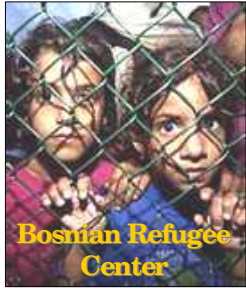


# Announcing Ridgedale's High School Choir

## Mission St. Louis 2011

### June 18-25

Ridgedale's High School Youth Choir heads to *The Gateway to the West*, St. Louis, Missouri for a most unique music missions and service adventure for 2011.



Bosnian Refugee Center

God has opened the door us to work each day with **Cornerstone Farms**, a large, Christian-based equestrian center that offers a therapeutic riding program called "Bridge the Divide." This ministry offers weekly sessions for children with disabilities as well as a one-week summer camp. During this camp week High School Youth Choir members will invest themselves in the lives of children ages 5-18 with disabilities such as spina bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, etc.



Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital



Juvenile Detention Center



Shriners' Hospital

Choir members will also have the opportunity to work with and sing for the following ministries: **Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital** (a hospital for seriously ill children), **Shiners' Children's Hospital**, **St. John's Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital** (including a concert in the hall for the brain injury unit), **St. Louis Juvenile Detention Center**, and a **Baptist Bosnian Refugee Center**.

We will work in cooperation with the **St. Louis Metro Baptist Association**, which assures us they need our assistance and people in St. Louis need Jesus Christ, and possibly with a **new church plant in the East St. Louis area**.



Conerstone Farms

Our home for the week will be Oak Hall at the **University of Missouri St. Louis (USML)**. This is a new dorm with four private rooms per suite with each room having their own micro/fridge. The four rooms in each suite will share a bathroom with double vanities, private shower and private toilet. The dorm also has a pool for dorm residents.



Conerstone Farms

**Overland Baptist Church** in St. Louis will host us that week with an invitation to sing in their evening worship service on Sunday night, and they have also opened their kitchen to us so can prepare our famous "home cooked" meals like you enjoyed in Gulf Shores.



St. John's Mercy Rehab Hospital

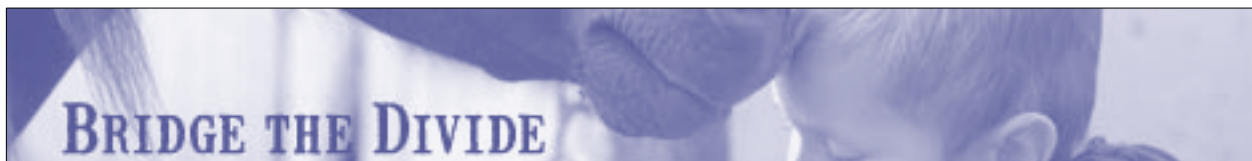


Overland Baptist Church



Oak Hall

University of Missouri St. Louis



## We will also have a bit of fun while in St. Louis!



City Museum

St. Louis, called The Gateway to the West because of it is the historical beginning from which the population of the United States migrated westward, is a great river city with a diverse multi-cultural population, reflected in its activities, architecture, sports, historical sites, and other aspects which draw visitors from around the world. So, it is a great city to explore while we are there.



Inside the Arch

We will have the opportunity to travel to the top of the **St. Louis Arch** by elevator capsule. We'll visit the **St. Louis Zoo** and **Forrest Park**, the largest public park in the US and site of the 1904 World's Fair. We'll spend an evening at **City Museum**, a labyrinth of tunnels, caves, forests and climbing structures created with recycled material from the city's demolished buildings. We hope to attend a **St. Louis Cardinals game** as well as a Broadway show at the **Muny**, America's oldest and largest outdoor theater. We'll have lunch on the **Delmar Loop** and enjoy a "concrete" on **Route 66** at **Ted Drewes Frozen Custard** ("concretes" are milkshakes so thick they serve them to you upside down without spilling a delicious drop!).



### Costs and Payments

Student cost includes lodging, all activities and all meals except for one fast-food meal en route each way.

**Expected Cost per Student: \$200.00**

**Payment 1:** \$50.00, due March 9

**Payment 2:** \$50.00, due April 6

**Payment 3:** \$50.00, due May 4

**Payment 4:** \$50.00, due June 8

**Payments are non-refundable!**



The Muny



Delmar Loop



Cardinals Game



### Pre-Trip Expectations

High School Choir has asked for the opportunity to have **another mission involving only high school students**, and Michael really wants to give you that opportunity. We have access to certain mission sights not allowed to younger students and the benefits can be enormous. However, **for this 2011 mission to truly be a Ridgedale High-School-Choir-only event, we must have the participation of most all High School Choir students**. Your early commitment to the mission and complete follow-through is absolutely essential to even make it possible!

Further, you **must be present and truly invested in most all Sunday rehearsals and training events**. Your faithfulness, dependability, and "I'm-all-in-this" attitude is the only way Michael believes God will honor this effort and make it successful. **Are YOU in...ALL-in?** [Home Concert/Mission Celebration Sunday June 26 PM!]