

REACH



2027 REACH TEAMS

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Student Applications Due **November 15, 2026**

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Team	Grade	Dates
Kidapalooza	6th-12th	June 1–4 & June 7–11
Salt Lake City, UT	9th-12th	June 13–19
Birmingham, AL	7th-8th	June 20–26
Dallas, TX	9th-12th	June 27–July 3



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

MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

Meetings are an important part of the REACH Team experience. During the months leading up to each trip or project, students will prepare spiritually, build relationships, and learn to serve together as a unified team. The parent packet will identify all required meetings and important deadlines.

If a student cannot attend a meeting, they must notify their team leader in advance. Excessive absences may result in removal from the team.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadlines & Events

11/15/26	Student Applications Due Back
12/6/26	Mandatory Parent Meeting - 12:15pm in the Worship Center
3/13/27	Bay Life 5K
5/16/27	Mission Commissioning Sunday

Mission Team Meeting Dates

1/10/27	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:15pm)
2/7/27	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:15pm)
3/14/27	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:15pm)
4/4/27	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:15pm)
5/2/27	Middle School (12:15pm – 2:30pm) & High School (4:30pm – 6:15pm)
TBA	Final Parent Meeting
1/17/27	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
2/14/27	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
3/7/27	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
4/11/27	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
5/23/27	Kidapalooza Team Meeting (12:15pm – 2:00pm)

TRIP GUIDELINES

If Bay Life pays an emergency medical expense during the trip, receipts will be provided to the participant's parent or guardian, and Bay Life must be reimbursed promptly. Families are responsible for submitting any insurance claims.

If you become ill and need to return home, the expense will be your responsibility. If medically necessary, an adult leader will accompany the student.

If a participant's behavior is deemed unsafe or unacceptable by Bay Life or its ministry partners, the participant may be sent home at the parent's or guardian's expense.

Cancellation Procedure:

The applicant must submit written notice to the pastor stating the reason they no longer wish to participate in the trip.

Applicant must send a letter to supporters explaining their 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 the amount of support raised.

If the REACH 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 its 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.

KIDAPALOOZA



DATES

June 1-4 & 7-11

STUDENTS

Current 6th-12th graders

TEAM SIZE

35 Students

TOTAL COST

\$50

The Experience

Our Kidapalooza Mission Team is a great first step into missions for students in 6th-12th grade. Students will serve at Kidapalooza for two weeks next summer, gaining hands-on leadership experience while ministering to kids in our community.

The team will help plan, prepare, and lead KPA Jr., assist with Kidapalooza setup, and serve throughout the week as the hands and feet of Jesus, helping share the gospel with children across our community.

Team Meetings

Sundays | 12:15-2:00 PM

Jan 17 • Feb 14 • Mar 7 • Apr 11 • May 23



BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



The Experience

Throughout the week, you'll serve alongside local churches and ministry partners as you help meet real needs in the community. Our team will rescue and distribute food to families in need. Our team may also serve through community projects, lead Backyard Bible Clubs and activities for kids, or take part in other hands-on opportunities to show the love of Christ.

You may even rescue flowers from weddings to bless families who are sick or need encouragement, or "adopt" local municipalities by providing a meal and praying for their staff. Every day will look a little different, but the goal is the same: serve people, build relationships, and point others to Jesus.

Stay & Cost

The team will stay in housing specifically for mission teams. Cost includes transportation, accommodations, meals, and a fun activity. Students should bring money for travel meals and at least \$30 for optional spending.

Team Meetings

Sundays | 12:15 - 2:30 PM

Jan 10 • Feb 7 • Mar 14 • Apr 4 • May 2

Additional meetings may be required.

DATES

June 20-26

STUDENTS

Current 7th-8th graders

TEAM SIZE

12-22 including leaders

DEPOSIT

\$100

TOTAL COST

\$900

LETTERS

Minimum 25 per person



SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

MAVEN Biblical Immersive Experience



The Experience

Utah provides a unique setting where questions about theology and belief are part of everyday life. Through MAVEN's Biblical Immersive Experience, students will receive focused training in apologetics, theology, and evangelism, then put what they learn into practice through conversations with people from Latter-day Saint backgrounds.

More than learning answers, students will be challenged to understand ***what they believe and why***, communicate the gospel with clarity and compassion, and grow in their knowledge of God and His Word.

Stay & Cost

The team will stay in housing specifically for mission teams. Cost includes transportation, accommodations, meals, and a fun activity. Students should bring money for airport meals and at least \$30 for optional spending.

Staff-to-Student Ratio: Approximately 1:5

Team Meetings

Sundays | 4:30–6:15 PM

Jan 10 • Feb 7 • Mar 14 • Apr 4 • May 2

Additional meetings may be required.

DATES

June 13-19

STUDENTS

Current 9th-12th graders
Mostly upperclassmen

TEAM SIZE

12-20 including leaders

DEPOSIT

\$100

TOTAL COST

\$1,750

LETTERS

Minimum 25 per person





The Experience

For the Nations Refugee Outreach serves families from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East through education and family services rooted in the hope of Jesus Christ. Students will join this ongoing ministry by serving approximately 600 children through educational support, Bible lessons, reading groups, outdoor games, and swim lessons.

More than completing service projects, this week is about building relationships. Students will hear families' stories, grow in compassion, meet practical needs, and experience what it looks like to share the love of Christ in both word and deed.

Stay & Cost

The team will stay onsite at For the Nations Refugee Outreach. Cost includes transportation, accommodations, meals, and a fun day in Dallas. Students should bring money for travel-day meals and at least \$30 for optional spending.

Team Meetings

Sundays | 4:30–6:15 PM

Jan 10 • Feb 7 • Mar 14 • Apr 4 • May 2

Additional meetings may be required.

DATES

June 27 - July 3

STUDENTS

Current 9th-12th graders

TEAM SIZE

12-22 including leaders

DEPOSIT

\$100

TOTAL COST

\$1,575

LETTERS

Minimum 25 per person



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 raised above the total cost for your student will go toward the team's overall 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?

Bay Life carefully selects ministry partners, lodging, transportation, and activities with student safety in mind. Leaders follow established safety procedures throughout each trip.

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 mission trip leaders will be the main communicators on the trip.

What fundraisers will be held for us to participate in?

- Student Ministries Yard Sale - January 30
- Armband Days at the Florida State Fair - Early to Mid-February
- 5k Global Run/Walk - March 13
- Bay Life Crop - Details will be sent by email as each opportunity approaches.
- Any other ideas that you can do personally in your neighborhood, (*i.e., car washes, mailbox cleaning, babysitting, 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.
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