



Winterim 2023

Upper School

MISSION STATEMENT

Charlotte Christian School is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school, equipping and developing students to effectively integrate Biblical truth and learning into their daily lives and to impact the culture for Christ.

Included in this packet is a list of Winterim travel opportunities planned for 2023. Registration for Winterim trips will open at **8 p.m.** on the following dates and will close at midnight on May 6.

Rising seniors – May 2

Rising juniors – May 3

Rising sophomores – May 4

Rising freshmen – May 5

All students are required to complete an application (**no essay required**) along with submitting a **\$500 deposit** in order to be considered for a trip.

Please note that class offerings may change based on enrollment or changes may be made at the discretion of the upper school administration.

Registration for on-campus Winterim classes will take place in the fall.



Winterim 2023 Information

WHAT IS WINTERIM?

Winterim, is the name we use to describe our mini-semester alternative or authentic educational experiences. Through Winterim offerings, students interact and build relationships with fellow students and faculty in a less structured format while participating in a variety of opportunities which meet one or more of the following goals:

- Educational: To use travel to strategically expose students to a carefully planned combination of tours, site visits and hands-on learning opportunities that will enhance their academic learning.
- Adventure: To teach the students skills through hands-on adventures and experiences, as well as build and strengthen relationships.
- Leadership Development: To strategically train and equip students with leadership skills through experiences in another environment or culture.
- Service and Mission: To provide an opportunity for students to physically serve and live amongst people in an impoverished community to primarily be the hands and feet of Jesus.

REGISTRATION

Registration for Winterim trips (domestic and international) will begin on the following dates at 8 p.m.

- Rising seniors – May 2
- Rising juniors – May 3
- Rising sophomores – May 4
- Rising freshmen – May 5
- Registration will close at midnight on May 6.

Registration for local (on- or off-campus) Winterim courses will take place in the fall.

SCHEDULE

Winterim is held during the last week of February. If a student opts to stay on campus, these classes may run a half-day (three hours) or full-day (six hours) basis. Students are expected to take either two half-day classes or one full-day class with **most** on-campus classes starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. Please note a teacher may give specific start and end times for their class offering because of time restraints, activities, etc. Off-campus, overnight trips have their own schedule.

COSTS

Winterim trips will cost the most with local and/or on-campus course offerings costing less. The cost of most on-campus classes will range from \$0 - \$50, though some very specialized classes may be offered which could cost more. Students will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of courses/experiences, recognizing however, that the final listing of course offerings will be dependent upon student registration.

CREDITS

Every upper school student is required to participate in a Winterim activity and in doing so will earn .25 credit (per year) toward the total 1.0 graduation requirement. Winterim grades will be earned on a pass/fail basis and will not be calculated in the student's overall GPA. Should a student fail to earn a .25 Winterim credit during any given year, they will need to make arrangements with administration to make up the credit. The title **Winterim** with a grade of pass and a **.25** credit will appear on the report card each year. Specific experience offered to a student through Winterim may provide material for discussion in a college application essay. **Please note:** Winterim courses and trips will not count toward fulfilling students' required service hours.

ATTENDANCE

With Winterim being a required course for graduation and only being five days, consistent attendance is critical. Absence of more than one day will result in the student being required to make up the hours. Arrangements will be made with administration. Each absence will be considered on an individual basis and must be approved by the principal.



Winterim 2023 Out-of-Town Trips

Domestic

DISNEY WORLD

Trip Leaders: Mrs. Stewart Emery and Mrs. Brooke Webber

Requirements: Grades 11-12; coed

Goals: Adventure, Educational, Leadership Development

This is a magical educational trip as students enjoy a week-long trip to Walt Disney World. On this trip, students will bus to Orlando and spend the nights at Pop Century Resort on Walt Disney World Property. The group will start out the trip serving at Give Kids the World, a 79-acre nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides a week-long, cost-free vacation to children with life threatening illnesses and their families. In addition to serving, the group will spend time in each theme park and enjoy an educational class that teaches students behind the scenes of rides, cast members and the everyday operations of Walt Disney World. Cost includes transportation, hotel, educational class, four-day hopper park ticket, \$200 meal card, fanny pack, T-shirt, breakfast on travel days and one pizza dinner.

