

# B⚡G CITY '18

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI





## THERE ARE FEW MOMENTS IN LIFE THAT CHANGE EVERYTHING.

But these are the moments we live for. The moments when we feel most alive. When we know exactly why we're here. When we leave our mark on this place. When we catch a glimpse of Heaven while walking around on Earth. Revolution's Big City mission trip has the potential to create these moments along with memories that will last a lifetime.

Join us for Big City '18.

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DECLARE HIS GLORY  
AMONG THE NATIONS,  
HIS MARVELOUS WORKS  
AMONG ALL PEOPLE.

1 CHRONICLES 16:24

Every week at Revolution, there's awesome music, great messages that apply to your life, and plenty of time to hang out with friends. You get to be yourself, let loose, and have a great time while growing in your relationship with God. Big City takes the best of what we do at Revolution and uses it to propel us out to serve those in need. Expect big fun, big moments, and a big impact. Whether this is your first trip or you've been to Big City in the past, you can expect God to stretch and grow you in amazing ways.

## TRIP OVERVIEW

Big City '18 is part of the next generation of Revolution mission trips in which we combine serving in the inner-city with full-on, massive worship and teaching time each night.

## DESTINATION: ST. LOUIS

**WHO:** Any student completing 9th-12th grades

**WHEN:** Leaving Saturday morning, June 16 and Returning Saturday evening, June 23

**COST:** \$850. *This includes all transportation, housing, food, supplies, a trip t-shirt, and several sightseeing opportunities in downtown St. Louis. Extra money is only needed for snacks on the road and souvenirs.*

## SEEING ST. LOUIS

We'll spend a whole day enjoying the sites. We'll visit important monuments, historic sites, and have some fun in St. Louis.

## ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

We'll get to St. Louis by coach bus. Once in St. Louis, we'll sleep and eat our meals at a church/school willing to host our entire group. We will have separate sleeping areas for girls and boys, and we'll have shower facilities available at least once a day. We'll finish each day of serving by having a combined evening large-group session in an auditorium in at the church/school.

## SERVING WITH CUTTING EDGE MINISTRIES

Cutting Edge Ministries has directed our past seven Revolution mission trips and is partnering us with local churches and outreach ministries in inner-city St. Louis. During the day, students will be split into teams of 15-30 and will work directly with ministries committed to reaching their community by meeting tangible and spiritual needs. Each team will participate in community outreach, work projects, child and youth day camps, and food and clothing distribution. This trip will give each student an insider's view of inner-city ministries in action and allow them to be a light to kids, families, and communities in need.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Any student who has participated in a previous Revolution mission trip is strongly encouraged to apply to become a student leader for Big City '18. Student leaders will be team captains during serving opportunities, co-lead morning Bible studies in a small group of peers, and be offered pre-trip leadership training with our Student Ministries staff.

## REFUNDS

To ensure that we are following the IRS rules regarding charitable contributions to non-profit organizations for mission trip purposes and because travel details need to be made in advance of the trip, there are no refunds available after April 4th, with the exception of a medical emergency for the trip attendee resulting in their inability to attend the trip.

# APPLICATION AND PAYMENT PROCESS

## STEP #1: ATTEND AN INFORMATION MEETING

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These meetings will be held at every campus on Wednesday, Feb 28, during Revolution Small Group time, 7-8 pm. Interested students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

## STEP #2: FILL OUT FORMS

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Fill out the mission trip application and forms included in this packet, access the trip packet at [ebcrevolution.com](http://ebcrevolution.com), or ask a leader for a trip packet at Revolution.

## STEP #3: HAND IN DEPOSIT AND FORMS

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Submit completed application forms and a \$200 deposit to the Pastor of Student Ministries at Revolution or to the Eagle Brook Offices by Wednesday, March 21. Eagle Brook staff will solidify the trip rosters by the end of the day on Wednesday, April 4. If your application is selected, your \$200 becomes a non-refundable payment toward the cost of the trip (almost all applications fall into this category). However, if your application needs follow-up, you will be contacted to discuss a plan. If, after the discussion, the application needs to be canceled, your \$200 will be returned to you.

