

# Trip Requirements

Before you decide to go on this missions experience, we want to be clear about what will be expected of you throughout the next several months leading up to the trip to Guatemala. If any team member is unable to meet these requirements at any point along the way, their situation will be reviewed by Pastor Chad and our team of adult leaders and a decision will be made as to whether or not they will remain on the team.

## **Attend Team Events**

Team meetings are critical to build team unity, challenge and encourage one another, grow spiritually, and prepare for the trip. We will have five team meetings in preparation for our trip. Any student who misses more than one Team Event will not be able to go on the mission trip. Here are the dates of the Team Events:

**Team Meetings**—January 27th, February 24th, March 24th, and April 28th (6-8pm)

**Commissioning Service**—July 7th (8:30am-9:30am & 11:00am-12noon)

**Team Dinner**—July 7th (6:00pm-8:00pm)

## **Raise Funds**

The total cost of this trip is approximately \$1,700. We are only asking students to pay \$850. The remaining \$850 will be raised through LAUNCH and student letter writing. Every student will send out letters to people outside of Stockbridge First UMC to ask for prayer and financial support. Any support received will not just go to the individual student, but will go to support the team as a whole. Additionally, if any team member decides to not attend the mission trip or is removed from the team, the money that has been paid on their behalf and the money that has been raised by them, will not be refunded. All funds go to support the team as a whole. Additional funds raised will be donated to the ministry of our Guatemala missionary.

## **Complete Mission Trip Assignments**

To prepare for ministry on the trip, students will be given tasks to complete both during team meetings and on their own. These tasks may involve a variety of activities (ex. Writing support letters, practicing a drama, learning about the people of Guatemala, etc.)

## **Church Involvement**

This mission trip is for students who are a part of Stockbridge First UMC, and so we require that all students who are on this trip maintain participation in the church life of Stockbridge First.

## **Be a Team Player**

We ask that every team member have a teachable heart, have a desire to work/share/play well with the others on the team, be willing to sacrifice their wants and desires for the good of the team, and make this missions experience a high priority in their life.

One significant rule that every team member will be asked to observe for the benefit of the team as a whole is the “NO TRIP ROMANCE” rule. Team members will not form any romantic relationships with another team member throughout the duration of the pre-trip preparation and the trip itself. We will all be brothers and sisters in Christ and nothing more.

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## STUDENT:

- I have read and understand the Trip Requirements.
- I agree to be respectful at all times with the team leaders placed over this trip.
- I agree to abstain from any behavior that is inappropriate for my body and life as a Christ-follower prior to and during the trip.
- I am willing to commit to the necessary requirements to be a Guatemala 2019 Missions Team Member.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN of Student:

- I/We have read and understand the Trip Requirements.
- I/We am completely supportive of my son / daughter being a member of the Guatemala 2019 Missions Team Member and am witness to his / her commitment of the above.

Parent(s) Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_