

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DALLAS PROCESSING CENTER MISSION TRIP 2025



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DALLAS ITINERARY 2025



GET READY!

We are excited you will be joining us this year to serve at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Grapevine TX. We pray that God will bless each one serving and more importantly the recipients of the shoeboxes. It will be a weekend of work and a little fun too! This booklet contains some helpful info for the trip.

THE RIDE OVER

Everyone who would like to take their own vehicle is welcome to do so. If you have extra room and are open to having others ride, please offer them an invitation. Each vehicle is welcome to go at their own pace and stop as often as they like or you can run with the pack.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Throughout this itinerary you will see several planned meals and excursions for our group, they will be highlighted in red on each day's itinerary. If you would like to join the group, great! If not, no worries! You are welcome to fly solo or hang with the crew, your choice.

FOOD

Everyone is responsible for their own meal expense. If you are attending the pre planned group meals the price range is listed for each location. You are welcome to eat anywhere you like. Chick-Fil-A will be available at the shoebox processing center. The hotel will offer free breakfast and there is a Waffle House in the hotel parking lot. If you just want to chill in your room, you can use Grub Hub or other meal delivery services.

Throughout this booklet you will find QR codes to give you more information about the places we will visit and menus to our dining experiences. Check out the itinerary for each day and get ready for an awesome weekend!

TO THE WORK!



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The OCC processing center is only 1 minute from our hotel. We will leave at 8:30am sharp Friday and Saturday mornings. The doors will open at 9am. Upon entry we will sign in and receive our name tags and station assignment. We will likely be split into two stations since our group is so large. Below is a list of jobs to be carried out at each station.

MONEY RETRIEVAL

Cartons of shoeboxes will arrive at each station by a conveyor. There will be a person on each side of the table responsible for removing the shoeboxes from the carton, looking through them for any money included for shipping, and depositing it into the secure money box. Once the money is removed the box will be handed off to the inspectors.

INSPECTION

During the inspection process workers on each side of the table will go through each box carefully, If there are any inappropriate items in the box they are to be removed and placed in a bin (discarded items will be donated to the needy). If a box doesn't contain enough items, filler items will be provided to fill the box. Once the box is inspected it will be handed off to the tapers.

TAPING

Those who are taping will grab inspected boxes and tape them with the provided tape machines at each table to ensure they won't pop open. Once taped, the boxes will be handed off to the carton sorters.

SORTERS

Those sorting will take the taped boxes and place them in the appropriate carton. One side of the table will be for girls, the other for boys. There will be three cartons on each side and the boxes are to be placed in the carton that matches the shoebox age range. As cartons are filled they will be placed on a conveyor and replaced with an empty carton.

SCANNER

Each table will be equipped with 2 electronic scanners. Every shoebox will have a scannable QR code for tracking purposes. The person working the scanner must scan each box followed by scanning the corresponding carton it is placed in.

OTHER JOBS TO CONSIDER

You may also have the opportunity to assist in other jobs as well. These include working in the shoebox hospital, keeping stations provided with new cartons, and a variety of other jobs.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4

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7am - Group Departure from the Church

NOTE: Each vehicle can travel in the group or at their own pace, stopping when and where they would like for meals and breaks. Buc-ee's is a fun stop if you have never been.

4pm - Hotel Check In

HOTEL ADDRESS

Comfort Suites
1805 Enchanted Way
Grapevine, TX, 76051

5:30pm - Depart for Group dinner at **Rainforest Cafe**

NOTE: The Rainforest Cafe is located in a very large mall if you would like to hang out after dinner. Or you can head back to your room for some rest.

7pm - Free Time/Nap Time



BUC-EE'S

ADDRESS:

506 I-20 W

Terrell, TX 75160

COST:

Free (unless you need fuel, a car wash, a snack, or any of the other many items available).

NOTE:

Buc-ee's is a gas station and shopping center known for its sprawling size, clean restrooms, and tasty treats. From Buc-ee Nuggets to freshly sliced brisket they have something for everyone.



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HOTEL INFORMATION

ADDRESS:

Comfort Suites
1805 Enchanted Way
Grapevine, TX, 76051

PHONE NUMBER:

(972) 471-1900

COST:

Approx. \$300 per room for the weekend.

NOTE:

Reservations need to be made ASAP. Each party is responsible for their own accommodations. Please let us know if you need assistance booking.



