring your own personal first aid kit, including sunscreen, anti-diarrheal, insect repellent, and itch relief. Bring any medicine you take regularly or might need.
- Spending money in small bills (keep in a money belt or zippered bag)—\$40 is suggested
- Small flashlight, extra batteries
- A pair of scissors or a pocketknife (put in your checked luggage)
- A refillable water bottle and a coffee cup or thermos (needed for coffee, hot drinks, or soup)—You will be provided a dish, a fork, and a spoon to use.
- Sleeping bag or bedroll, flat sheet (individual size), small pillow with an extra pillowcase, and a mat or something to place on the floor under your sleeping bag (an exercise mat, a foam camping pad, or an air mattress)—You will be sleeping on a concrete or tiled floor.
- Two small, lightweight bath towels and two washcloths
- Toiletries and personal items: toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant, hand sanitizer, and other essentials—Bring travel-sized items!
- Plastic bags for dirty laundry, laundry detergent for washing by hand, at least 10 clothespins for hanging clothes, and 8 feet of parachute cord or strong string (for tying knots or hanging clothes)—A washing machine may be available for large clothing items.
- Suitcases: limited to one large suitcase and one carry-on item (backpack, messenger bag, or roller bag—You will use this during the second week.) per participant. Choose suitcases that meet current airline standards and that are easy to manage by yourself.
- Optional: small sewing kit, camera, batteries, and/or charger

Clothing – Bring clothes for at least 5 days.

Required for Both Genders

- Tennis shoes (two pairs) and socks
- Flip flops for use only in the shower
- Safety glasses, ear plugs, hat (or bandana), and gloves (cloth or leather) for outside work
- Lightweight jacket or sweater
- Rain gear: lightweight raincoat or poncho and small travel-sized umbrella
- At least one outfit (including shoes) appropriate for Sunday morning worship
- Lightweight conservative pajamas with short sleeves

Male

- Full-length denim or durable work pants (at least two pairs)
- Short-sleeved shirts (no secular slogans/words/graphics)

Note: DO NOT BRING shorts, excessively baggy or tight pants, cutoffs, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts. No facial hair is permitted for young men.

Female

- Skirt or culottes (skirt-like in appearance)—Length must be below the knee. Denim is acceptable.
- Short-sleeved shirts or blouses (no secular slogans/words/graphics)

Note: DO NOT BRING shorts, gauchos, capris, pants, halter tops, form-fitting shirts, low-cut blouses, or sleeveless shirts. Keep makeup and jewelry to a minimum and within International Student Convention standards. It will be difficult to use electric curling irons, straighteners, or blow dryers.

Note: DO NOT BRING secular magazines, music, or books. DO NOT BRING games or toys. Earphones cannot be used during the day. Cell phone usage will be limited.

Bring a real, physical Bible with paper pages for devotional time.