



# Youth Initiative & Alternative Breaks Information Packet



2016-2017

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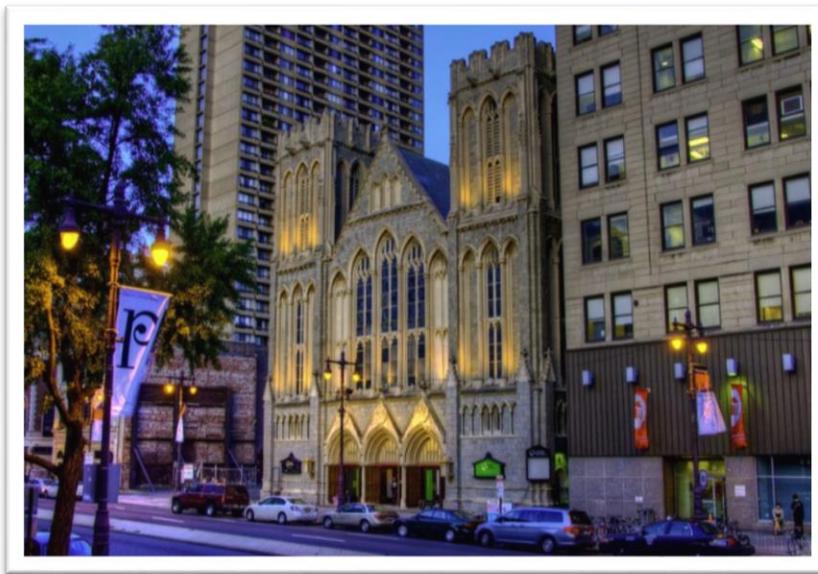


## WHO WE ARE AS BROAD STREET MINISTRY

Founded in 2005, Broad Street Ministry is a nonprofit organization that **extends radical hospitality to all**. The services and activities we provide are designed to build trust, foster community, and alleviate the suffering of our neighbors facing homelessness, hunger, and deep poverty. At Broad Street Ministry, we envision a day when everyone flourishes and participates as valued members of a mutually supportive community.

We work to bring about this vision for the world with a holistic approach. Six days a week, the Broad Street Ministry Hospitality Collaborative offers Breaking Bread, a hot nutritious meal along with **comprehensive services that are critical to stabilizing individuals experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and deep poverty**. Prepared by a professional chef and served restaurant style, meals are a means of getting vulnerable adults who are sometimes reluctant to access services to build trust in us that will lead them to accept the help they need to move towards self-sufficiency.

Along with the Hospitality Collaborative, our Broad Street Ministry faith community is a **broad-minded Christian community that cherishes creativity, fosters and nurtures artistic expression, extends inclusive hospitality, and works for a more just world through civic engagement**. We believe God is dynamically at work in the life of every person. We seek to enhance the experience of God through worship, educational offerings, and spiritual friendships. Situated at the nexus of Philadelphia's most divergent populations, BSM works hard to create common ground, practice radical and intentional inclusiveness, and encourage meaningful dialogue across societal divides.



## THE BSM YOUTH INITIATIVE & ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

The Youth Initiative and Alternative Breaks programs at Broad Street Ministry extend radical hospitality to participants throughout the year. The Alternative Breaks and Weekends programs allow groups to come during the fall, winter, and spring seasons. For eight weeks of the summer, the Youth Initiative immerses youth and adult leaders from around the country into the diverse neighborhoods and communities of Philadelphia. Each day, **participants engage in relational service work in different parts of the city**. Work sites give context to the intersections of food and housing insecurity, gender identity, incarceration, race, mental illness, and addiction.

