

2023 Ambassadors Football Summer Experience Info Sheet

Mission Trip Overview

It's called "Summer Experience", and for 32 years it has been a life-changing event for young men and women world-wide. This five-week missions trip provides opportunities for churches to reach their communities through the those who'll join us. Coaches are challenged in their faith, leading young people to know Christ through the sport they love. It's a mission trip like no other.

Summer Experience begins in Cleveland, Ohio with a four-day training event called SMTC (Soccer Ministry Training Course). It includes worship, prayer, biblical teaching, and great fellowship. Of course, there's plenty of on-field training and friendly play with peers from around the world. Each coach receives a full coach's kit. Housing, meals, and in-country transportation.

Our coaches then travel in teams to various churches near Cleveland, Ohio or in other parts of the USA. Most camps involve a 5-day program that begins at 9 AM and ends at 3:00 PM, not including prep and debriefing times with tour directors. Evenings may involve a church sponsored event, an Ambassadors activity or time with host families.

Camps Ministry Philosophy

At every Ambassadors Camp, it is our goal to:

- Offer quality soccer instruction while encouraging a positive and loving Christian environment. Each coach will demonstrate the love of Christ, making these camps different from secular programs.
- Challenge and present children with the opportunity to put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The camp includes small group Bible lessons, testimonies and assemblies that clearly present the Good News.
- Help kids have fun! Each soccer camp is a positive experience for the children, their families, and coaches

2023 Dates

Our 2023 Summer Experience runs from Monday, July 3 – through Sunday, August 6. Our first session starts at 8:15 am on the 3rd. Therefore, coaches are required to arrive in Cleveland between Friday, June 30 and through Sunday, July 2. You are dismissed to leave the tour after Sunday, August 6, but must leave no later than Tuesday, August 8. There is some flexibility if coaches cannot stay until August 6th, but we need most coaches to attend the whole tour.

Costs

- The cost of the tour is \$300.00 (US Dollars). This fee helps cover the cost of a full kit, air and ground transportation in the States, along with training, food, lodging, tour equipment and more.
- Coaches must provide their own transportation to Cleveland and back home. At the end of this mission trip, most coaches will *not* return home from Cleveland. They will need to book flights from the city of the last camp on their tour. Ambassadors will communicate with coaches about which tour they will serve, so they can book return flights.
- The fee does NOT include travel/health insurance, required for each coach. Coaches must have travel/health insurance, or they cannot be part of this mission trip. Ambassadors will send links to coaches who have been accepted, connecting them to companies that provide this type of temporary insurance if any coach does not have insurance already.
- Refunds – If a coach is accepted but needs to cancel, he or she can be refunded \$200.00, with \$100.00 staying with the mission. No refunds will be issued after May 15, 2023, except for extreme emergency.

COVID-19 and the 2023 Summer Experience

We have put several guidelines in place concerning COVID-19 which all summer coaches have to understand and accept.

- Coaches need follow all travel protocols concerning testing. Your airline will let you know what those are.
- No coach can knowingly come to the States having COVID-19.
- If a coach gets COVID-19 while in the USA, that coach will not be allowed to be part of the coaching program.

- **If you are accepted, we strongly suggest that you purchase flight tickets that will allow you to make changes in case the virus, or any other reason, causes you to change or cancel your flight.** This could include a last-minute positive coronavirus test be leaving for the States, or if you need to leave due to the virus in the USA. **If a coach contracts COVID-19 at the end of the tour, Ambassadors Football cannot purchase new tickets due to required isolation. Therefore, purchasing flexible tickets that can be changed is vital to keep costs low for coaches if isolation happens.**
- All coaches will need to carefully follow all rules and instructions about safe COVID-19 practice that Ambassadors Football and our partnering churches create for the care and safety of all campers, host families, coaches and any others who interact with Ambassadors Football tour members during the summer of ministry.
- Ambassadors Football reserves the right to change these protocols based on any change in the COVID-19 status within any of the places where the USA Camps program is serving.

How To Apply

- Coach Application – Complete the 2023 online coach's application (www.afcamps.org).
- Pastor and Personal References – Pastor and personal references are needed. Please copy and paste the links to the online reference forms and email them to your pastor ([2023 AF Camps Pastoral Reference Form](#)) and one other person who knows you ([2023 AF Camps Personal Reference Form](#)). They will use each link to complete the forms online.
- Tour Fee – Pay the \$300.00 coaches tour fee online. Contact us on how to make payments either by check or on-line. (camps@Ambassadorsfootball.org.)
- Approval – Once the on-line application and references and received, we will review them and send a follow-up letter.
- On-Line Training Materials – If accepted, a link will be sent to all coaches for on-line training and vital documents to download and read. *You must complete all online training material in order to join us in Cleveland. A checklist of assignments will be available to all coaches.* Progress for completion will be monitored by our Camps Team.
- Staff Assistance – An Ambassadors staff member will be in contact with applicants throughout this process to assist, answer questions and offer prayer. Later, in the Spring of 2023, a tour director will also be in contact with the coaches on his/her tour to help prepare them for the ministry phase of the summer tour.

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