



EXPECTATIONS/ACCOMMODATIONS

How important are your expectations?

One thing we have learned over the years has been that expectations will determine your measure of success for the trip. In other words, what do you expect to happen while you are at the WOW JAM Mission Week? Secondly, what do you expect to see when you get there? Finally, what will you be expecting from the WOW staff and host church upon arrival?

These may not seem to be deep revelation seeking questions, but they will play a large role in your team's day-to-day approach to ministry. Our desire is to make this week a blessing in every way. Therefore, we will answer these questions for you in the best way we can.

EXPECTATION #1

What should you and/or your team expect to happen during the WOW JAM Mission Week?

First and foremost, you and/or your team should expect the Lord to stretch you. The Lord always has a dual purpose in sending His servants on a mission. Whether this is you or your team's 1st WOW JAM trip or tenth, He will use you/your team to reach the lost, but He also desires to do a great work in our lives as well. Unfortunately, we are often ignorant to our own needs for change and development. Consequently, the Lord will place us in situations and with people to expose our own heart for us to see. In this "stretching" the Lord takes out the bad and puts in the good as we yield to Him.

This is important to know so we don't jump to conclusions when we feel pressed and challenged during the week. More often than not, we end up pointing the finger at others as the ones who are bringing stress and difficulty into our lives. Instead of yielding to

what the Lord may be revealing to us in these times of stretching. Also, we want teams/individuals to come prepared to deal with issues spiritually and not in the flesh.

Yes, you should come expecting God to move through you/your team and to see hundreds even thousands saved. Yes, you/your team should come expecting to see miracles and great things from the Lord. Yes, you/your team should come expecting God to refresh, restore and minister to you or every member of your team.

Just remember that there is a process that the Lord uses to bring us into our blessings!

EXPECTATION #2

Accommodations/Meals/Typical day? Below is a list that should paint a thumbnail picture of what you can expect to see during your week.

- **Sleeping Accommodations** – We will either be staying at a hotel or dorm like settings. Whatever it may be it will be suitable!
- **If staying at a hotel, please note, no movie rentals, local or long distance calls are allowed.** WOW will not be responsible for any extra charges. In order to secure this, the front desk will not accept a credit card for the rooms.
 - ✓ Each room or dorm like setting has 2 double beds, and four people will be assigned to each room.
 - ✓ Please know it is very important that there is NO HORSEPLAY, PRACTICAL JOKES, OR VIOLATION of rules during the WOW JAM Mission Week. Whenever “Lights out” is established it is important that all adhere to the standards for the week. Our days are long and challenging. Everyone needs to be focused and rested each day.
- **Meals** – During our stay in New Orleans or in Los Angeles, breakfast will be provided at our accommodations. Lunch and Dinner will be catered in. Please contact our office and inform us of any special needs, and we will be sure to follow up with all necessary contacts.
- **Free Time or Site seeing** – Each WOW JAM Mission week leaves one day open for each group to do something fun. You are welcome to take the day exploring New Orleans or go enjoy Disneyland in Los Angeles! Please note: WOW is not responsible for your meals on the day off, however, we will do our best with transportation on your day off.
- **A Typical WOW JAM Day** – Each day will start early with a personal devotion time. After breakfast we will then be bused to our host church for worship, speakers, and workshops. After a healthy lunch, we begin loading up to depart for the WOW JAM around 1pm. We usually return to the church around 9 pm for dinner. Leaders are given a chance to meet with the WOW staff to review issues and questions. We are then bused back to our hotel and lights out at about 11pm. On days of no WOW JAMS we will have the opportunity to either visit and pray with those who just received Jesus at the WOW JAM or take the opportunity to distribute flyers for the

upcoming WOW JAMS during the week. *(Everyday has the potential for last minute changes, additions and subtractions) Flexibility is important!*

EXPECTATION #3

What should your team expect from WOW and the Host church?

First, it goes without saying that we at WOW are committed to seeing your team blessed and used by God the week you are with us. We will be committed to praying for your team the moment we hear you are coming. Part of that commitment to see the Lord move in your team is to prepare and plan a week of powerful ministry both in the mornings and during the WOW JAMS.

Once you arrive, WOW and the Host church will commit to the following:

1. Transportation to and from the airport.
2. Three meals a day, powerful teaching and training workshops, 3 WOW JAMS and one day of site seeing.
3. Home visitations.
4. Flyer distribution.
5. 2 WOW JAM T-shirts and Workbook for each student.
6. Transportation during the week.
7. POWERFUL ministry and many opportunities to pray with those in need of a savior!

LOS ANGELES ONLY:

Special activity: For the last two years, only in L.A., the entire group will go on a morning hike in the Altadena mountains. Beautiful scenery to do personal devotions as well as practical teachings on “life” and “group” dynamics. It’s a time of getting to know your fellow WOW JAM Interns and seeing the beauty of God’s creation. The hike consists of two parts: the first part is considered “easy” which everyone will take part in. The second is considered more intermediate, in which you will have a choice to continue with the group or wait with others who choose not to go as well. However, if you choose to continue, the reward is a gorgeous, refreshing waterfall at the end of the Hike! Once we make it back to base we all enjoy a delicious lunch! I would encourage you/your team to begin to do some physical activity prior to the WOW JAM Mission Week. Not only for the hike but also for the week. Our WOW JAM Mission Weeks are very “active”.

WHAT TO BRING

During your stay with us we would like to make it as easy as possible. This includes how much you pack and bring. We have listed a few essential items that each individual should be sure to pack and *a few that need to be left at home!*

Essentials:

Bible/journal/pen or pencil

Camera

Tennis shoes

Hiking Day: appropriate shoes/small backpack/shorts/shirt - LA ONLY

Outfit for day off

Jeans/Shorts (no tight or short shorts)

Spending money for day off

Sweatshirt/Sweater/or light raincoat (evenings tend to cool down a bit/may rain in New Orleans)

Each individual will be given 2 WOW JAM t-shirts to wear EACH day. All shirts will be laundered each day by WOW.

Please...leave home WITHOUT it!

Girls: NO short shorts! Ladies, if you come wearing short or tight shorts you will be asked to change! We take this very seriously.
NO tight or short shirts
No heels
No major valuable jewelry
NO BAD ATTITUDE!

Boys: NO BAD ATTITUDE!

Cell Phones: Please be prepared to turn off all cell phones during workshops, worship, daily speakers and WOW JAMS. There will be time during your breaks to make any necessary calls. Thank you for your cooperation!

IPODS: We understand when traveling IPODS are necessary, however, once you have arrived at your destination we ask for all IPODS to remain in your hotel room for the duration of your stay. We do not allow IPODS in sessions or at WOW JAMS. It's important for everyone to stay focused and in the game! Thank you!