

CHCA Intercession 2025

January 6-17, 2025

Course Name: **Surf's Up: Hawaii**

Instructor(s): **Katie Howarth, Teri Parker, Billy Pohl**

Course Type: **Domestic US Overnight**

Service Hours: **0**

Maximum enrollment: **46**

Minimum enrollment: **36**

Length of trip (if applicable): **9 days**

8 nights

Cost: \$ 4,100

Overview:

Spend 8 nights and 9 days in wonderful Oahu, Hawaii. Spend time in nature hiking beautiful mountains, snorkeling, taking catamaran tours, and relaxing on the beach. During this cultural trip, students will also get a feel for life in the Hawaiian Islands that includes a trip to the Dole Pineapple Farm, leper colony historical site, as well as stops to popular tourist destinations. These will show students the history and economics of life there, such as Kualoa Ranch, where movies like Jurassic Park were filmed, Pearl Harbor, and more! Students will also be able to zip line through Oahu, enjoy a sunset dinner cruise, explore the North Shore and receive surfing lessons from a native! We are hopeful students will engage in service opportunities, which are yet to be determined. Spiritual growth is built into daily rhythms.

Course Goals:

- Learn about the history of our entry into WWII
 - Understand a unique culture within the US
 - Unplug from our busy lives and dive into activities unavailable in Cincinnati
 - Foster purposeful personal growth in each student's faith journey
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Reading Component:

TBD – looking at The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown and Worthy in Jesus by Leah Pritchard. Various passages from the Bible.

Writing Component:

Students will be completing daily devotional journals.

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Description:

Students will embark on a day of travel via an airline and arrive near dinner time in Oahu. Students will be housed in hotel rooms in groups of 3-4. All transportation on the island will be via a group bus lead by a tour guide(s) from Joshua Expeditions. The trip includes 6 dinners and a \$250 visa gift card for students to use for breakfast and lunches. 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.

Sample of daily plan:

7:30 am-8:00 am wake up/ breakfast

9:00- 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

Activity List:

- 3 Hawaiian Hikes including Diamond Head
- Snorkeling and Catamaran Tour
- Visit to Pearl Harbor/US Memorial Cemetery
- Zip-Lining
- Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Surfing Lessons
- Kualoa Ranch
- North Shore
- Dole Pineapple Plantation
- Plenty of beach time!

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: \$4100

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!

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Other Information:

Please note that some activities might seem difficult to some students, such as hikes. 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.

Additional waivers may be required for participation by outside vendors.

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

Joshua Expeditions offers optional trip cancellation insurance for \$250.50, you can select this in UltraCamp at registration.

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