Every summer, Mission Southside welcomes several college-aged interns onto our team to help with our summer programs. This year we had 5 interns who helped largely with our Leaders in Training program as well as the Backyard Bible Clubs we put on at 12 of our sites.

As the internship wrapped up this week, we spent a lot of time together reminiscing on our summer. We were blessed with a group that worked well together, loved each other and the families in our community well, and was willing to be stretched and challenged. They are leaving this season with a lot of good stories, new friendships, and new passions and skills. Praise God for everything He did in and through our interns this summer! We are grateful for them.

During our times of reflection, interns came up with a list of things of things one should do to prepare for an internship at Mission Southside. We wanted to share the list as a means of showing you a little window into their lives this summer.

Here are our tips!

- Brush up on your multitasking skills by preparing to entertain five year olds and fifteen year olds plus parents in multiple languages
- Memorize the song, “Tengo un amigo” like your life depends on it
- Brush up on your rap battle skills
- Be prepared to receive a new nickname, not of your choosing
- Download the Perka app in preparation for many trips to Sweet Tee's
- Practice your belly flop for pool parties
- Don’t touch the temperamental thermostat at the ministry center (Unless you want to work in 80 degree temperatures!)
- Strengthen your core for some team building activities, like this one
- Clean out your car and be prepared to join the Mission Southside taxi service
- Begin compiling your clean and fun jams for a playlist
- Look forward to munching on Mi Ranchito’s finest chips and queso during Tuesday meetings (was Steve being generous, or just had no time for lunch?)
- Know that pack mule is the unspoken part of the job description
- Grab your favorite Bible translation – we prefer the New Divine version (you had to be there – just a funny misunderstanding)
- Keep a notebook and pen in your car for impromptu permission slips
- Catch up on sleep now... Backyard Bible Club weeks are coming!
- Be willing to connect with God through Frisbee golf or walks around “parque de los patos” - (“park of the ducks” - also known as Frisco Lake)

**Lastly, don’t be surprised when...**

- you discover God growing new passions in your heart
- by the end of the summer, your best friends are all under the age of 14
- the Lord stirs a fire in you to GO
- your ways of thinking are challenged and you find new perspective

In Christ,

The Summer 2017 Interns

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