



# CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE

Dear Vanguard Parents,

First, let me express my sincerest gratitude to you for such a fine young man your son is! Captain Zach Dunn and myself are extremely grateful and pleased he has the same visions for Christian Service Brigade and Camp Hickory Hill as we do. Vanguard is still in its infancy, and we are going to have growing pains now and then, but this Unit is well on its way to its intended purpose and mission (attached). No one knew about Vanguard when Zach and I started planning for it last October, and while we felt confident several young men would step up and have a desire to be a part of this effort, there also was a little apprehension. Roger Staubach (Dallas Cowboy Hall of Famer) once said, “There are no traffic jams along the extra mile.” Your son is going the extra mile, and you should be very proud! One of the intentions of Vanguard was to give young men in CSB Battalion (and CHH summer staff) an opportunity to be a part of an “elite” group of young men. While that word seems to be somewhat politically incorrect these days – the leadership of Vanguard is proud to call them elite, if for no other reason than giving of their time and going the extra mile.

Vanguard has been received extremely well, and has received many compliments from area Units and churches during their visits so far! The leadership of all three Area Shape N Race’s (Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse) not only was impressed, but also put them to work. But we still have a long way to go in our mission, and the long-term objectives will not be evident overnight. Many times a brand new organization (ministry, business, etc.) requires an exorbitant amount of time to get it up and running and functioning smoothly. Captain Dunn and I are very committed to Vanguard, but one thing we do not desire to do is over utilize the young men in Vanguard, both with their time and resources. Our plan is to continue recruiting fine young men to join Vanguard, therefore each Vanguard Squad (Buffalo and Rochester) will have enough men to rotate CSB and church visits. Our second plan is to help defray the costs of being a part of Vanguard. Each Vanguard member has been required to purchase a uniform, and you as parents have graciously transported your son to and from various training sessions and outings, many of those times include some sort of purchased meal. A letter is attached for our initial plan for defraying these costs. It is our belief your son has entered the mission field; therefore we will give you the tools to raise funds as a missionary. Understanding this isn’t a typical missions trip, we fully believe our own backyard has some of the best missions opportunities for young men today! This letter is just a sample letter, please encourage your son to customize it – then he can mail to relatives, friends, etc., requesting a small donation to CSB Vanguard. This will be **fully optional**, but Vanguard leadership does not desire for its members (read parents!) to be burdened with being part of such a vital catalyst for the re-birth and growth of Christian Service Brigade.

If you ever have any questions or issues at all – please don’t hesitate to contact Captain Dunn or myself at any time at the below numbers.

Very truly yours,

Colonel Scott Haima



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