RAINFOREST CAFE

ADDRESS:

3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy,
Grapevine, TX 76051

COST:

\$25-50 per person

NOTE:

Scan the QR code above to check out the menu. The only restaurant where you can dine with apes, snakes, and a host of other animals. The Chocolate Volcano desert is worth considering. If you choose to eat at Rainforest be careful, its a jungle out there!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

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7am - Depart for Group Breakfast at **Old West Cafe**

NOTE: The hotel will offer free breakfast and there is a Waffle House in the parking lot of our hotel.

8:30am - Depart Hotel for OCC Warehouse

9am-11:30am - Process Shoeboxes

11:30am-12pm - Lunch

NOTE: Lunch will be available for purchase on site by Chick-Fil-A or you can bring your own. It is important we all eat together and finish in a timely manner. Our group can't return to work until everyone is finished.

12pm-3pm - Sort Shoeboxes

3pm-5:30pm - Rest/Free Time

5:30pm - Depart Hotel for Group Dinner at **Harvest Hall**

7pm - Group Excursion to Visit the **ICE Exhibit at the Gaylord Hotel**

NOTE: This year the ice sculptures will be themed after the movie ELF. If you attend this attraction be prepared for temperatures of around 9 degrees! (Coats will be provided on site.)



OLD WEST CAFE

ADDRESS:

600 W Northwest Hwy,
Grapevine, TX 76051

COST:

\$15-\$25 per person

NOTE:

Scan the QR code above for
the breakfast menu.



HARVEST HALL

ADDRESS:

815 S Main St,
Grapevine, TX 76051

COST:

\$15-\$30 per person

NOTE:

Scan the QR code to learn more about this venue. Harvest Hall is a unique location with a variety of food to please everyone.



ELF ICE EXHIBIT

ADDRESS:

Gaylord Hotel
1501 Gaylord Trail,
Grapevine, TX 76051

COST:

\$35 per person
(There is also a fee for each
vehicle to park)

NOTE:

Scan the QR code above for
more information. At 9
degrees this is certain to be
one of the coolest attractions
you have ever been to, but
don't worry, heavy coats will
be provided!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

7am - Depart Hotel for Group Breakfast at **The Original Pancake House**

NOTE: The hotel will offer free breakfast and there is a Waffle House in the parking lot of our hotel.

8:30am - Depart Hotel for OCC Warehouse

9am-11:30am - Process Shoeboxes

11:30am-12pm - Lunch

NOTE: Lunch will be available for purchase on site by Chick-Fil-A or you can bring your own. It is important we all eat together and finish in a timely manner. Our group can't return to work until everyone is finished.

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3pm-5:30pm - Rest/Free Time

5:30pm - Depart Hotel for Dinner at **1845 Taste of Texas**

NOTE: This is a nicer restaurant so dress accordingly.

7pm - Group Excursion to See the **Christmas Lights of Downtown Grapevine**

NOTE: Grapevine is the self proclaimed "Christmas Capital of Texas". Main street of Grapevine will be adorned with an assortment Christmas decor.

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THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE

ADDRESS:

1505 William D. Tate Ave
Grapevine, Texas, 76051

COST:

\$15-\$20 per person

NOTE:

Scan the QR code to check
out the menu.



1845 TASTE OF TEXAS

ADDRESS:

2401 Lakeside Pkwy, Flower
Mound, TX 75022

COST:

\$40-\$80 per person

NOTE:

Scan the QR code above to check out the menu. 1845 is known amongst our group for their scrumptious Brussel Sprouts.



DOWNTOWN GRAPEVINE

ADDRESS:

Main Street Grapevine

COST:

Free

NOTE:

Scan the QR code above for more info about Grapevine's Christmas extravaganza. There will be a few shops open along the street. You may want to check out Kilwin's Chocolate and Candy Shop for a sweet treat and some hot chocolate.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

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6am - Group Hotel Departure

NOTE: Each vehicle is free to leave as early or as late as they would like if you do not want to travel with the group.

9am - Group Breakfast at **Dairy Palace**

NOTE: Dairy Palace is a world famous family owned and operated burger and ice cream joint located in Canton TX.

10am - Head home

NOTE: Each vehicle can travel at their own pace and stop when and where they would like for meals and breaks.



DAIRY PALACE

ADDRESS:

2301 N Trade Days Blvd,
Canton, TX 75103

COST:

\$15-\$25 per person

NOTE:

Scan the QR code to check
out the menu.



GOT QUESTIONS?

We hope you have found this itinerary helpful. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out. If this is your first time to join us we are excited to have you! This will be our eleventh year to serve at the processing center and it has been a blessing each year. Serving will give you a better understanding of the process as you take part in this phase of a shoeboxes journey. For more info you can reach out to:

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