



Bay Life
STUDENT MINISTRY



REACH

2026 REACH TEAMS INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Student Applications Due Back November 2

REACH TEAMS LIST

Site	Grade	Dates
Kidapalooza	6th-12th	June 1–5 & June 7–12
Atlanta, GA	6th-8th	June 21–27
Salt Lake City, UT	9th-12th	May 30–June 6
Dallas, TX	9th-12th	June 21–27
Puerto Rico	9th-12th	July 4–July 10

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Do you have questions or need assistance? You can contact the Student Ministry Coordinator, Noah Brock at **813.661.3696 ext. 247** or by email at **students@baylife.org**

MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

Meetings are a very important part of the whole Reach Team experience. As the team bonds in the months prior to the actual trip/project, something begins to happen within the students. They stop being individuals serving and become part of a team committed to sharing God's Word, God's love, and God's mission as they work together for a common goal. In the information packet that you will receive at the parent meeting, there will be a list of meetings that are mandatory for each team member.

If the meeting cannot be attended, you must ensure that the team leader knows in advance. Missing too many meetings may mean that you are removed from the team.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadlines & Events

11/2/25	Student Applications Due Back
12/7/25	Mandatory Parent Meeting – 12:30pm in the Worship Center
3/28/26	Bay Life 5K
5/23/26	Bay Life Car Show

Mission Team Meeting Dates

1/11/26	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
2/1/26	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
3/8/26	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
4/12/26	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
5/3/26	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
5/17/26	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
TBA	Final Parent Meeting
2/8/26	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
3/1/26	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
4/19/26	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
5/24/26	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)

TRIP PARTNERS

Servant Life – Atlanta, Georgia, Dallas, Texas & Puerto Rico

Servant Life mobilizes groups on gospel-centered, Christ-focused, short-term mission trips designed to support the strategic, long-term ministry of missionaries and churches around the world.

Since its inception in 1999, Servant Life has been a mission-mobilizing ministry providing short-term mission trips for students and church groups. Their aim is to connect students' love for God to the nations through His Word and by His Spirit. Currently, Servant Life sends short-term mission teams to a global network of partners in seventeen countries, including six locations in the United States.

MAVEN – Salt Lake City, Utah

MAVEN's approach to mission trips is truly unique. Through immersive experiences, students gain a deeper understanding of apologetics, theology, and evangelism, and learn to engage with those from the Mormon faith. This hands-on approach equips students to articulate their faith with confidence and compassion, and grow in their knowledge of the truthfulness of Christianity.

MAVEN's Biblical Immersive Experience will deepen their knowledge of God and His Word like nothing else. And that knowledge will deepen their relationship with Christ and give them a love and compassion for people who need the true Gospel of Grace.

KIDAPALOOZA MISSION TEAM

Dates

June 1 - 5 (Kidapalooza Jr.)

June 7 - 12 (Kidapalooza)

For Current 6–12th graders

Cost: \$50

Prayer Letters: Minimum 25 per person

You may participate on this team AND on another team, IF the two do not overlap (i.e.: Utah and Kidapalooza are at the same time so you cannot do these trips together). By signing up for this event, you are committing to serve during both weeks of KPA.



Information

Kidapalooza is our Church's wild and crazy Vacation Bible School for our Elementary students. This Missions team will be the engine behind Kidapalooza (KPA) for elementary kids and KPA Jr. which is specifically designed for kids who are just entering and leaving kindergarten. Our team will plan, prepare, and execute KPA Junior on Tuesday - Thursday, June 2 - 4. This all culminates in an all-out blitz on Sunday, June 7th, to set up all that is necessary for Kidapalooza 2026 on June 8-12. During Kidapalooza, our students will get to be Jesus's hands and feet to support the gospel going to the children of our community.

Costs

Cost includes lunch each day the week of KPA Jr. and dinners during the week of KPA.

Meetings

We will have one meeting each month from 12:15pm – 2:00pm on a Sunday. Closer to the trip we may need to have extra meetings to help prepare. Exact dates will follow. Students are required to be in attendance at meetings in order to be a part of this team.

