



# Long Beach Familyfest<sup>SM</sup> 2018

## July 21–26

### (Depart on July 27)

Familyfest in Long Beach, CA is a partnership between national Woman's Missionary Union®, California Woman's Missionary Union, and Long Beach Harbor Southern Baptist Association.

#### **FAMILYFEST SCHEDULE**

July 21—Registration and orientation (late afternoon)

July 22—Worship in local churches/afternoon missions projects

July 23-26—Ministry assignments

July 26—Closing celebration (evening)

#### **TYPES OF MINISTRIES**

These are the types of ministries that are typically offered during Familyfest.

**Backyard Bible Club/VBS:** Be prepared to provide some or all materials needed for this type of ministry.

**Light Construction/Repairs:** Provide construction expertise for churches and/or houses in the communities in which they serve. Projects could include: painting, yardwork, etc. (Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed.)

**Servant Ministries:** This incorporates a wide variety of ministries. Examples include passing out bottles of water in a designated area, canvassing a community, providing free items from the sponsoring church/ministry, and participating in cleanup and beautification of public and private sites.

**Social Ministry:** Providing ministries in the communities by working with homeless shelters, clothing closets, food pantries/banks, soup kitchens, community center ministries, tutoring for children, etc.

**Block Party:** Share the love of Christ through games, food, and fun festivities.

**Praying:** Pray on site with insight. Prayer is VITAL in all that we do.

**Senior Adult Ministry:** Serve the elderly in the communities through light construction/cleanup/yard work.

**Evangelism Ministries:** Sharing the gospel with members of the community.

**Health and Wellness Ministries:** Through our partnership with Baptist Nursing Fellowship, there will be opportunities for health fairs at local community centers. Some activities will include blood pressure and glucose testing.

**Sports Camps:** Coaching of sports activities, teaching a Bible study, and sharing the Gospel with students in the community.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

All booking information for church lodging will go through the National WMU office. Please do not contact the sites individually. If staying in a hotel, you will need to select that option when completing the Familyfest Registration and will be responsible for making your own reservations.

**Hotel Lodging:** If you chose to stay in a hotel, you are responsible for securing and paying for your own reservation. Check this page again soon, for recommended hotels in the area.

**Church Lodging:** Local churches in and around the area have agreed to house volunteers. The churches will only be providing floor space and a bathroom/shower facility for you. This lodging will be provided on a first come, first served basis. You will need to select this option on the Familyfest registration form.

### **Church Lodging**

Church lodging will be available for a minimal cost. More information about church lodging will be available soon.

## **REGISTRATION COSTS AND DATES**

### **Early Bird Registration**

**Deadline: May 20, 2018**

Individual	\$130.00
Family of 2	\$120.00/person
Family of 3	\$110.00/person
Family of 4	\$100.00/person
Family of 5	\$90/person
Family of 6+	\$80/person

### **Regular Registration (total registration fee per family)**

**Deadline: June 11, 2018**

Individual	\$140.00
Family of 2	\$130.00/person
Family of 3	\$120.00/person
Family of 4	\$110.00/person
Family of 5	\$100.00/person
Family of 6+	\$85.00/person

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Do we have to provide our own transportation to our ministry site each day, or is it provided for us?**

You are responsible for your own transportation to your site each day.

## **MEALS**

### **Are our meals provided or will we be “on our own” for meals?**

A meal may be provided for you while serving on your ministry site. Participants in daytime ministries may be served a midday meal, and evening-ministry participants may be served an evening meal. Keep in mind that this meal will likely be a simple meal of sandwiches, pizza etc. Please talk with your team about being grateful for the food that those you are working with are providing for you.

You will generally be responsible for at least one meal, maybe two per day. The last day of ministry will be followed by a celebration. The evening meal at the celebration is provided for you at no additional cost.

## **MINISTRIES**

### **Will we have a say in what type of ministry we will serve, or is it just “potluck”?**

The registration form has a place for you to list your skill sets etc. Closer to the time of assigning out ministry sites, you will receive an overview of each ministry location and will be able to give input into what you would like to do. However, we are unable to guarantee that you will be able to place you in your first choice.

### **Not everyone on our team has the same skill set. Do we all have to stay together as a team, or can we work in more than one ministry?**

If you have a large team with more than one vehicle (bus, van), you can choose to have more than one team. If your team is small, you may be paired with another team.

Please keep in mind that all ministries are important. Some happen to be more visible than others. Remember that relationships are more important than tasks.

### **Will we have to prepare for our ministry assignment?**

Many of the ministry assignments will require some preparation. We will work to connect you with the local leaders so they can help you as you prepare for your ministry assignment. Often times, preparations are needed for ministries such as Bible Clubs and VBS.

## **REGISTRATION**

### **We have completed registration. What’s next?**

Please note: As long as your completed registration is submitted on or before the registration deadline, we will honor the applicable rate.

Registration is transferable at no charge before the registration deadline. After the registration deadline, there will be a \$30 charge for transferring registrations. If you need to transfer a registration, please contact our office so we can walk you through this process.

Once you have registered for the trip, you will have access to your account through our registration system. We will put pertinent information regarding training etc. on this page. We encourage you to begin this training as an individual or as a team as soon as possible. Being spiritually, physically, and mentally prepared for this missions experience is of vital importance.

## **FAMILYFEST CANCELLATION POLICY**

If you must cancel your Familyfest registration, the cancellation deadline with a partial refund is June 22, 2018. The refundable amount will be your registration fee less \$50 per person registered. After June 22, 2018, no refunds will be given for cancellations.

We must have a minimum of 50 volunteers at each Familyfest. If we do not have the minimum number of volunteers registered at the conclusion of the early-bird registration deadline, the Familyfest will be cancelled. Those who have registered will receive a full refund shortly following the deadline. You will be contacted by phone and email to let you know of the cancellation. At that time, you can decide whether or not to continue to serve in the area in which the Familyfest was to occur.

## **COMMUNICATION**

In order to communicate with you in a timely manner, our primary communication channel is through **EMAIL**. We will send your registration confirmation, training materials, ministry assignments, and any other information needed for your missions trip. If the team leader does not have email, he or she will need to designate a team member to receive all team communications. The person listed as team leader will be the primary person of contact for us as we share information with your group.

## **FAMILY**

Familyfest is designed with families in mind. Families will serve together. We are able to provide a discounted rate for families. Families are those who are related to one another, such as married couples, their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brothers, cousins, etc. You get the picture. We are not able to give family discounts to those who are a “church” family.

## **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**

### **When will we find out about our ministry assignment?**

We will send information via email to your team leader (or designated team member) about your assigned ministry as quickly as possible. This will include contact information for the local person in charge of your assigned ministry. This person will be able to give you more detailed information on the ministry and preparation for your team. Your team may need to provide materials needed to conduct the ministry.

Ministry assignments are usually made within a week after the registration deadline.