**We aim to identify and confront stereotypes of the city, of urban poverty, and of marginalized communities.** Throughout daily dialogue at work sites and small discussion groups, **our goal is to form compelling leaders who are founded in rich theological, social, and academic understandings of justice.** The Youth Initiative and Alternative Breaks programs provide opportunities for youth to engage their faith in educational, motivating, and provocative service experiences related to prevalent social justice issues. **The goal is to spark curiosity, to identify ways in which Holy Scripture calls for justice and love for all, and to stimulate conversations leading to lifelong service and discipleship.**

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN A YOUTH INITIATIVE OR ALTERNATIVE BREAK WEEK

### ARRIVAL

All groups arrive on Sunday between 2:00 and 3:00pm. Upon arrival, BSM staff will greet you and show you where you can settle in for your week. At 4:00pm, groups attend our Sunday worship service with the BSM faith community. Following worship, BSM staff will lead you on a tour of our building before dinner. Following dinner, staff will lead ice-breaking games prior to our orientation to cover a breakdown of what the week will look like, how to stay safe, happy, and healthy, and to answer any questions.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

BSM serves 7 meals a week, so the Youth Initiative schedule is subject to change to coordinate with meals. In addition, various service sites have differing schedules, so your schedule may change daily. A **sample** day may look something like this:

- 7:15am**      Wake Up! You will be sleeping on cots in the air conditioned Sunday School Room of BSM! Males and females will be separated. A BSM staff member will spend the night at the church and will wake you up and turn the lights on.
- 7:45am**      Morning Devotion. A BSM staff member will be ready in the sanctuary to lead a morning devotion to spiritually prepare participants for their days of work. Devotions are optional.
- 8:00am**      Breakfast, clean up, and lunch packing. BSM staff will handle set up of breakfast and lunch packing stations. Participants pack lunch and eat breakfast simultaneously each morning. Breakfast includes bagels, cereal, yogurt, and granola. Two days a week you will either be serving or eating breakfast alongside guests at BSM breakfast. Lunch will be sandwich making, fruit, granola bars, and snacks. One group will be responsible for clean-up chores each day.
- 9:00am**      Travel to work sites. Each work group, or Neighborhood Group, is made up of no more than 15 people. Each group will be going to a different work site each day in order to allow for a variety of experiences throughout the week. An effort is made to give groups 4 ½ to 6 hours of work or education per day, so groups may be at two sites in one day or stay all day at one site.
- 12:30pm**      Lunch. BSM staff who lead the Neighborhood Groups during the days will determine an appropriate time to eat bag lunches at the work sites.
- 2:30 – 6:15pm**      Showers. Since BSM does not have showers on-site, your group will be showering at a variety of gracious partners of BSM around Center City. An opportunity to shower is provided each day.
- Discussion Groups. As soon as your group returns from your work site, your Neighborhood Group leader will lead you in our daily curriculum in order to directly connect a debrief from your work site into scripture.
- Free Time. Your free time begins as soon as your Neighborhood Group is finished working, showering, and moving through the curriculum. During this time, feel free to take a nap, play games, or explore the neighborhood and parks surrounding BSM.
- 6:15pm**      Dinner Chores. One Neighborhood Group will be responsible for setting up dinner each day, guided by a BSM staff member.

- 6:30pm**      Dinner. A delicious and nutritious meal will be provided by our professional chef and kitchen staff.
- 7:00pm**      Dinner Chores. The same group that set up dinner will be responsible for clean up as well.
- 7:30pm**      Games. Our BSM staff will lead the large group in a community building game or fun activity.
- 8:00pm**      Evening Worship. Each night, all groups will gather together for worship that includes music, scripture, a brief word, art, and prayer.
- 9:15pm**      Free Time. Feel free to continue playing games or begin to get ready for bed.
- 11:00pm**     Lights Out! Our BSM staff member who is spending the night will say goodnight and turn out the lights. Everyone is expected to be in their beds at lights out.

### FREE AFTERNOON

If you are registered for a long week (typically reserved for high school youth), we shorten your workday on Wednesday to give you free time to explore the exciting attractions of Philadelphia on your own. By the time you finish your morning work site and daily showers, it will be around 2:30pm. For any activities you schedule in advance for your group, please keep in mind that we cannot guarantee your entire group being ready to leave BSM before 2:30pm. You will have the option to eat dinner at BSM as normal at 6:30pm, or you may choose to eat out and return to BSM no later than 7:15pm to begin our normal evening program schedule.

