



Belize Service Trip: March 23-30, 2024

Mission

We will be serving with Jaguar Creek and PathLight International, Christian organizations committed to the transformation of Belize through faith and learning. We will be the hands and feet of Jesus while participating in local school and community projects, and we will experience the adventure of learning about God's creation in the rain forest.

Goals

- Share the love of Christ by building relationships with underserved Belizean students and families.
- Repair school classrooms, rainwater collection systems, additional community projects as needed.
- Conduct a hands-on science day camp for local elementary students to learn about God's creation.

Itinerary

March 23	Travel to Belize City and drive to Jaguar Creek
March 24	Visit local churches, families and soccer field
March 25-28	Elementary school and community service projects
March 29	Guided excursion to Mayan archeological sites
March 30	Return to California

Accommodations/Food

Each cabana at Jaguar Creek has room for 4-5 students, hot water showers, and mosquito nets on the beds. They are fully screened to keep out insects, and since there is no air conditioning, fans are provided for extra cooling. Most meals will be prepared by the Jaguar Creek staff, a mix of typical Belizean fare (rice, beans, chicken, etc.) and common American dishes. Jaguar Creek's drinking water is pumped from groundwater sources, chlorinated and filtered, but bottled water is also available for purchase.

Cost: \$2,500

The cost for this trip includes round trip airfare from the Bay Area to Belize City, in-country transportation, lodging, meals, local excursions, and service project supplies. Students are responsible to cover pre-trip vaccinations, meals at airports, and personal spending money.

Application Process

The Belize Service trip is open to all High School Students. To apply, please submit the 2024 Service Trip Online Application. The 2024 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The link to this application will be posted on the Student Portal under the "Announcements." Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, September 21 through Monday, October 2. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 7:00p.m. on Monday, October 2).

Selection Process

The team will consist of a maximum of 30 students, plus 5 adult chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a heart for



missions, cross-cultural sensitivity, gifting, a servant's attitude, and previous service experience. This is a cultural immersion experience, so the ability to speak Spanish is highly desirable, but not required. Be advised that it is a physically rigorous trip. Ministry carries on in high heat & humidity, heavy rains, and pervasive insects. Applicants must be open to being challenged and stretched outside of their comfort zone while maintaining a positive attitude. For the Belize trip, priority will not automatically be given based on grade level. All applicants will be notified by October 31st.

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Please Note: *Information is subject to change.*