

CHCA Intersession 2022

January 3-14, 2022

Course Name: Surf's Up Hawaii	
Instructor(s): Katie Howarth, Billy Pohl, Teri Parker, Joyce Smith, Kara Ussery	
Course Type: Domestic US Overnight	Service Hours: 5
Maximum enrollment: 40	Minimum enrollment: 35
Length of trip (if applicable): 9 days	8 nights
Cost: \$3485.00	

Overview: Spend 8 nights in wonderful Oahu. Spend time with nature hiking old volcanos, snorkeling, taking catamaran tours, and laying on the sand. During this cultural trip students will also get a feel for life in the Hawaiian islands that include a Luau, trip to the Polynesian Center, Dole Pineapple Farm, leper colony historical site, as well as stops to popular tourist destinations that show the history and economics of the life there such as Kualoa Ranch where movies like Jurassic Park were filmed, Pearl Harbor, and more! We are hopeful students will engage in service opportunities which are yet to be determined. Spiritual growth built into daily rhythms.

- Course Goals:**
- Learn about the history of our entry into WWII
 - Understand a unique culture within the US
 - Unplug from social media and delve into activities unavailable in Cincinnati
 - Purposeful personal growth in each student's faith journey

Reading Component: TBD – looking at The Gifts of Imperfection by Brene Brown and Worthy in Jesus by Leah Pritchard

Writing Component: Specific responses to daily assigned readings from books above – will be kept in students' journals/workbooks.

Description:

Students will embark on a day of travel via airline and arrive near dinner time in Oahu. Students will be housed in hotel rooms in groups of 4. All transportation on the island will be via a group bus lead by a tour guide(s) from Joshua Expeditions. All meals will be included except on travel days. Each day will be packed with activities including but not limited to tours of historical sites, cultural immersions, service, outdoor activities such as hiking, snorkeling, and boating. Every day has multiple activities planned. Students will always come together for dinner and devotions at the end of each day where spiritual growth time is planned and purposeful.

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Sample of daily plan

8:00 am wake up/ breakfast
9:30- 12:00 travel to activity/service site
12:00 pm lunch
1:30-4:00 second activity of the day
4:00 pm head back to hotel
5:45-7:30 dinner
8:00-9:30 devotions and book study
11:00 pm lights out

This course is well suited to:

Students who enjoy.... Learning about themselves while enjoying new experiences. Students will be asked to engage in activities that might be new to them in a judgement free zone. We want all students to challenge their way of thinking and will use nightly devotions to help with personal growth. Students should like to have fun, be adventurous, and willing to laugh at themselves.

Cost: \$3475**Additional costs:**

Food at the airport, souvenirs, and extra adventure activities at the beach that are optional such as parasailing, surfing, and paddle boarding, etc. Students will want to bring plenty of sunscreen and a good attitude!

Other Information:

Please note that some activities might seem difficult to students. We will encourage all students to challenge themselves within limits. We understand fear is normal, but want to help students reach beyond this where possible. For example, we will hike to the top of Diamond Head Crater. This is a cumbersome hike, but manageable for all! The same applies to water activities.

Room assignments will be Quads with the probability that students will share a larger bed.

In order to travel to Hawaii all students must adhere to the COVID protocols and requirements for Hawaii. 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 by each country. 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.

Joshua Expeditions also states in their brochure "We have instituted safety protocols in line with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other health organization guidelines to minimize your risk to COVID-19. We may require additional steps to ensure your safety which could include: Self-administered temperature checks to ensure temperatures remain under 100.3, traveler isolation should concerns arise from an individual showing signs of a virus (COVID or otherwise) and full quarantine should evidence prove itself necessary to do so for the safety of the group."