Team Meeting Dates: 2/8, 3/1, 4/19, 5/24

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Dates

June 21 – June 27

For Current 6–8th graders

Team Size: 12 -20 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$100

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 25 per person

Total Cost: \$900



Site Information

Working alongside “The International Village”, our mission partners through Servant Life in Atlanta, our team will help meet the needs of the community in Atlanta showing the love of Christ with our actions, and to gain a better understanding of how to reach those from different religious backgrounds.

The International Village is like no other place on the planet! The whole world has come to us and is living in the apartment complexes where our team will serve. In the mornings, our team will feel as if they’ve been transported to another country like Japan, China, Vietnam, Algeria and the Middle East, India, and South America! Servant Life missionary partners will lead our team on daily cultural immersion experiences where we will learn about different world religions and how to share our faith in an easy, non-threatening way. After lunch each day, our team will head to a local apartment complex to lead Bible clubs, tutoring, sports, and more.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally three to five students per adult.

Accommodations

Team stay at a local hotel or AIRBNB.

Costs

Cost includes transportation, meals, and a fun day out in Atlanta. You will need money for meals on travel days and at least \$30 spending money for anything extra.

Meetings

We will have one meeting each month on Sundays from 12:15 – 2:30 pm.

Mission Meeting Dates: 1/11, 2/1, 3/8, 4/12, 5/3 5/17

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Dates

May 30 – June 6

For Current 9–12th graders

Team Size: 12 – 24 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$100

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 25 per person

Total Cost: \$1700



Site Information

In Utah, theology is on most people's minds because the majority of them are Mormons. Students will have plenty of chances to dialogue with people of the Mormon faith – at the Salt Lake City Temple, college campuses, or while serving in the community. This trip will deepen their knowledge of God and His Word like nothing else. That knowledge will deepen their relationship with Christ and give them a love for people who need Christ.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally five students to one adult.

Accommodations

We will stay at a house specifically used for the mission team.

Costs

Cost includes transportation, accommodation, meals and a fun activity out. You will need money for meals in the airports on travel days and at least \$30 spending money for anything extra.

Meetings

We will have one meeting each month on Sundays from 4:30 – 6:30pm. Dates for meetings are below. Additional meetings may be required as the trip approaches.

Meeting Dates: 1/11, 2/1, 3/8, 4/12, 5/3, 5/17

DALLAS, TEXAS

Dates

June 21 – June 27

For Current 9–12th graders

Team Size: 12 – 22 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$100

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 25 per person

Total Cost: \$1500



Site Information

We partner with a local ministry in Dallas that serves refugees from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Their mission is to meet the practical needs of refugee families through education and family services, while consistently sharing the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Refugees are welcomed with the caring love of Christ, and every program, class, and event includes opportunities for the gospel to be shared in both word and deed.

We will be able to help with education and family services, building relationships with children while pointing them to the love of Christ. Other opportunities may include leading Bible lessons, outdoor games, reading groups, swim lessons, and helping with family support needs. As we serve, we will learn compassion from hearing their stories and experience the joy of sharing the gospel with people who are eager to hear good news.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally three to five students to one adult.

Accommodations

We will be staying at For the Nations Refugee Outreach

Costs

Cost includes transportation, meals and a fun day out in Dallas. You will need money for lunches on travel days and at least \$30 spending money for anything extra.

Meetings

We will have one meeting each month on Sundays from 4:30 – 6:30pm.

Meeting Dates: 1/11, 2/1, 4/12, 5/3

PUERTO RICO

Dates

July 4 – July 10

For Current 9–12th graders

Team Size: 12-25 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$100

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 25 per person

Total Cost: \$1700



Site Information

Servant Life has been serving in Puerto Rico since 2017, partnering with local churches to strengthen the body of Christ and reach communities with the gospel. This year, we will be serving in Utuado, a town in the central west part of the island, about two hours from the San Juan airport. Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory, so no passport is required, but with Spanish as the primary language, teams will experience genuine cross-cultural ministry in a beautiful Caribbean setting.

