whitesburg STUDENTS High School

Summer 2027 Go Team

Partnering with Amazon Hope
Manaus, Brazil
June 12-19, 2027

Amazon Hope
Amazon Hope was founded in 2015 with the clear vision to carry the Good News of the Kingdom - the hope found in Jesus Christ - to the forgotten and unreached peoples of the Amazon River. Amazon Hope partners with Brazilian churches and established ministries to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the Amazon River Basin. More than four million people live along the river and its tributaries and an estimated 33,000 villages remain unreached! This is a problem that Amazon Hope is working to solve through short-term mission opportunities. Amazon Hope mobilizes believers from all walks of life to serve among the peoples of the Amazon. As teams build relationships within these communities, doors are opened to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

What are the dates?
June 12-19, 2027
Exact dates may change by a day depending on airline availability.

Who may participate?
This Go Team is open to all students grades 9-12 (completed by June 2027).

What will we do?
The team will travel by boat to a local village along the Amazon River, sharing the gospel, serving communities in need, and leading a VBS for the kids. Students will be challenged to live out their faith as we share the hope of Jesus to the people of the Amazon.



Transportation / Lodging / Meals
The team will fly into Manaus, Brazil. Amazon Hope owns their own large boats which the team will use for travel and lodging. Each boat is equipped to sleep 25 people on board. Meals will be provided on the boat by the Amazon Hope team.

How many spots are available on the team?
There are 25 total spots available on this team. We plan to take approximately 18 students and 7 adults. There are a limited number of bunk rooms and beds on the boat, limiting the amount of people we can take.

Cost
$1,200 per student
$800.00 per adult leader
$250.00 deposit due at the time of registration

We recommend students bring $50 for spending money.

The trip cost is heavily subsidized by the church budget for our students. Scholarship and fundraising opportunities will be available.

Other Requirements

1. **Passport & Visa** - All participants will be required to have a valid passport and Brazilian Visa (passport must have at least 6 months validity past your trip date). Each participant is responsible for obtaining and paying for their own passport and visa. The trip cost does not include cost of obtaining passport and visa.
    a. Parents of students under 18 must also have a passport.
    b. We will have a training meeting in February where a representative from Amazon Hope will come and provide information on how to apply for a Brazilian Visa.
2. **Child Protection Training & Background Check –**All participants 14 years and older will be required to complete Whitesburg's child protection training. All participants 18 years and older will be required to complete a background check. Both the training and background check are completed online through MinistrySafe.
3. **Medical Release Form –** All participants must complete a medical release form. For students under 18 years old, forms must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

How do I register?
Registration opens Wednesday, November 11. The deadline to register is January 1, 2027. Plane tickets will be purchased in January or February. There will be no refunds once plane tickets have been purchased.

Packing List

- Passport in hand for travel (passport must have at least 6 months validity past your trip date)
- Bible
- Refillable water bottle
- Small backpack
- Quick dry towel for showering
- Face wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- U.S. to Brazil power converter
- Sunblock
- Bug spray
- RV toilet paper
- Flip flops for wearing on the boat only

- Two pairs of comfortable walking shoes (in case one pair gets dirty)
- At least three changes of clothes (There is a washing machine on the boat. A staff member washes clothes and hangs them to dry each day.)
- OPTIONAL BEDDING: Sheets and pillows are provided, but you may bring your own. You may wish to bring a blanket or compact travel sleeping bag (Boat air conditioners work very well!).

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND VAPES ARE PROHIBITED ON THE BOAT AT ALL TIMES.