



Buckner's Project Go! Longview, Texas

Dates:

Orientation: May 20-21

Cost:

\$1,000 + airfare

Location:

Longview, Texas

Session 1:

May 26-June 26

Team Size: 2 people

Session 2:

July 7-August 7

***Full summer session details available upon inquiry.*

***There will be an event the weekend of August 9th. If possible please prepare to extend the Session 2 dates from July 7th-August 10th.*

***An actual cost (minus airfare) will be updated at the beginning of November.*

Trip Description- While in the Longview, you will work alongside the Buckner Family Hope Center staff in the following areas:

1. Daily Summer Feeding Program
2. Adult and Child Empowerment Classes
3. Humanitarian Aid Mission Center
4. Special Events Coordination (Sporting Clays Shoot)
5. Back to School Supply Train

Buckner has been caring for vulnerable children, families and senior adults in Longview since 1992. A wide variety of services are offered to children, families and elders. Below is a breakdown of your involvement.

Most of your work will concentrate around the **Family Hope Center**. It focuses on improving the lives of individuals and families in communities that experience moderate to extreme poverty by providing a holistic ministry approach.

The Buckner **Mission Center** meets the needs of low-income families by providing basic resources, including clothing, diapers and other aid, and connecting families with other community resources for assistance. Items collected and distributed at the Mission Center include: clothing, household items, baby items, furniture, cleaning supplies, diapers and baby wipes and hygiene supplies. You will find yourself spending a lot of time with intake and organization while ministering to children and families as they visit the center.

Buckner also provides crisis relief in the Longview area through three seasonal community programs; two of which you will work with:

School Supply Train - Buckner partners with the Junior League of Longview and other community businesses and organizations to serve hundreds of children and families in August with basic school supplies and needs, including vaccines, haircuts and more. You will help with the coordination and preparation of this event along with involvement on the day of the event.

Summer Feeding Program - The Summer Food Service Program serves children in low-income communities who participate in free and reduced feeding programs during the school year. Since these programs end when school does, the Summer Food Service Program helps fill that hunger gap ensuring that children continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer. Summer Food Service Program also provides supervised activities that are safe, fun, and filled with nutrition education opportunities. Children benefit nutritionally by receiving well-rounded meals while parents are able to stretch their food dollars further.

The Buckner staff will be with you every step of the way, providing an understanding of their city and programs along with guidance to aid your team in best catering to the needs of the people of the community. You will experience the life-changing hope of Jesus Christ from a new perspective as you are immersed in a friendly, welcoming, affectionate community of people.

Your time in Longview will show you the importance of humbling yourself daily to the Lord's plan as he creates for you a new adventure each day. As you fully invest your heart and time in the ministries at hand the Lord provides meaningful lessons and an abundance of blessings as you act as his hands and feet.

Specifically in Longview, you will enjoy this experience if you enjoy interacting with children and adults through hands on ministry and coordinating and planning events.

Join Buckner International in their 134+ year movement of transforming lives through hands-on ministry by serving the most vulnerable through Project Go! this summer.

Requirements

- Participants must have completed at least their freshman year of college.
- Flexibility. Participants are encouraged to expect the unexpected and be flexible in serving in whatever areas are needed in various ministries.
- Innovation. Participants will take part in last minute planning and innovation as plans may change each day. When entering a new culture it is important to not compare it to your home, but to appreciate the way they live and adopt a new mindset that will allow you to best serve the people you meet.
- Self management. Demonstrate self-control and an ability to manage time and priorities. Make sound decisions even under pressure.

- Communication. Clearly express ideas, either verbally or in writing when working with your team and those of a differing culture.
- Willingness to Learn.
- Ethics & Integrity. Consistently earn the trust, respect, and confidence of your team and host culture through consistent honesty, forthrightness and professionalism in all interactions. Includes commitments and promises.

Professional Development

By spending part of your summer in Longview you will enhance the following skills:

- Buckner International cross-cultural orientation and training prior to departure
- Multi-cultural international experience
- Exposure to the functions of a global non-profit organization by interacting with experts from various fields
- Hands on volunteer experience
- Foreign language immersion
- Teamwork
- Balancing and maintaining a budget
- Possible course credit

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