Our team will have a variety of opportunities to serve in Utuado. Past projects have included VBS, home visits, community outreach in the park, youth nights, cleanup projects, and helping with the development of a Christian retreat center. Teams may also participate in events hosted in the town square that provide food, haircuts, and encouragement to those in need. Whether through service projects or relational ministry, our goal is to encourage the local church, meet practical needs, and share the love of Christ with the people of Puerto Rico.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally 3 to 5 students to one adult.

Accommodations

We will be staying at the local church in Utuado

Costs

Cost includes transportation, meals and a fun day out in Puerto Rico. You will need money for lunches on travel days and at least \$30 spending money for anything extra.

Meetings

We will have one meeting each month on Sundays from 4:30 – 6:30pm. Dates for meetings are below. Additional meetings may be required as the trip approaches.

Meeting Dates: 1/11, 2/1, 4/12, 5/3

TRIP GUIDELINES

For medical expenses incurred during a trip, receipts will be obtained and given to the participant(s) upon return. Reimbursement to Bay Life needs to take place as quickly as possible. Filing claims with your insurance company is at your discretion and will not be done by Bay Life and/or its staff.

If you become ill and need to return home, the expense will be your responsibility. If medically necessary, a team member will accompany you.

If your behavior is deemed unacceptable to Bay Life or mission partners, you will be sent home immediately at your expense.

Cancellation Procedure:

Applicant must submit a letter in writing to the pastor stating the reason they no longer wish to participate in the trip.

Applicant must send a letter to supporters informing of his/her decision to not go on the trip and advising them that their financial support will go towards others on the trip.

For trips in June, cancellation must occur before April 1 for no additional costs to be incurred. For trips in July, cancellation must occur before May 1 for no additional costs to be incurred. If cancellation occurs after these dates, the applicant must pay the difference between the cost of the trip and amount of support raised.

If the Go Team is canceled by the church for any reason, 50% of the deposit will be refunded and the remaining amount will be used to help cover the cost of trip deposits made and materials purchased.

Image Policy:

The Bay Life Church Image Policy is for your protection and ours. Bay Life Church promotes their ministries by using photographs of members and events. A photographer may be present at an event/class/worship service you are attending. Bay Life Church reserves the right to use the photographs taken at any church event in any publications produced by Bay Life.

Bay Life Church, via print, video, or website affiliated with the church. If you do not want your image, likeness or voice to be used, please contact the church office immediately. By not contacting the office, you imply permission and waive any claim for damages against Bay Life Church and its representatives for an unapproved use, alteration, or republication of images, likeness, or voice by third parties accessing the Internet/World Wide Web or obtaining copies of the print or video material.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can we raise more money?

You may do babysitting, yard work, clean mailboxes, etc., to contribute to your trip costs. Also, you can participate in several fundraising events that take place throughout the year. Parents can work some of these events to help raise funds for their child's trip. However, the first chance to work goes to the students

Why write fundraising letters?

Our main goal with our letters is to train students to trust in God's provision. We are asking for prayer and financial support for the trip/project and team building process. Many friends and family members are happy to help "participate" in your mission trip by giving, but the only way they know how to help is through these letters. Responses to the letters often strengthen our trust in God's provision through His body.

Can we just pay for the trip without writing letters?

If you are uncomfortable asking for finances, you may pay for the trip. However, writing letters for prayer is mandatory for every team member. If you choose to not write support letters you will not receive any overage that the team makes; the trip must be paid in full by yourself. Speak with a student pastor if this seems like too much.

What happens if we raise too much money?

All money that is raised above the total cost for your student will go towards the team's over- all total. When that team is paid in full, it will go to other student trips that need it.

What happens if we do not raise enough money?

You will be responsible to either pay the balance due before the trip or to meet with a student pastor to discuss the amount you have left to pay and a payment schedule.

Is the place where my child is staying safe?

Yes, the sites are chosen with the kids' safety in mind. All of the sites have been tested over the years and have proven to be very safe.

Who do I call if I have an emergency and need to contact my student?

If you need to contact your student, first call the church office at 813.661.3696 and leave a message for the Student Ministry Coordinator (or email at students@baylife.org).

Will I be able to hear from my student when they are on the trip?

It is easy to get distracted while on a trip, so we ask that students do not bring their phones out on the trip. The missions trip leader will be the main communicators on the trip.

