TST (Teen Service Team) FAQs

1. **What is TST?**
    a. TST is SpringHill's one-week leader-development program for high schoolers. It's designed to help students look more like Jesus through service, community, and life-impacting experiences. In TST, students learn to lead by serving while discovering their passions and gifts.
2. **Who is eligible to participate in TST?**
    a. All students who have completed 9th–12th grade are eligible for TST. It's designed for students who want to explore what it means to serve like Jesus and make a meaningful impact in their community.
    b. We welcome students at every stage of their faith journey. Whether they're simply curious about Jesus, have followed Him their whole lives, or are somewhere in between, TST is a place to ask questions, grow in their faith, and discover the joy of serving others.
3. **How much time will students spend serving each day?**
    a. Most days, students serve with their team in two 2-hour blocks, for about 16–18 hours of service across the week. Outside of service, students spend time building community, practicing spiritual rhythms (Bible study, TAG, and worship), and enjoying classic camp activities.
4. **Will students still participate in traditional camp activities?**
    a. Yes! Service is a central part of TST, and students also enjoy a variety of traditional SpringHill camp activities. We believe fun, adventure, and shared memories are valuable parts of building community. TST offers a unique balance of meaningful service, spiritual growth, and unforgettable camp experiences.
5. **Can students receive volunteer or community service hours for TST?**
    a. Yes! After their week at SpringHill, TST students receive a service letter by email documenting their completed service hours. This letter can be submitted to schools, clubs, or other organizations that require volunteer or community service hours, subject to their individual requirements.

6. **Can my student request to be in a cabin with a friend?**
    a. Yes. Parents can request up to four cabinmates for their student during registration. Coming to TST with friends is a great way to share a meaningful summer experience. We also encourage students to come ready to build new friendships and get to know others within their cabin community.

7. **Where will my camper sleep?**
    a. TST students stay in the Peaks. Each cabin has electricity and bathrooms with showers.
8. **Is there a banquet? What should my student pack for it?**
    a. Yes! The TST experience includes Thursday night's banquet where we celebrate what God has done through community and worship.
    b. Campers are invited to dress how they'd like. Some campers will go all-out in dresses and suits, while others prefer a polo and shorts. It's up to you, but we recommend dressing nicer.
9. **Is financial assistance available?**
    a. Yes. Thanks to generous donors, SpringHill offers partial scholarships based on financial need, considered first come, first served. Parents can request aid during registration or apply anytime at springhill.camp/aid.
10. **Can our church or youth group attend TST together?**
    a. TST is a great opportunity for church and youth groups to grow together through shared service, spiritual conversations, and meaningful experiences. Students can strengthen their relationships with one another while discovering how they can serve like Jesus in their communities beyond SpringHill.
    b. If you are interested in bringing your church or youth group to TST, call our Registration Team at (231) 734-2616. Groups of 10 or more save 20%.
11. **Does my student need to apply for an interview for TST?**
    a. No. There's no application or interview for TST. Parents register their student directly through our website. No previous SpringHill, leadership, or service experience is required. We simply invite students to come ready to serve, learn, grow, and engage in community.