If you are registered for a short week (typically reserved for middle school youth), we do not build in a free afternoon. If you choose, you can plan an activity before your 2-3pm arrival at BSM on Sunday or following your departure on Thursday morning. If you choose to arrive early or leave late, BSM cannot guarantee the storage of your luggage during your explorations.

### DEPARTURE

Plan your departure from BSM to be no later than 9:30am on Saturday (for long weeks) or 9:30am on Thursdays (for short weeks). Before leaving, your group is responsible for sweeping and cleaning up the room you occupied to ensure its cleanliness for the group that is coming in after you. BSM will provide an on-the-go breakfast (fruit, granola bars, etc) as you are packing up before you leave.



## PACKING LIST

**In addition to the obvious clothing and toiletry items, please have each participant pack:**

- Sleeping bag/sheets/blankets and a pillow (the AC can get pretty cold at night!)
- Water bottle! You will be asked to use this instead of paper cups to reduce waste
- Some spending money for your free afternoon (in long weeks only)
- Sunscreen, bug spray, and hat for outdoor work sites
- Shower shoes
- Shower kit (including a bag for carrying shower supplies to and from shower sites)
- Bath towel
- Clothes to work and get dirty in
- Closed toe shoes
- Long pants (some sites require long pants, which you can carry with you to change when you arrive to work)
- Lunch box
- Modest and appropriate clothing
  - Many sites have a policy about the length of shorts. When arms are resting at your sides, shorts should be at least middle fingertip length. We also do not recommend spandex or tight fitting bottoms for males or females. If the staff feels that any clothing is inappropriate for work sites, participants may be asked to change.

**What not to pack:**

- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, or weapons of any kind
- Gaming devices and video players
- Air mattresses! We have cots.

## A NOTE ABOUT SOLIDARITY & ENGAGEMENT

**The Youth Initiative expects that all participants, adults and youth alike, live simply and act in solidarity with the vulnerable populations with whom you will be engaging.** You can do this in a variety of ways. First, you can **refrain from consumerism**. Multiple convenience stores, coffee shops, and a shopping district surround BSM. As an act of solidarity for those members of our community who may not be able to spend a spontaneous \$5 on snacks, coffee, or soft drinks, your group is expected to dissuade yourselves from extraneous purchases. BSM is ready and able to provide all food, drink, and supplies you should require during your time with us. Additionally, not all participants attending the Youth Initiative will have the money to spontaneously buy treats. **Our rule of solidarity allows us to be in relationship with one another rather than in relationship with our money and material possessions.**

Another component of solidarity is our sleeping and showering accommodations. BSM is housed in a church that is over 100 years old, and while we do not yet have the modern convenience of beds or showers in our building, we do guarantee cots and an off-site shower each day. **Take this week as a chance to live in solidarity, despite any mental and physical discomfort, with those whom you are serving.**

Finally, we limit the use of cell phones and technology to **free time hours only**. During all work hours, meal hours, and programming hours, all cell phones (for youth, adult leaders, and BSM staff) should be out of sight unless in the case of emergency, to communicate with other groups, or when it is an appropriate time for taking photos. **We limit the use of cell phones and technology in order to promote relationship building and community among people who are physically present.** That being said, participants are more than welcome to call home and to use their phones during the designated free times.

## 2016- 2017 YOUTH INITIATIVE & ALTERNATIVE BREAK DATES

### Winter 2016/Spring 2017 Alternative Breaks

Contact Devin to discuss potential dates for your group!

