



# Q & A

## ILLUMATREK

### Washington, D.C.

### June 14-20, 2010

### GOU 2

Dear Youth Leader:

The Global Outreaches Unlimited (GOU) mission trip is rapidly approaching, and we are excited that you are interested or have decided to participate. Following are frequently asked questions and answers that should help with your planning. It is possible information could change; we will do our best to keep you informed.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

➤ **What is Illumatrek and who is eligible to participate?**

Illumatrek is a journey for future leaders, offered to high school students who have completed their sophomore year of high school. Students will experience the history of Washington, D.C. and discover their God-given potential as leaders. Along the way we trust they will gain a clearer understanding of the current culture and the future and embrace their role in making spiritual impact in their generation.

Students who register with a church group will have been pre-qualified by their youth leader/pastor. If an individual (not a part of group) registers for Illumatrek, GOU will contact their youth leader/pastor for qualification. If a student is not accepted to participate in Illumatrek, their deposit will be refunded. Once a student is accepted, the deposit cannot be refunded.

➤ **Who will be leading the trip?**

Darrick Young is the primary GOU appointed trip leader.

➤ **Where and when do we meet?**

**Date** – June 14, 2010

**Where** – Ronald Reagan National Airport

**Time** – Everyone should plan to arrive between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, we will link up at the airport and travel together to the hotel via subway.

➤ **Who will meet us at the destination point?**

Darrick Young (trip leader) and other adult leaders for the trip.

➤ **Meals**

Your meals are covered by your \$500 payment to GOU. They begin with dinner on June 14 and end with breakfast on June 20. However, you may want to bring some extra money for snacks, etc. **NOTE:** If you have any **medical dietary** requirements please contact the GOU office.

- **Where will we be staying? How many people will be in a room?**  
Our hotel is the Days Inn Connecticut Avenue. Each room has two beds and there will be 4 people per room. The address of the hotel is:  
Days Inn Connecticut Avenue  
4400 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, DC 20008  
202.244.5600

This hotel was chosen for its location in a safe area of the city and its close proximity to the Metro.

- **Will I have access to a phone and e-mail?**  
Yes. Participants are welcome to bring their cell phones (to be used at permitted times) and a phone will be available for emergencies. Email access is available at the hotel.
- **How much spending money should I bring?**  
Spending money will only be needed for souvenirs and snacks that a participant may want to purchase during the trip, so the amount is discretionary. A suggested amount would be \$50-75.
- **Will we have a chance to go shopping?**  
Yes – there will be opportunities for shopping at souvenir stands and shops during the trip.
- **What if a parent needs to contact their child?**  
They can contact the hotel – 202.244.5600 or call Darrick Young at 515.360.8162. Participants will also be able to use their own cell phones.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- **Do I need to make arrangements for my group's ground transportation?**  
No. We will be using public transportation on the Washington, DC Metro (subway) during the trip. A Metro fare pass is included in the cost of the trip. If you drive to D.C., note the cost of parking a vehicle at our hotel is \$25 per day.
- **What transportation will we use in Washington, D.C.?**  
(see above)
- **Who should I communicate with regarding my travel plans?**  
Please communicate your travel/transportation plans to the GOU office (linda@openbible.org) office via email.
- **What if my group is going to be late (whether driving or flying)?**  
Contact Darrick Young, trip leader, on his cell – 515.360.8162

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

- **If I do not have health insurance should I obtain short-term mission trip insurance?**  
Health insurance coverage is the responsibility of each individual. Neither GOU nor Open Bible Churches can be held responsible in case of an emergency or health issue. (See waiver/authorization forms in Registration Packet) The following Web sites are for short-term mission trip insurance companies. You may want to check these out.

**Insurance Services of America** – [www.missionaryhealth.net](http://www.missionaryhealth.net)  
**STM Services International** – [www.STMServices.com](http://www.STMServices.com)  
**Global Travel Insurance** – [www.globaltravelinsurance.com](http://www.globaltravelinsurance.com)  
**Go Mission Trip** – [www.gomissiontrip.com](http://www.gomissiontrip.com)

## **PERSONAL**

➤ **What type of ID will I need?**

You will not need any specific ID for traveling in Washington DC, however, you will need a government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.) if you are flying to Washington, DC.

➤ **Will I be able to use my cell phone and other electronic devices?**

Yes – at appropriate times.

➤ **Luggage**

If possible, luggage with wheels is a good idea. You will want to keep in mind airline fees for checked baggage when planning your luggage. A backpack for the daily activities is strongly recommended.

➤ **Is there a dress code?**

There is not an absolute dress code for this trip, however, keep in mind you are representing not only Jesus but also Open Bible Churches. Keep your clothing selections modest.

### **For Girls & Guys**

- Shorts are fine at all times, just not too short.
- Since the group will be doing a lot of walking we advise you have very good walking shoes.
- No t-shirts with inappropriate slogans.

### **For Girls**

- Tops should not be revealing.

➤ **What should I pack?**

Pack light. You will be in Washington, D.C. for 6 nights. Wear things more than once. Don't be afraid of getting things dirty. Try to limit your suitcase to about 30-35 pounds. You can do some laundry at a neighborhood laundromat.

### **ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One nice outfit to wear to church services is sufficient. | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes – very good walking shoes and another pair if you want a change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or 4 t-shirts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A couple of pairs of knee length shorts                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modest sleeping attire                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen or pencil   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or light jacket for the evenings               | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions in original container                                   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> ID with picture   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle  |

### **RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (at least SPF #15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money |

## **MINISTRY/EDUCATION EXPERIENCES**

➤ **What will be our schedule?**

Monday, June 14 (Arrival in Washington DC, orientation, Radiate Discipleship Training RDT)  
Tuesday, June 15 – The Power of One Life (Holocaust Museum/Lincoln) / RDT  
Wednesday, June 16 – The Power of Vision (Smithsonian Museums) / RDT  
Thursday, June 17 – Leadership In Action (interviews with leaders)  
Friday, June 18 – Servant Leadership (service project)  
Saturday, June 19 – Servant Leadership (service project) / RDT  
Sunday, June 20 – Depart for home

➤ **What historic/educational monuments will we visit?**

We will have time to see all of the major monuments and sites in the DC area (Vietnam Wall, WW II Memorial, Capitol, White House, Washington Monument, etc.). We will be using the Holocaust Museum, Lincoln Memorial, and Smithsonian Museums as part of our leadership training.

➤ **What type of ministry will we be doing?**

We will be linking up with a local church or ministry in Washington, DC, to do a service project in the community. This project will involve one and a half to two days of our trip.

➤ **Training?**

Yes. There will be an initial orientation and there will be ongoing leadership training during the week.

Hopefully this Q and A answered many of your questions. If you need clarification on anything or need help with trip coordination don't hesitate to call. We are looking forward to God's best.

Go with God,



Paul Leavenworth, Interim Director