

GUATEMALA FAMILY and STUDENT TRIP

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Central America
able to teach them about the unconditional love of Jesus.

When: July 19-25, 2023

Purpose: Serve the children at Casa Aleluya orphanage through a week of music, games, crafts, sports, and Bible stories. This is a family trip for children 6 years and older, PLUS students from the WoodsEdge Student Ministry

Estimated Cost: \$1200 per family member

Leaders: Janna and David Ellen and Justin Kessler

About Casa Aleluya: Children's home cares for and raises around 400 orphaned, abused, and mistreated children. Through housing, feeding, and education, Casa Aleluya is

Q: Do I need a passport/visa?

A: You must have a valid passport through January of 2024 (6 months after the trip). Getting a new passport can take up to 8 weeks, so if you do not have one, begin that process as soon as possible. A visa is not required to enter Guatemala.

Q: Do I need any specific immunizations?

A: It is recommended that individuals have routine vaccines, Hep. A, and Typhoid. For more information and specific recommendations, visit www.cdc.gov/travel.

B: There are no current requirements for Covid vaccinations or testing.

Q: What does trip preparation look like?

A: Your trip leader will schedule and host 6 team meetings prior to the trip. These meetings are required and beneficial for team-building, safety, and spiritual/cultural preparedness.

Q: Where will we stay and what should I wear?

A: We will stay in a large dormitory on the Casa Aleluya property. Bring layers, as the weather can get warm during the day, but cools off at night. All clothing needs to be appropriately modest as defined by your trip leaders.

Q: What does a typical day look like?

A: Flexibility is key. However, a typical day will include spending time with the children, leading activities such as games, crafts, music, sports, and Bible stories. You may also participate in various service projects throughout the facility. Each day will include time for individual and team devotions, worship, and debriefing.

Q: Do I need to speak Spanish?

A: While speaking Spanish is a plus, it is not required, and you will still be able to communicate with most of the staff and children. Translators will be arranged as needed.

Q: Can I send my child alone on this trip/can we take a cousin or neighbor along with us?

A: Because this trip is focused on family members serving the world together we will not approve children on this trip without at least one parent's participation. If you would like to make a special request please contact the trip leaders. This does not apply to teens from the WE Student Ministry.

Q: What does the trip cost include and when is it due?

A: Trip cost includes airfare, lodging, meals, supplies, and transportation. Free-day activities are not covered. Funds are due by May 15.