### Summer 2017

**Week 1:** Sunday, June 18 – Saturday, June 24 (long week)

**Week 2:** Sunday, June 25 – Saturday, July 1 (long week)

**Week 3:** Sunday, July 2 – Saturday, July 8 (long week)

**Week 4:** Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13 (short week)

**Week 5:** Sunday, July 16 – Saturday, July 22 (long week)

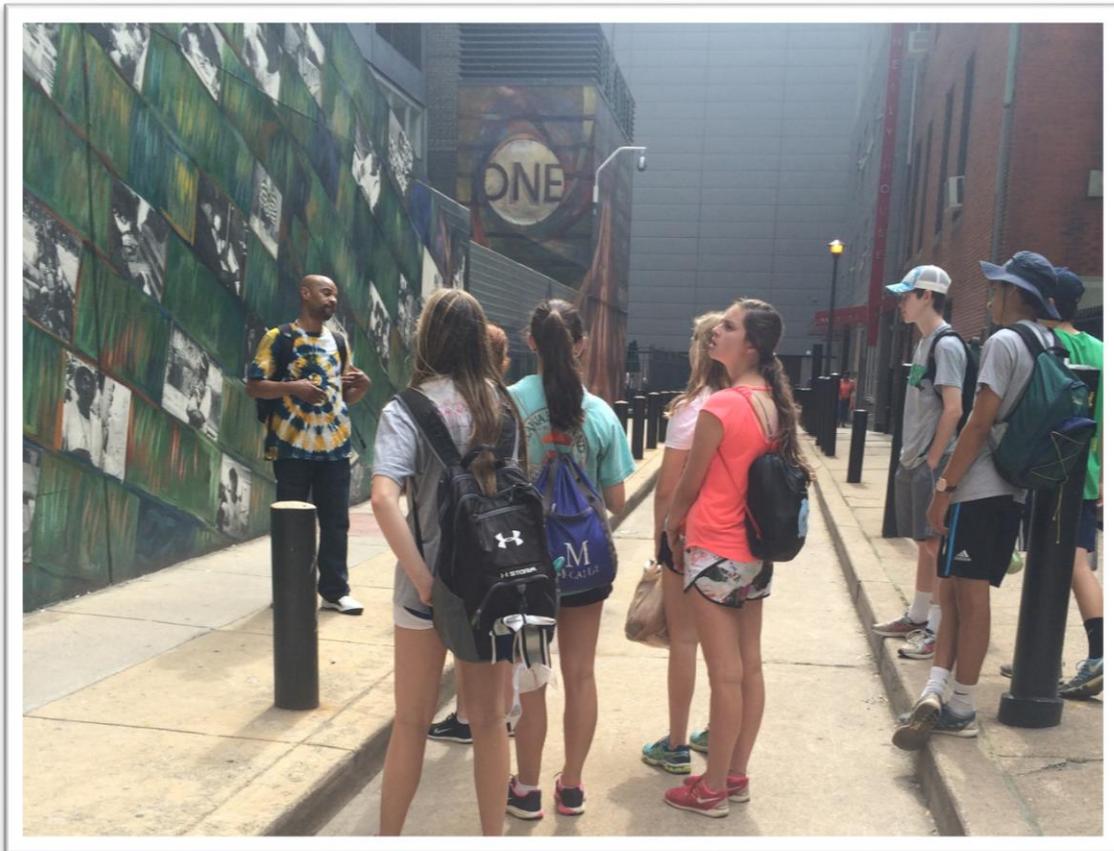
**Week 6:** Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, July 29 (long week)

**Week 7:** Sunday, July 30 – Saturday, August 5 (long week)

**Week 8:** Sunday, August 6 – Thursday, August 10 (short week)

If you're interested in registering, contact the Coordinator of the Youth Initiative and Alternative Breaks to check availability and to receive the link to our online Registration Form!

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[devin@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:devin@broadstreetministry.org)  
215.735.4847 ext. 108



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Participation Fee

For a <b>long week</b> (Sunday to Saturday):	\$480 per person
For a <b>short week</b> (Sunday to Thursday):	\$325 per person
For an <b>Alternative Break</b> :	\$80 per person per night

The participation fee includes: all meals during your time here (except free afternoon); program supplies; public transportation to/from work sites; round-the-clock staffing; accommodations.

