

## Activities Menu: Possibilities

Part of our role at SoCal Mission Inn is to curate a mission experience for your group in alignment with your goals and interests. This page will give you an idea of some possibilities. Pages that follow show more details.

### Service & Education

Food Bank & Motel Living Exhibit  
School for Homeless Kids  
Invasive Plants Removal & Science Center  
Sustainable Farming Workshop  
Beach Clean-Up  
All People's Community Center LA (DOC)  
Homeboy Industries (gangs)  
Urban Mission (restorative justice, garden, clothing, food)

### Other Outings

Disneyland  
Aquarium  
Beach  
Kayaking/Paddle Boarding  
Downtown LA (this could include many options)  
Museum of Tolerance  
MLB Baseball Game  
Chapman University Tour

### Evening Options

Worship  
Drum Circle  
Music  
Dance  
Improvisation  
Art  
Nintendo Wii  
Movies  
Labyrinth (at Chapman)  
Free Time

We have some experience weaving options together around a theme (or themes). We're also aware of traffic, travel time, the importance of rest, community building, fun, and trying to make the most of a meaningful mission week! We're excited to partner with you!

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## Focus: Homelessness and Hunger

### Option #1 – 1 day

**Learn:** Watch documentary the evening before the visit. Documentary about Homelessness in Orange County “*Homeless: The Motel Kids of Orange County.*”

**Experience:** Project Hope Alliance provides a holistic approach to care for children experiencing homelessness. Hear their story.

**Act:** Second Harvest Food Distribution Center - <https://www.feedoc.org/>

This food bank is the home of Project Hope’s “214 Square Feet” installation about living in a motel room. If it’s not on display somewhere else, we can arrange with Second Harvest to see the installation after your volunteer shift.

Second Harvest’s Food Distribution Center (FDC) in Irvine sorts, packages and distributes enough food to feed 250,000 men, women and children each month. Shifts are three hours.

### Option #2 – 1 day - Skyview School - <https://www.createinspiringyouth.org/>

**Learn:** This is K-9 school for kids who are homeless/housing insecure. Some live in motels, some with family members, some in cars...and it often changes. This allows them to stay in the same school even if they are moving around the region.

**Act:** Provide hands-on work cleaning, painting, etc, depending on current needs.

These 3 options segue effectively to a fun day at Disneyland. On the way to the park, participants will see where some of the motels are located that house children and families who are experiencing homelessness.

### Option #3 - 1 day- Disney Youth Education Series (Y.E.S.) Program - <https://www.disneyyouth.com/programs/education/youth-education-series/>

#### Group Learning and Fellowship Day

Disneyland offers some unique education programs for youth, such as:

- **“Disney’s Approach to Leadership and Teamwork.”** Learn from Walt Disney’s leadership strategies and apply them to achieve stronger collaboration skills, increase confidence and set a course for success.
- **“Creating a Leadership Legacy.”** Students learn how to develop their own leadership legacy to become confident in their ability to accomplish goals and be motivated to achieve the impossible.

Starting price \$110 per student, this includes admission to one park and is less than a regular admission ticket. Spend 3 hours with this education experience, and then have the rest of the day to play in the park! Entrance fee is **not included** in FCCO Mission Inn registration fee.

## Focus: Ocean Education/Environmental Justice

### Option #1 – Long Beach – 1 day

*Act:* Beach Cleanup– sack lunch on the beach; view Los Angeles River – trash, single use plastics. FCCO has grabber sticks and reusable bags that can be used by your group.

*Learn/Experience:* <http://aquariumofpacific.org>

Visit the Aquarium of the Pacific at 3 p.m. for discounted ticket of \$14 for groups of 10 or more

### Option #2 – 1/2 day

*Learn:* Back Bay Science Center - <http://backbaysciencecenter.org/>

Discover what is being done to remove invasive plant species and why it is important.

*Experience, Act:* Remove invasive plant species or other hands-on activities as needed. They also have a couple of touch tanks on site at the center and may be able to arrange a little bit of time there.

### Option #3 – ½ day

*Learn:* Surfrider Foundation - <http://hsbsurfrider.org>

The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches for all people, through conservation, activism, research and education.

*Experience/Act:* Huntington Beach and Seal Beach Areas – Take part in collecting trash on the beach. The data collected helps them to get grant funding for projects. FCCO has grabber sticks and reusable bags that can be used by your group.

