

Dear Parent,

As the staff of Cru we would like to say how much we enjoy having your child involved with our ministry. Our desire is to provide a place where students can grow in their relationship with Christ and develop as spiritual leaders in every aspect of life. One really amazing opportunity we offer students is a week long conference and missions trip to Panama City Beach FL for spring break outreach called Big Break (www.big-break.com).

For decades Cru students have gathered in Florida during Spring Break to grow in their relationship with God and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the thousands of other college students who are at the beach.

This annual event has played a big role in the spiritual growth of thousands of college students. Just imagine, in the midst of one of the nation's most popular spring break locations where drinking, partying and other explicit activities are celebrated, thousands of Christian college students from all over the country gather to worship God, be developed in their faith, and share the love of Christ with others who are there. Every year hundreds of students give their lives to Christ and meet Christians who really care about them.

Our students will be lodged in a first class beach resort, the Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida (www.edgewaterbeachresort.com). The safety of your child is a big priority for us. Know that the Edgewater is a very safe and secure location. There are families staying in the same resort during the week. Also we never allow anyone to walk around alone, especially at night. Men will be housed with men and women with women. Their week will consist of morning and evening meetings with praise and worship, speakers challenging us from God's Word, and evangelism training. Each afternoon our students will be on the beach involved in creative outreaches, engaging in spiritual conversations with other spring breakers. The dates for the trip are during the MIT Spring Break week.

There is a conference cost and a transportation cost for the week, which are set. Food costs are not included in these dollar amounts and may vary depending the student. More details on the costs can be found at www.mitcru.com/bigbreak.

In the past many students have seen God provide the needed funds through the support of family members, friends, and churches. We have found that many people are excited to give to something like this where young people are doing something to make a difference in the world.

If you would like to talk to one of our staff about any questions or concerns please contact Chris Swanson at Chris.Swanson@cru.org. 515-451-9542 (Chris' cell).

Sincerely in Christ,

The Staff of Cru Boston