### How to Register

1. Contact the Coordinator of the Youth Initiative & Alternative Breaks to check availability for the week in which you are interested. We will then send you a link to the online Registration Form.
2. Complete the online Registration Form and send in your \$200.00 Registration Fee. This Registration Fee is non-refundable and holds the dates for your group. See below for how to make a payment.
3. Finalize your group numbers, and begin paying your Total Amount Due in installments, as scheduled below:

#### **For a Summer Youth Initiative Week:**

Registration Fee: \$200 due at time of Registration  
Installment #1: 1/3 of Total Amount Due by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Installment #2: 1/3 of Total Amount Due by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Installment #3: Final 1/3 of Total Amount Due by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### **For a Winter or Spring Alternative Break**

Registration Fee: \$200 due at time of Registration  
Installment #1: ½ of Total Amount Due no later than 3 months prior to your arrival  
Installment #2: Final ½ of Total Amount Due no later than 1 month prior to your arrival

**NOTE:** If you register your group at a time that does not align with our payment schedule, the Coordinator of the Youth Initiative and Alternative Breaks will contact you to discuss your individual payment plan.

4. The formulas we use to calculate your Total Amount Due are as follows:

Summer Long Week: \$200 (registration fee) + (# participants X \$480) = Total Amount Due  
Summer Short Week: \$200 (registration fee) + (# participants X \$325) = Total Amount Due  
Alternative Break: \$200 (registration fee) + (# participants X # nights X \$80) = Total Amount Due

**NOTE:** As soon as you begin paying your installments, the number of participants for whom you are paying cannot be lowered. If your group size increases, we can adjust accordingly pending availability.

### How to Make a Payment

You can make checks payable to Broad Street Ministry, and write “Youth Initiative Installment #” in the memo line. Mail your checks to:

Devin Johns – Coordinator of the Youth Initiative & Alternative Breaks  
315 S Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

To inquire further on how to make payments via credit card, please contact Devin, the Coordinator of the Youth Initiative and Alternative Breaks, at [devin@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:devin@broadstreetministry.org) or at (215)735-4847 ext. 108.

## Necessary Forms

At the end of this packet, you will find a **Medical Release Form for adult and youth participants**. Please have each member of your group complete a Medical Release Form, and have bring **one copy** to hand to the Coordinator of the Youth Initiative & Alternative Breaks upon arrival at BSM. Additionally, you will need to **complete the Participant Roster and submit it to the Coordinator by June 1**. If you submit your roster late, we cannot guarantee our ability to accommodate any dietary restrictions.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are adult leaders responsible for?

Group leaders and adults are responsible for assisting BSM staff in ensuring that all participants are safe, healthy, and upholding our commitments to each other for the week. Leaders are also responsible for assisting BSM staff and site volunteer coordinators in managing participants as they complete their work tasks. While BSM staff lead the small group discussions and work projects, adult leaders are responsible for helping to keep youth engaged in the conversation and maintaining a positive, motivated work ethic. Adults know your youth better than we do, so our staff relies on your presence and support in creating a deep and meaningful experience for all the youth! Finally, adult leaders are responsible for supervision of youth during any free time during the day and evening.

Trust BSM staff to ensure that all details of your experience are taken care of so that you can engage in meaningful ways with your group! If you would like to meet with your group, let us know, and we can work with you to allow time for that.

Time with the Youth Initiative prove to be a challenging week spiritually and physically; all participants should be healthy in mind and body enough to endure long (but not too long!) work hours and considerable amounts of walking. Please keep these responsibilities in mind while selecting your group leaders! Each evening, all group leaders will have the opportunity to meet with the Coordinator of the Youth Initiative & Alternative Breaks to bring up any joys, concerns, or questions.

### What if someone in our group has a dietary restriction or special need?

Our kitchen is fully capable of accommodating any dietary needs, and our building is ADA compliant with an elevator. The most important thing is to let us know well in advance of any special accommodations we may need to make (such as purchasing gluten free food or crafting a work site schedule that is fully handicap accessible). Complete and submit the Participant Roster by June 1 to ensure that we can accommodate any dietary restrictions or special needs.

### If we drive, where do we park?

We have a relationship with a generous church just outside of the city who allows us to park for free in their parking lot. That being said, you must arrive no later than 3:00pm on Sunday to be led by a BSM staff member to the church and back to BSM via train. Plan to not be back with your vehicle(s) until the morning of your departure.