Dates: Feb. 26 - March 3

Approx. Cost: \$1,300

Max. # of students: 50

EXPLORE PUERTO RICO

Trip Leader: Ms. Sarah Nixon

Requirements: Grades 10-11; coed

Goal: Adventure

This Winterim trip will take students on a physical adventure exploring the natural and historical wonders of Puerto Rico. This adventure will begin as students explore waterfalls, streams, and hiking trails in El Yunque Rainforest, the only tropical rainforest in U.S. territory, before taking a kayak tour of mangrove lagoons. That is just the beginning - we will be spelunking, ziplining, boating, snorkeling and swimming our way through all of Puerto Rico! The group will spend a half day serving with local ministries, as well as exploring the history of Old San Juan. Every evening we will spend time in devotions to get to know more about the God we see reflected in creation!

Dates: Feb. 27 - March 4

Approx. Cost: \$2,300

Max. # of students: 40

SOUTH FLORIDA FISHING

Trip Leader: Mr. Grayson Bedenbaugh

Requirements: Grades 9-12; male only

Goal: Adventure

This Winterim is designed to get students out on the water for a memorable fishing experience. We will be fishing for a variety of fish in the Gulf of Mexico and in the backwaters of the 10,000 islands area of south Florida. Students will fish in groups of six, five boys and one chaperone, to provide more fishing opportunities. We will be exploring Marco Island and Naples while also looking to serve the community during our stay.

Dates: Feb. 26 - March 3

Approx. Cost: \$2,750

Max. # of students: 10

YOSEMITE & SAN FRANCISCO

Trip Leaders: Mrs. Susan Jones and Mrs. Jodi Foxx

Requirements: Grades 10-12; female only

Goal: Adventure

Students are invited to come visit one of the most iconic national parks in the country - Yosemite National Park! We will enjoy the winter wonderland of Yosemite as we hike, snowshoe, walk among the largest trees on earth in the Tuolumne Grove, and go snow tubing. We will stay at the Yosemite Valley Lodge, located at the base of the famous Yosemite Falls. Our trip will conclude with time in San Francisco, including a walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, a visit to Alcatraz and time at Fisherman's Wharf and Chinatown.

Dates: Feb. 27 - March 3

Approx. Cost: \$2,600

Max. # of students: 30



Winterim 2023 Out-of-Town Trips

International

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Trip Leader: Ms. Olivia McCarrick

Requirements: Grades 10-12; coed

Goal: Service & Mission, Leadership Development

The Dominican Republic trip aspires to make a difference in the lives of children through the projects and ministries of SCORE International, a Christ-centered ministry that shares the gospel with families of the Dominican Republic through sports, orphan care, construction, medical teams and women's ministries. Charlotte Christian upperclassmen will assist SCORE missionaries throughout the week with ongoing projects. We will travel to sugar cane villages daily, where we will have a chance to share the hope of Christ with others by building intentional relationships. We always leave having received more than we could ever give! Our itinerary includes travel, a day of worship, five ministry days in villages and one excursion to Catalina Island. This is a service learning trip. Students should be willing to be flexible, cross-cultural and ready to share the love of Christ with others in a variety of ways. Students are expected to attend team meetings leading up to the trip, and students will be asked to sign a behavioral contract which includes limitations on cell phone use.

Dates: Feb. 26 - March 4

Approx. Cost: \$2,500

Max. # of students: 40

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: VARSITY BASEBALL

Trip Leader: Mr. Greg Simmons

Requirements: Grades 9-12; male only

Goal: Service & Mission

The Charlotte Christian varsity baseball team will partner with SCORE International to serve the local community through a variety of projects. The team will also participate in two exhibition games during the week and return home on Wednesday, March 1 in preparation for the first baseball game of the season on March 3.

