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RE: Adventures Baja Trip

Dear Young Life staff and volunteer leaders,

We are excited for the 2025 camp trips at Young Life Adventures Baja. We know the Lord will use this opportunity to draw guests closer to Him and create relationships as they serve and experience a week of discipleship camp. That said, Young Life is aware that there may be questions or concerns about safety when traveling south of the border. We wanted to provide a little information to assure you that safety is a priority to the mission of Young Life.

The State Department does have an advisory "reconsider travel" for the region of Baja. This is largely due to crime associated with areas in the urban center of Tijuana. Young Life groups will only be traveling during the day and together as a group, staying on well-traveled roads, and will not be in the city of Tijuana. The areas we will be traveling and working in are heavily traversed by tourists and other ministry groups. Our ministry partners are well-established and have deep ties to the area for the past 30-50 years.

Young Life Risk Management and Safety Staff have worked with Adventures Baja Leadership to develop a plan that provides operational guidelines using best practices, most of which we have incorporated into trips for the past 10 years. These plans will be shared with you as leaders and staff during daily briefings and are meant to largely work behind the scenes, not impacting ministry.

Though we are leaving the country, these are the same practices we would use if we were going up the coast to a large metropolitan city in California or Arizona. The safety of our guests is a priority, and we are implementing the best plans we can to give all campers a safe and impactful experience.

If you have any questions at all or parents who have concerns about the trip, please feel free to reach out to the Adventures Baja leadership of James and Courtney Thomsen. We are very excited and look forward to seeing how God uses this adventure in our lives and those of the kids. Thank you for your willingness to participate with serving in Baja, Mexico.

Thank you

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