

CHCA Intercession 2022

January 3-14, 2022

Course Description for: ***SonLight Power Puerto Rico Immersion***

Instructor(s): Mr. Zach Ewen and Female Chaperone TBD	
Course Type: Domestic US Overnight	Service Hours: 32
Maximum enrollment: 15	Minimum enrollment: 10
Length of trip (if applicable): 7 days	6 nights
Cost: \$1700 plus \$800 required fundraising per student	

Overview: During this service immersion course students will travel to the US Territory of Puerto Rico with SonLight Power Ministries to assist with a solar panel installation. Students will experience authentic Puerto Rican culture.

- Course Goals:**
- Immersion in Puerto Rican culture
 - Utilize knowledge of STEM to create lasting impact on Puerto Rico
 - Help create sustainable power solutions for Puerto Rico
 - Making mind, body and spiritual connections both individually and communally

Writing Component: Daily Journaling

Description:	
<p>Students in this course will fly out of CVG and travel to Puerto Rico with SonLight Power ministries, staying in the communities that we will be serving. While there, students will participate in the installation of solar panels in a Puerto Rico community hub of need in either Arecibo or Guanica, under the direction of SonLight Solar. Students will learn about Puerto Rican culture to prepare for living in the community where they are serving. Students will experience authentic Puerto Rican cuisine and culture. Students will also learn from local leaders and community members. Bible study and reflection will be a daily rhythm of this immersion. In addition to this service immersion, students will indulge in a day of Puerto Rico recreation prior to returning home. The recreation could include hiking in El Yunque National Forest, enjoying the Puerto Rico beach and/or touring San Juan (among other potential options available).</p>	
<p>Fall 2021- dates TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour Solar Power training at Civic Garden Center • Training on Puerto Rican culture/language/history <p>Travel itinerary</p> <p>Day 1 – Travel, settle into lodging, tba</p> <p>Day 2 -5 – (4 days) Service and service learning activities in the community</p> <p>Day 6 – Recreation and adventure!</p> <p>Day 7 – Return travel</p>	<p>Sample of daily schedule</p> <p>7:30 am – Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 am - Group Devotions</p> <p>8:30 am – Travel</p> <p>9:00 am – Begin service with SonLight Ministries</p> <p>12:00 pm – Lunch</p> <p>12:30 pm – Continue serving</p> <p>4:00 pm – Travel</p> <p>4:30 pm – Showers & free time</p> <p>6:00 pm – Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm – Group reflection/Group Activities</p> <p>10:00 pm – Lights out</p>

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This course is well suited to: Students who have a passion for serving and the environment. Students that are interested in solar power and STEM. Students that would like to learn practical skills necessary for a solar installation. Students interested in experiencing authentic Puerto Rico.

Cost: \$1700, plus \$800 required fundraising per student*

Additional costs: Students will need money for meals on travel days. Students may also want to plan to bring spending money for the recreation day.

Other Information:

Students will participate in a training day prior to departure for Puerto Rico. The training will not only prepare students for what to expect installing solar panels, but also preparation for successfully navigating the culture and communities of Puerto Rico.

***\$800 fundraising per person is required for this experience.** The funding will help cover the cost of three solar panel installations, \$18,000. Upon confirmed registration, SonLight Power will set up a webpage for each student with his or her own tailored message and image that they could share with their network. All gifts to student's fundraising pages are tax-deductible. All fundraising is due by the final payment date of October 2. Any funds not raised by Oct 2 will be added to the student's final amount due.

Students may also want to plan to bring spending money for the recreation day.

In order to travel to Puerto Rico all students must adhere to the COVID protocols and requirements of the United States specific for Puerto Rico. These may change between now and the travel date. So for example, if a vaccine is required for travel by either country between now and the travel date, there will not be a refund for unvaccinated students. Parents will incur all costs for COVID testing according to what is required. If a student tests positive (even if vaccinated and possibly a false positive), a parent must travel to that country within 48 hours to quarantine with their student and will need to cover the cost of the chaperone's extended stay and additional travel costs until the parent arrives.
