



# CHAMPION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

As you may know, my school, Champion Christian High School, has mission opportunities for high school students. Every year we take a major mission trip to one of four very different types of areas. This year we are sending a team to Sun Valley, Arizona. We will be staying at the Sun Valley Navajo Mission School, and our goal is to learn about missions and the Native American Indian culture in the high desert area of Arizona.

I am writing to let you know that I have been led to go on the trip this year. You may be aware that Champion Christian High School is a part of the Christian Family & Children's Center in Champion, PA ([www.champion.org](http://www.champion.org)). This year we are going from April 7th through the 12th. A group of approximately 35 students and adults representing CCHS will be working with the students and the staff of the Mission school. This is a 100 acre facility that the staff must maintain with over 35 buildings, many aging and dilapidated and in need of repairs. We will be part of their "Working Witnesses" program helping with repairs and some reconstruction work, while we stay at one of the old dorms on the property. We are also focusing on the Navajo children who are schooled there, and conducting Bible studies and other ministry programs with them. We will be attending as well the Native American church there on the reservation with the staff and children.

Also, you may remember that many of us went on a mission trip to a very poor area in Mexico four years ago. We were welcomed with open arms and had an indescribable experience with the people there. It was awesome! Our trip to Canada three years ago exposed us to a culture that was post-Christian. It provided great opportunities for us to not only help and minister but to learn what it means to live in a post-Christian culture. Our trip to Appalachia two years ago helped us understand more about how God is working in some of the very rural parts of our country. Last year we went to Denver, Colorado and worked with the large population of homeless children in the area. This trip will be different in many ways, and we have chosen it because of those differences. God calls us to spread His Good News to all people everywhere...so look out Arizona, here we come! It will be an important spiritual and cultural experience for me and my friends. We expect that the differences in the culture of the Navajo people will be a challenge to us, but also we expect to find inspiration and hope. We estimate that the cost for the trip will be about \$600 per person, which will cover transportation, food, housing and mission material expenses. We always give anything that is over our expenses to the ministries that we serve.

I am writing to ask you to pray for us, but we also would like to ask you to join this exciting venture by giving a gift of financial support. We would appreciate your gift of \$100.00 or whatever the Lord leads you to give towards this trip. Everyone committed to going on this trip must raise funds to go. We have all been working together to make this a team effort, and my desire to go must be met with my willingness to ask people to support this mission program. If you cannot give that is fine! We are building this year's mission web page as a place to find out more about what we are doing and you will be able to see it on our High School Missions Page at [www.champion.org/ccs/missions](http://www.champion.org/ccs/missions).

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**There are two ways you can give to this important cause:**

1. A gift given in my name will go directly towards my expenses, but cannot be shared in other ways. If I receive gifts to my costs more than \$800, I will either return the gifts over that amount, or ask that they be given to the general mission trip fund to help others who are going. Gifts given towards my expenses only **ARE NOT tax deductible**. Please mark the check with my name only if this is the case.
2. A gift given generally to the mission team **IS tax deductible** and will be distributed evenly to the group. Any student participating in the group must raise funds and contact people to help support the trip. This opportunity will assure that everyone can go on the trip. All monies received over our actual expenses will be used for the ministry needs in the service area we visit. Please mark the check “mission trip” in this case. This would be my preferred way of receiving gifts.

Thank you for caring and sharing! God bless you as you join our team to win people to Christ and train youth for ministry.

Sincerely,

**A couple of quick notes that are important from CCHS’s perspective:**

1. We will acknowledge each gift with a receipt and report of the trip. In order to do that, please give us your address along with your gift. If you would not like to be on our mailing list, please note that clearly.
2. Please do not hand cash to students or make checks payable to anyone other than Champion Christian School Mission Trip, 2166 Indian Head Road, Champion, PA 15622. This is to protect the integrity of both the students and our ministry.
3. No monies received will be used for anything other than mission trip expenses and gifts to the mission organizations with whom we are working. A financial report will be issued as part of the mission report at the end of the trip.
4. Please contact one of the CCHS Administrators at 724-593-9200, D. Merle Skinner, Executive Director of the Center ([merle\\_skinner@champion.org](mailto:merle_skinner@champion.org)) Ext. 103, or Mrs. Gloria Kerin, High School Principal ([gloria\\_kerin@champion.org](mailto:gloria_kerin@champion.org)) Ext. 106 for additional information.