### Option # 4 - 1 day

*Learn/Experience:* Riverbed Farm - <http://www.renewablefarms.com/theriverbed>

Established in 2008, they have been helping people grow food for a healthier more sustainable lifestyle. They educate, empower and employ communities through responsible agricultural methods.

*Act:* Work in gardens

### Option #5 – Fun activities

Newport Aquatic Center – ½ day - <http://newportaquaticcenter.com/kayak-sups/>

If you are looking for another fun adventure, this center has kayaks and paddleboard rentals. Single kayak: \$15/hour, Double kayak: \$20/hour, Stand Up Paddle Board: \$20/hour Min. AGE: 14yrs (1 person per Board) Persons under 18 must have an adult on the water with them.

## Focus: Poverty, Gangs, Racism, Prejudice, Social Justice

**Option #1** – Homeboy Industries – ½ day- <https://homeboyindustries.org/>

*Learn:* Read before coming, “Tattoos on the Heart” by Father Gregory Boyle or watch the Documentary Film, “G-DOG,” the story of Father Boyle’s first years in South Central Los Angeles. The film may also be viewed once you arrive at FCCO on Prime.

*Experience:* Tour **Homeboy Industries** (45-minute tour) Have lunch at the **Homegirl Café** or box lunches can be ordered to be taken to picnic at Los Angeles Historic Park located two blocks from Homeboy Industries.

If you would like to spend the day in Los Angeles, Homeboy Industries is close to a number of activities within a mile radius such as the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, Olvera Street, Chinatown, Grand Park, the Music Center, Old Chinatown Central Plaza, Disney Concert Hall, Little Tokyo, The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA and many others. Google “What to do near Homeboy Industries.”

**Option #2** – 1 day- All People’s Community Center - <https://allpeoplescc.org/>

*Learn:* All People’s provides resources, programs, and activities to empower community members. All People’s Community Center is a Disciples of Christ Mission Center.

*Experience:* Tour the facilities and discover how All People’s serves the community around them.

*Act:* There are opportunities to help with organization at the center, building maintenance, and possibly work in the garden. A customized list of service activities will be provided once the number of youth, ages, and dates are confirmed.

**Option #3** – UrbanMission – 1 day - <http://www.umpomona.org/>

*Learn:* UrbanMission is a unique UCC/DOC church in the city of Pomona. They approach the work of “church” 180 degrees different from most church-planting efforts: UrbanMission is a *ministry collective*, established to live out Jesus’ call to co-labor with God in making their community the best it can be. Their individual ministries are self-contained but deeply interdependent. They provide “emergent worship” experiences, “open table” meals, “restorative justice ministries, and community wellness.”

*Experience:* Tour the facilities and garden to learn about each ministry.

*Act:* Work in the community garden or assist with building maintenance.

**Option #5** – 1 day- Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles - <http://www.museumoftolerance.com/>

*Learn:* Visit the Museum website and read Simon Wiesenthal’s story to prepare for your visit.

*Experience:* The Museum of Tolerance is not an ordinary museum of artifacts and documents. As Simon Wiesenthal expressed, “it must not only remind us of the past but remind us to act. This Museum should serve to prevent hatred and genocide from occurring to any group now and in the future. The daunting task was to create an experience that would challenge people of all backgrounds to confront their most closely-held assumptions and assume responsibility for change.” The public has come to view the MOT not only as a symbol of society’s quest to live

peacefully together, but also as an important resource on how to achieve that goal. Entrance Fee: Adults \$15.50, Seniors 62+ \$12.50, Youth 5-18 \$11.50.

*Act:* Follow up with evening discussion.

## Other Activities

### Chapman University

Chapman is a Disciples related university 2 blocks from First Christian Church Orange. Arrangements can be made for a formal or informal tour. The Attallah Piazza (near the Interfaith Center/Chapel and the library) is great for a picnic and potentially fun to play in the fountain as well! If available, the Chapel can be used for evening worship.

### Possible Evening Activities at FCCO

- Drum Circle
- Music
- Dance
- Improvisation
- Art
- Nintendo or Wii
- Movies

### Los Angeles Angels Baseball

Treat your group to a fun evening of Angels baseball. Tickets start at \$8 and go up from there depending on who is playing and where you choose to sit. Parking is \$10 per vehicle for regular season games. The stadium is 2.4 miles from the church.

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