Dates: Feb. 25 - March 1

Approx. Cost: \$2,000

Max. # of students: 22

ITALY & GREECE

Trip Leaders: Mrs. Claire Bishop and Mr. Bryn Gillette

Requirements: Grades 9-12; coed

Goal: Educational

On this 10-day tour of Italy and Greece, art, history, and faith come alive. Starting in Athens, students will visit the Acropolis, Parthenon, and Mars Hill, where the Apostle Paul gave one of his most important sermons. Students will explore the archaeological site of Delphi and visit the beach. After an overnight ferry to Italy, students will stay in the town of Sorrento on the Bay of Naples with a boat tour of the Isle of Capri. Students will wander through Pompeii, the town preserved by the volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. We will end our trip in Rome with tours of the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon, and Vatican City, along with a service project.

Dates: Feb. 24 - March 4

Approx. Cost: \$5,200

Max. # of students: 36

LONDON & PARIS**Trip Leader: Ms. Kayla Cochran****Requirements: Grades 9-12; coed****Goal: Educational, Adventure**

Students will travel to London, England and experience the birthplaces and inspiration of legendary literary giants like William Shakespeare, Jane Austen, JRR Tolkien, J.K. Rowling, Charles Dickens, and C.S. Lewis! Visit Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey, wave to the queen at Buckingham Palace, stroll through the magnificent British Museum, tour the gardens of Windsor Castle, take a "Muggle" walking tour of London, and catch a Shakespearean play after a private tour of The Globe Theatre. We will then travel to Stratford-Upon-Avon for a guided tour through the birthplace of William Shakespeare, touring Oxford College (Did Gatsby really attend?) before the coach heads back to London. We will then, fly to Paris, France, and experience the charm that the "Lost Generation" writers like F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway indulged in Paris as they spent time between America and France after World War I. Learn about the construction of the Eiffel Tower, view the works of Pablo Picasso, visit the cafes where Fitzgerald socialized, be awed by the Louvre Museum, climb to the top of the Notre-Dame cathedral, and shop amongst the fashion icons of the world before flying back to the United States.

Dates: Feb. 26 - March 4**Approx. Cost: \$3,300****Max. # of students: 30****MEXICO: SAMARITAN'S FEET****Trip Leaders: Ms. Jessica Simmons and Mr. Rob Mina****Requirements: Grades 10-12; coed****Goal: Mission/Service**

Come serve in the villages of La Mision, Mexico in Baja California. We will work with vulnerable children and adults in impoverished areas of Mexico by washing their feet, distributing new shoes, praying with them, and sharing the hope of Christ. We will spend time with local orphanages, former US veterans at the border, and building relationships with the ministry children playing soccer in the evenings. We will spend the last day back in San Diego, California where we will serve at a local homeless shelter. The team will also have the opportunity to spend a day visiting the coastal cities of Mexico and other inland valley attractions. Cost covers all transportation, meals, accommodations, excursions, shoes, supplies, etc.

Dates: Feb. 25 - March 4**Approx. Cost: \$3,000****Max. # of students: 15****PANAMA****Trip Leaders: Mr. Barry Giller and Mrs. Lisa Giller****Requirements: Grades 9-12; coed****Goal: Mission/Service**

Students will lead a Vacation Bible School program for lower school students at an inner-city Christian School on several mornings. The group will also partner with Crossroads Christian Academy to lead a day of prayer on their campus. We will visit the Panama Canal visiting center and have the opportunity to visit Panama Viejo, the first settlement in Panama. On our final day, students will travel up the Chagres River to enjoy lunch at Embera People Indigenous Village. After lunch students will participate in a cultural presentation and have the opportunity to purchase handmade crafts.

Dates: Feb. 26 - March 3**Approx. Cost: \$1,600****Max. # of students: 20**