

"Whatever a person is like, I try to find a common ground so that he will let me tell him about Christ"  
- I Corinthians 9:22 (LNT)



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Dear Sports Crusader Applicant,

We want to thank you for your interest in applying for Sports Crusaders this summer. We do not want you to think of this as a "job" but as an opportunity to become the hands and feet of Jesus, working to advance his Kingdom throughout Missouri, Texas, Illinois, Arkansas, and Alabama. Those who are accepted and placed as sports crusaders usually discover how the Lord wants to work, teach, and move in their life, as well as complete the task He has called them for.

Crusaders are placed on a team of 3 to 4 college athletes who will spend the summer working and challenging each other to grow spiritually. This summer will be a chance for you to grow spiritually and to learn about missions and serving others. We are looking forward to seeing how God will use you this summer to impact our state with the Gospel.

Sports Crusaders are not only ambassadors for Christ but they also are representatives of Sports Crusaders. Many times our crusaders are the only connection we have to the churches, associations, and communities. This means there is a lot of responsibility for being a crusader but as many of our past crusaders will tell you it is an experience of a lifetime they would never miss.

Before you apply we want you to know that we do have high expectations of our crusaders. They are as follows:

#### **Expectations**

- It is critical that you spend regular time with the Lord both in His Word and in prayer. You cannot do this work on your own strength – you must be filled with Him.
- Serving as a sports crusader is a stretching experience so it is imperative that you enter this summer with an attitude of humility and flexibility.
- You must be teachable – willing to listen to and learn from the leadership the Lord will place above you.
- This summer is not about you. It is about making Christ famous in and through our camps. Sometimes you will be asked to do tasks you may not want to. Remember, you are serving others and a servant does not put themselves first (see Mark 10:45).
- You must be responsible for submitting all forms in a timely manner.

In closing, we want to thank you and to inform you some important dates that you will need to remember. They are as follows:

#### **Important Dates**

**Application Deadline**      *March 1, 2012. We need applications with the background check in our office by this date.*

**Interviews**      *We will conduct interviews with applicants throughout the end of March and the first few weeks in April – must have everyone hired by April 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**Placement of Crusaders**      *We will contact all applicants to notify them of their acceptance and placement by April 30, 2012.*

**Supervisor Contact**      *If accepted, you will be contacted by the end of April.*

**Orientation/Training**      *May 29 – June 1, 2012. This is **REQUIRED** for all Sports Crusaders to attend!*

**Summer Missions Debrief**      *July 28, 2012. This is **REQUIRED** for all Sports Crusaders to attend!*

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