### How are work groups created?

We create the work groups with the goal of promoting youth to build relationships with each other and with new people. While making the Neighborhood Groups (daily work groups), we ensure that there is always an adult leader from the sending church with the youth of the church. We also ensure that there is always an adult (whether BSM staff or adult leader) of each gender if the Neighborhood Group is co-ed. We will never have one youth be the only youth in a Neighborhood Group from his/her own sending church. If an adult leader is the parent of a youth participant, we also try to put them in separate Neighborhood Groups. Suggestions on how to divide your group up are welcome and will be taken into consideration.

### Will we be safe?

Broad Street Ministry is located in Center City, Philadelphia. Center City is home to the Avenue of the Arts, where you'll find many theaters and galleries, including the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts, the University of the Arts,

The Wilma Theater, and The Academy of Music. We are also just blocks away from City Hall. In addition to proximity to these landmarks, the areas surrounding the churches are a collection of different neighborhoods. From those who visit downtown to conduct business by day to those who patronize the arts scene by night, there is an exciting mix of city life that has grown up around the church building. While we cannot control extraordinary circumstances, we ensure that your group will be housed in a safe neighborhood but with easy access to the variety of neighborhoods that exist in Philadelphia.

We visit all corners of Philadelphia in our work sites. While some may see the neighborhoods we visit as the “rough parts” or “dangerous parts” of the city, we see these neighborhoods as being stereotypically misunderstood and underrepresented. BSM has a longstanding relationship and presence with each of the work sites and communities we visit, allowing us to take groups there with minimal unnecessary risk. Furthermore, the Coordinator of the Youth Initiative & Alternative Breaks is in constant communication with work sites to assess current safety concerns of the areas participants visit. Primary goals of the Youth Initiative and Alternative Breaks include breaking down social barriers, engaging with communities different from our own, and acting with compassion towards all of God’s creation. Doing so requires us to step outside of our comfort zone, but we will never do so if there is a direct threat to the safety and well-being of our participants.

### Can we bring any donations?

Yes, please! If you are driving and have extra room, we welcome clothing and personal care/hygiene items. For a current list of what our particular needs are, please ask and we can guide you in how you can be most helpful! We also welcome and encourage monetary donations in the form of Sunday worship offering as well as additional financial contributions.

### What are the appropriate age groups for the Youth Initiative and Alternative Breaks?

Long weeks (Sunday afternoon – Saturday morning) are designated for high school aged youth, preferably 14 years of age or older. Short weeks (Sunday afternoon – Thursday morning) are designated for middle school aged youth preferably 14 years of age or younger, but no younger than 11 years.

### What is the weather going to be like?

Hot and humid! Although Philadelphia’s summer temperature average remains in the mid-80s, it can range from the mid-70s to upper-90s. Especially during July and August, we often see high levels of humidity. Our building is not air conditioned, and many of our worksites are outdoors. We will assess the heat index and have excessive heat plans ready to ensure the health and safety of all participants. All worksites have access to fresh water to refill water bottles

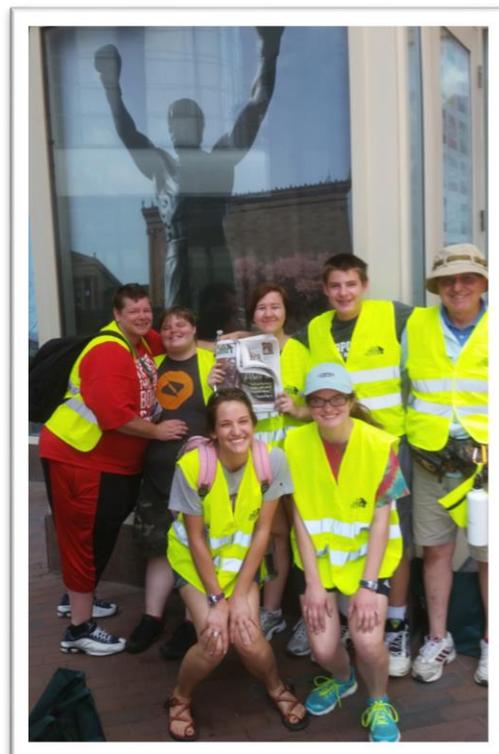
### Can we buy BSM merchandise?