## STEP #4: RAISE FUNDS AND MAKE PAYMENTS

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Payments of \$200 are due on April 18 and May 9. A final payment of \$250 is due on June 6. By June 7, the total balance of your trip should be paid.

## STEP #5: ATTEND THE HALF-DAY TEAM TRAINING, ON SUNDAY, MAY 6

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From 3 pm - 7 pm at your campus on this day, we'll meet to review trip details, get to know each other, and train for some of our serving opportunities. This will be a great chance to meet the people you'll be serving with and lock in final details.

## PAYING FOR THE TRIP AND FUNDRAISING

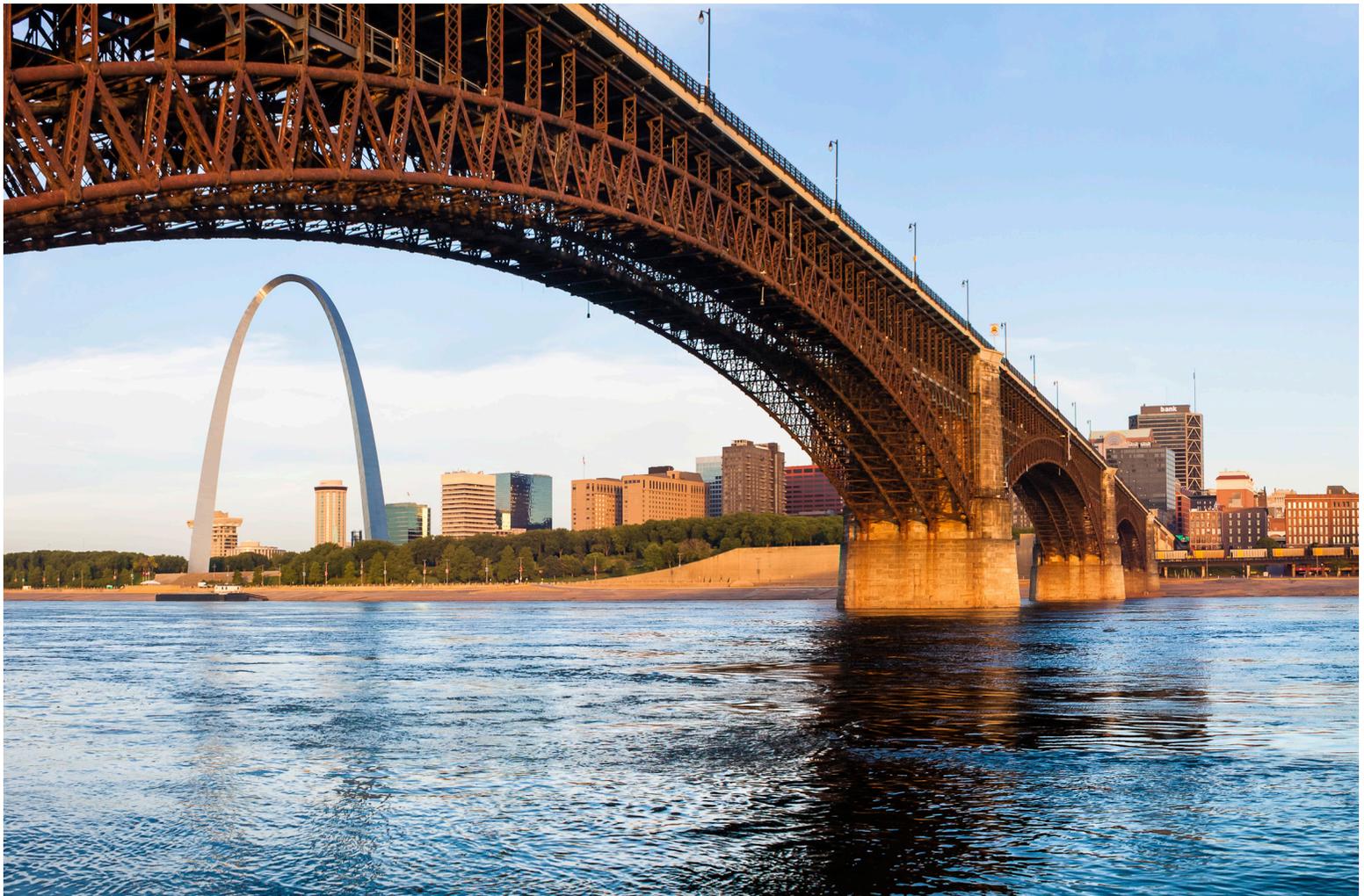
Although the trip carries a significant cost, we have made every effort to make it an excellent value. Also, since most of the experience involves serving in the community, there is an opportunity for every family to fundraise to cover their expenses. **In the past, a majority of families have paid the original deposit out-of-pocket and successfully fundraised the rest of the trip balance.**