What fundraisers will be held for us to participate in?

- 5k Global Run/Walk - March 28
- Bay Life Car Show - May 23
- Any other ideas that you can do personally in your neighborhood, (*ie: car wash, mailbox wash, babysit, yard work etc.*)

WHAT ARE THE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS?

This is a COPY of what you need to sign in the application process.

Student Expectations for Participation:

I understand that if I do not meet these expectations I may not be allowed to go on this trip. I will attend a minimum of 50% of all youth services between now and the trip.

I will attend a minimum of 75% of all mission training sessions, and team building events with the team prior to the trip. I will let my leader know, before the scheduled meeting, if I cannot attend.

I understand that it is MANDATORY to write support or prayer letters. I will mail/email my support/prayer letters by the **February** team meeting. I understand that if I don't write support letters I will be required to pay for the trip in full, (minus any other fundraiser money), and will therefore not receive any overages that the team may make.

I understand that the Global 5K is our biggest fundraiser and I will be expected to register at least 2 runners for 5k or Fun Run, or secure a sponsor. If I don't participate in this way, I understand that I will not receive compensation for hours worked on the 5K day.

I understand that I need to pay a deposit (not tax deductible) to cover some of the travel cost/fun part of trip/T-shirt, and I will remind my parents to bring it to the parent meeting.

I understand that it is **against** the church policy to make a GoFundMe page or anything similar. ALL donations must come directly to Bay Life Church. This is to make sure that the maximum amount of funds donated go to the trip instead of in fees.

I commit to meet the three payment deadlines and if I fall short I will pay the difference. I understand that if I have not sent letters or worked fundraisers at this point, I will expect the pastor to question me as to whether it is right for me to be part of the trip.

I will commit to being a good example of Christ by showing integrity, respect, responsibility, and a servant's heart in their words, actions, and attitudes. Failure to do so may result in me being dismissed from the trip.

I commit to:

- Praying before, during, and after the trip.
- Submitting to the authority of Bay Life Church leaders, or any other adult that is working with me.
- Valuing the unity of the team.
- Having a flexible, servant attitude.
- Working hard and being on time for the duration of the trip for God's glory.

WHAT ARE THE PARENT EXPECTATIONS?

This is a COPY of what you need to sign in the application process.

Expectations for My Son/Daughter as they Participate:

I understand that if my son/daughter does not meet these expectations they may not be allowed to go on this trip.

He/She will attend a minimum of 50% of all youth services between now and the trip.

He/She will attend a minimum of 75% of all mission training sessions, and team building events with the team prior to the trip. They will let their leader know, before the scheduled meeting, if they cannot attend.

I understand that it is MANDATORY to write support or prayer letters. I understand that my son/daughter will mail/email their support/prayer letters by and no later than the **February** team meeting. I understand that if they don't write support letters we will be required to pay for the trip in full, (minus any other fundraiser money), and will therefore not receive any overages that the team may make.

I understand that the Global 5K is our biggest fundraiser and that my son/daughter will be expected to register at least 2 runners for 5k or Fun Run or secure a sponsor. If they don't participate in this way, I understand that they will not receive compensation for hours worked on the 5K day.

I understand that I need to pay a deposit (not tax deductible) to cover some of the travel cost/fun part of trip/T-shirt, and that this is due at the parent meeting in December.

I understand that it is **against** the church policy to make a GoFundMe page or anything similar. ALL donations must come directly to Bay Life Church. This is to ensure that the maximum amount of funds donated go to the trip instead of fees.

I commit to meet the three payment deadlines and if I fall short I will pay the difference. I understand that if I have not sent letters or worked fundraisers at this point, I will expect the pastor to question me as to whether it is right for me to be part of the trip.

I understand that we, as parents/guardians are responsible for the remaining balance due before the trip or I will meet with the student pastors to discuss how the final balance can be met.

I understand that my son/daughter will commit to:

- Praying before, during, and after the trip.
- Submitting to the authority of Bay Life Church leaders & adult that will be working with them
- Valuing the unity of the team.
- Having a flexible, servant attitude.
- Working hard and being on time for the duration of the trip for God's glory.



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