BSM has t-shirts available for a suggested donation of \$20 each. We also have lunch boxes, water bottles, and drawstring bags available for a suggested donation of \$7 each. You can pay in advance and have your order ready for you when you arrive, or you can pay in cash or check while you are here.

### Where will we be working?

An effort is made for your group to work at sites in a variety of areas of social justice. We work to balance the amount of outdoor sites and indoor sites, food related sites, sites working with children, among other factors. Some sites include:

- **New Jerusalem Now!**  
<http://www.newjerusalemnow.org/home.htm>
- **MANNA**  
<http://www.mannapa.org>
- **Circle Thrift**  
<http://www.circlethrift.com/>



- **Mill Creek Farm**  
<http://www.millcreekurbanfarm.org/>
- **Guild House Urban Farm Hub**  
<http://greenerpartners.org/guild-house-west/>
- **Beacon**  
<http://www.thewordatbeacon.org/>

**YOUTH INITIATIVE & ALTERNATIVE BREAKS**  
**ADULT MEDICAL HISTORY FORM**



Please bring **one copy** of this form and waiver with you for each adult.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the church you are coming with: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*BSM will not give or sell your information, but will use it to stay in touch*

**Insurance Information**

Health Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your insurance carrier require a 2nd opinion before emergency procedures are undertaken? (Yes / No)

**Emergency Contact:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History**

*Information contained herein is confidential & will be made available only to staff and medical professionals as necessary.*

Date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any physical or behavioral conditions that the program staff should be aware of (sleepwalking, epilepsy, diabetes, fainting, asthma, etc.): Please be specific:

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Are you allergic to any food, medication or insect bites? (Yes/No) If yes, please list particular allergy and probable reaction:

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Are you currently taking any medication? (Yes / No ) If yes, please list all medications:

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Do you have any dietary restrictions? (gluten intolerance, vegetarian, etc)

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**YOUTH INITIATIVE & ALTERNATIVE BREAKS  
ADULT RELEASE & WAIVER FORM**



**Medical Treatment Authorization**

In the event that I require medical treatment, I authorize a representative of BSM to take me to be treated at a nearby hospital or physician’s office. I also understand that I will be financially responsible for any medical treatment rendered.

Name of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver and Release of Liability**

I hereby **waive and release** any and all causes of action, claims, suits, damages, and judgments, in any form whatsoever, arising from or by reason of any and all known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen bodily or personal injuries (including death), property damage, theft, or loss resulting from the my participation in the Youth Initiative and related activities, against Broad Street Ministry and their employees, contractors, board of directors, volunteers, and agents, whether caused by my own negligence, another person’s Negligence or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, we have executed this document below.

Name of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Media Release**

I understand, accept and agree that participation in the Broad Street Ministry (“BSM”) Youth Initiative may result in publicity for educational or promotional purposes of the Youth Initiative program. Therefore, I irrevocably authorize BSM to use and publicize my name, for any publication, promotion, trade or business use, or for any other purpose related to BSM. I give my permission for BSM to distribute, now or in the future, any filmed or recorded material involving myself. Said material may be distributed to anyone, for any purpose, including the general public, magazines, newspapers, television, or radio stations. I specifically authorize BSM, now or at any time in the future, to publicize my name, and forever discharge BSM from and against any and all claims, of any type, which arise from, or are related to, BSM’s use, distribution, or disclosure of any photographs, films, videotapes, electronic recordings or other information, regarding myself and BSM. I waive the right to inspect publications or products that include myself prior to their release.

Name of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH INITIATIVE & ALTERNATIVE BREAKS**  
**YOUTH MEDICAL HISTORY FORM**

Please bring **one copy** of this form and waiver for each youth.



Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female Age upon BSM arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's email \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Church or group you are coming with: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*BSM will not give or sell your information, but will use it to stay in touch*

**Insurance Information**

Health Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your insurance carrier require a second opinion before emergency procedures are undertaken? (Yes/No)

**If parent/guardian can't be reached in an emergency, please contact:**

Name - Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History**

The following information is required to ensure that your youth's individual needs are met while attending Broad Street Ministry. Information is confidential and will be made available only to staff, adult counselors, and medical professionals, i.e., those people who are directly responsible for your child's well being. In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact the parents or designated individual. For their safety and well-being, no child will be allowed to attend without a completed and signed Medical Treatment Authorization and Waiver & Release Form.

Date of youth's last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any physical or behavioral conditions that the program staff and adult counselors should be aware of (sleepwalking, epilepsy, diabetes, fainting, depression, eating disorders, asthma, etc.), please be specific so that we can provide the best care for your child:

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Is your youth allergic to any food, medication or insect bites? (Yes / No)

If yes, please list particular allergy and probable reaction:

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Does your youth have any specific dietary needs or restrictions? (gluten intolerant, vegetarian, etc) (Yes / No)

If yes, please indicate:

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Is your youth currently taking any medication? (Yes / No)

If yes, please list all medications that your child will be bringing including complete instructions for administering:

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*Unless absolutely necessary, do not change your youth's prescription before their BSM week. Since we don't know what normal behavior is for your child, we will be less likely than you to detect negative reactions to medication changes.*

May the staff/adult counselor administer to your youth: ibuprofen (yes/no), eye drops (yes/no), antihistamine or decongestant (yes/no), motion sickness medication (yes/no), laxative or anti-diarrhea medication (yes/no), antibacterial or antibiotic ointment (yes/no), insect bite or poison oak ointment (yes/no).

Specific directions:

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**Note:** If your child requires special care or diet, please contact us as soon as possible prior to arrival so that necessary arrangements can be made. Our chefs most likely will have done all their food ordering before the participants arrive.

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## Medical Treatment Authorization

In the event that medical treatment for my child is required, I authorize a representative of BSM to take my child to be treated at a nearby hospital or physician's office. I also understand that I will be financially responsible for any medical treatment rendered.

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH INITIATIVE & ALTERNATIVE BREAKS**  
**YOUTH WAIVER & RELEASE FORM**



**Waiver & Release of Liability**

**Please have both parent/legal guardian and youth participant sign below.**

In consideration for the permission granted to Broad Street Ministry (“BSM”) for \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter the “Minor”) to participate in the Youth Initiative, on behalf of the Parent/Legal Guardian (hereinafter “Guardian”) and the Minor, and each of the Guardian’s and the Minor’s heirs, executors, and administrators, the Guardian and Minor hereby **waive and release** any and all causes of action, claims, suits, damages, and judgments, in any form whatsoever, arising from or by reason of any and all known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen bodily or personal injuries (including death), property damage, theft, or loss resulting from the Minor’s participation in the Youth Initiative and related activities, against BSM and their employees, contractors, board of directors, volunteers, and agents, whether caused by the Minor’s negligence, another person’s Negligence or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, we have executed this document below.

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Media Release**

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I understand, accept and agree that participation in the Broad Street Ministry (“BSM”) Youth Initiative may result in publicity for educational or promotional purposes of the Youth Initiative program. Therefore, I irrevocably authorize BSM to use and publicize my child's name, for any publication, promotion, trade or business use, or for any other purpose related to BSM. I give my permission for BSM to distribute, now or in the future, any filmed or recorded material involving my child. Said material may be distributed to anyone, for any purpose, including the general public, magazines, newspapers, television, or radio stations. I specifically authorize BSM, now or at any time in the future, to publicize the name of my child, and forever discharge BSM from and against any and all claims, of any type, which arise from, or are related to, BSM’s use, distribution, or disclosure of any photographs, films, videotapes, electronic recordings or other information, regarding my child and BSM. I waive the right to inspect publications or products that include my child prior to their release.

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Name of Minor Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