Please keep in mind, though, that all team participants are personally responsible to pay for or arrange funding for the trip costs. We have found that support letters are the best way to give friends and family an opportunity to support you in paying for the trip. A sample letter is included in this trip packet. Please read the sample letter for specific directions on receiving contributions toward your cost.

Additionally, all participants will be able to direct their family and friends to a Big City '18 donation website. The website allows potential donors to use debit or credit cards to contribute to the trip, which will be credited toward your individual fundraising goal.

Finally, while Eagle Brook does not coordinate specific fundraising events for Big City '18, there are many fundraising opportunities available to students in the community. The best way to find and participate in these fundraising opportunities is in coordination with your Revolution small group.

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# SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

[ NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT BEGIN RAISING FUNDS UNTIL RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE INFO ON APRIL 4. ]

**Please do not copy this letter word for word.** Use it as a framework and put your letter into your own words. You can send this letter through the mail, or use the text to create an email to send to your family and friends. If sending via mail, make sure you sign each letter individually. It's an important personal touch to choose not to photocopy your signature. We also encourage you to include a response form (see template below) and a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. This makes it far more likely that a friend or family member will write a check and send it back without a large hassle.

Dear [Insert your supporter's name here.],

I have an opportunity this summer, June 16-23, to go on a mission trip to St. Louis with other high school students from Eagle Brook Church.

We'll be working with several inner-city churches committed to meeting people's practical needs in order to show them the hope and love found in Jesus. We'll partner with local church staff in St. Louis to do community outreach, work projects, children's day camps, and food and clothing distribution. We'll get an insider's view of a few inner-city churches in action and try to be a light to kids, families, and communities in need.

I am excited about what God is going to do in my life and in the lives of others through this trip. I would like to ask you to pray for me and my team as we prepare and also while we are away on the trip.

In addition to your prayer support, I also ask you to consider helping support our team financially. As you can imagine, helping 300 students serve for a week will take a lot of financial resources. I'm am hoping to gather \$850 from donations and my own contributions to put toward the total cost of the trip. I trust that God will provide the money we all need to participate in this mission trip.

If you're interested in supporting us through prayer or financial donation, I would love to hear from you. You can give online at [web address coming soon for online donations!], which is the easiest way to respond, or you can send the donation to me. If mailing a donation, please make your check out to Eagle Brook Church and include the enclosed response form.

Thank you for taking the time to read about my opportunity and for prayerfully considering supporting my team.

With gratitude,  
[Sign your name here.]

*P.S. Please fill out the enclosed response form and return it to us before June 1. Checks should be made payable to Eagle Brook Church. Please write "2018 High School Mission Trip" in the memo section.*

# SUPPORTER RESPONSE FORM

[ INCLUDE THIS WITH YOUR SUPPORT LETTER TO MAKE IT EASY FOR DONORS TO RESPOND. ]

Dear *[insert your name here]*, I/we want to support the 2018 High School Mission Trip in the following way(s):

- As prayer partners with you as you prepare and while you are serving on the mission trip.
- Through a financial gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which will help equip you and your team to touch many lives in St. Louis, and when you return home.

*(Make checks payable to Eagle Brook Church. Please write "2018 High School Mission Trip" in the memo section.)*

Name of Supporter(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Supporter's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(For receiving charitable tax donation receipt and for me to send you updates)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

If making a non-electronic donation, please mail donation and this form to: *[insert your address here]*

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