



Winterim 2026

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.



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WHAT IS WINTERIM?

Through Winterim offerings, students and staff embark on unique experiences to expand learning outside the classroom and achieve the following goals:

- **Love God:** Focus on spiritual growth in the context of student and faculty relationships
- **Pursue Excellence:** Encounter opportunities that develop problem solving skills, promote independence and build life skills in new settings and activities
- **Walk Humbly:** Discover the unique heritage, beliefs and experiences of another cultural context
- **Show Kindness:** Dedicate time and energy to serve a community as an act of personal sacrifice or worship through relationship
- **Seek Truth:** Explore unique sites, museums or landmarks to examine God's sovereignty over creation

REGISTRATION

Registration for all Winterim trips and experiences will open on August 1, 2025. Families may submit their registration and deposit until **Aug. 29, 2025**. [Click here](#) to view the Winterim slides presentation.

- Priority assignment will be given according to the highest grade level available, first-time attendees, curriculum connections, accuracy of registration information and demonstrated readiness.
- Time of registration is the lowest priority factor.
- Final trip size and offerings will be determined according to registrations.
- Registration will close at midnight on Aug. 29, 2025.
- Winterim registrations will be confirmed via email by Sept. 5, 2025.
- Financial Contracts and Liability Release Forms will be due on Sept. 12, 2025. Submitting these forms before the deadline secures a student's spot on a Winterim roster.

SCHEDULE

Winterim is scheduled Mar. 9-13, 2026. Experiences taking place on or near campus are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note a teacher may give specific start and end times for an experience to accommodate a unique itinerary. Off-campus and overnight trips may extend into a sixth day, departing as early as Saturday evening, March 7.

COSTS

Winterim experiences vary in cost. The advertised cost is subject to change depending on the number of registered students and necessary adjustments nearer to the time of booking. All costs include student activities, tickets or entrance fees and local transportation. Costs for overnight trips also include most student meals, accommodations and air or bus fare. Students may need to purchase supplies prior to Winterim and bring additional money for souvenirs, spending money, some meals or tipping.

CREDITS

Every upper school student is required to participate in a Winterim activity to 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. In the event that a student does not earn a .25 Winterim credit during any given year, the student 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:** Attending Winterim each year a student is enrolled in the upper school fulfills a graduation requirement. This experience does not count toward additional requirements for conservatory or service hours.

ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance is critical. Absence of more than one day may result in the student being required to make up the hours with an independent service project. Arrangements will be made with administration. Each absence will be considered on an individual basis and must be approved by the principal.



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REGISTRATION AGREEMENTS

Prior to registration, students and their parents are expected to review the following expectations for all Winterim experiences.

- We have read, understand and will adhere to the policies and requirements communicated in the Winterim packet.
- The information I have provided is accurate and true.
- In addition to organized tours with the group, students may be allowed to explore designated sites in groups of three or more.
- The student has the responsibility and maturity to handle all aspects of the Winterim experience.
- Students are responsible to self-carry any emergency medication. Students taking a scheduled medication during the trip must have the medication documented on the Medication Authorization form. The student and/or a parent must make their trip chaperone aware of any medical conditions and medications that the student may have.
- We understand that the student must abide by the expectations and standards outlined in the Charlotte Christian Family Handbook both before and during Winterim. These expectations include policies on academics, behavior and attendance. A student's failure to abide by these policies at any time may affect the final Winterim roster. The school reserves the right to remove a student from an experience for failing to meet these expectations. If a student is removed from an experience or sent home during a trip, the student's family is responsible for covering the cost of returning home and will not receive a refund.
- Winterim experience leaders will communicate firm deadlines for paperwork and other expectations. We understand that failure to meet these required deadlines may affect the student's ability to attend and may result in losing any or all Winterim payments.
- For travel, a color hardcopy of the student's photo identification or passport must be submitted to the trip leader by **Sept. 15, 2025**. Failure to submit one of these documents by this date may result in the student losing their spot on a trip and any payments already made may **not** be refunded.
- For international trips, students and chaperones must have a valid passport that is set to expire at least six months after the final day of travel. (Approximately Sept. 15, 2026)
- For international trips, I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain a valid, unexpired passport by Sept. 15, 2025 and if I cannot obtain a passport in time to travel on this international trip, I will not receive a refund.
- Parents will receive confirmation of their students' Winterim experience registration and a copy of a financial contract. Signing the financial contract secures the student's position on the final roster. Once the financial contract is signed, the student may not switch to another Winterim experience and payments are **non-refundable**.
- By completing the registration form, I acknowledge my commitment to the expectations above. Parent(s) will be required to complete additional paperwork for all Winterim experiences.



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WINTERIM CONTRACTS AND LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

Following Winterim registration, parents will receive a Winterim contract and release of liability form via email. Please preview the included items below. Signing the form constitutes agreement to the following:

- **Payments will be due on the specific dates communicated by the Winterim leader or travel organization.**
- We agree to allow our student(s) to attend the publicized dates of the experience or trip.
- Our student will attend all Winterim meetings in preparation for the trip.
- Winterim leaders will communicate firm deadlines for paperwork. We understand that failure to meet these required deadlines may affect our student's ability to participate and may result in us losing any or all of our payments.
- **We agree to the terms above and understand that our student may not switch to another Winterim experience and payments are non-refundable.**
- **Travel Insurance Statement:** *There are many companies that offer travel/trip insurance if you wish to have that protection. The following companies along with many others offer this type of insurance: Zurich, AAA, Chubb and Allianz. Deadlines for purchasing trip insurance related to Winterim travel vary by carrier.*

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Students are responsible to self-carry any emergency medication. Students taking a scheduled medication during the experience must have the medication documented on the Medication Authorization form. The student and/or a parent must make the chaperones aware of any medical conditions and medications that the student may have.

CONSENT TO TREAT

The parent/guardian set forth in this form does hereby authorize a chaperone of the school to see that my child receives any emergency medical treatment that may become reasonably necessary while said student is attending Winterim. Payment of all charges incurred for medical treatment is guaranteed by the parent. Every effort will be made to contact parents/guardians in advance of treatment, by telephone, in case of injury or illness. The parent/guardian set forth in this form does hereby agree to hold harmless the person appointed as well as Charlotte Christian School and the physician providing treatment from and against any and all loss, costs, damage or expense of any kind arising out of or in connection with that person's or physician's acting in reliance upon the authorization set forth herein, with the exception of actions which amount to gross negligence.

PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I give my permission for my student to participate in the trip indicated above. I understand that although the students will be supervised by a CCS employee, I do assume the risk in my student's participation in the event.

I acknowledge that I will not seek to have Charlotte Christian School held liable in the event that any accident, injury, loss of property or any other circumstance or incident occurs during or as a result of my son's/daughter's participation in the field trip. This release of liability includes accident, injury, loss, or damages to the student, as well as, to other individuals or property which may result from the student's participation in the event. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless Charlotte Christian School, its officials, agents and employees, from any claims arising out of my son's/daughter's participation in the event(s).

I have read and understand and accept all of the statements recited above and accept full responsibility as described.



Winterim 2026 Experiences

Local

A WALK IN THE PARKS

Leader: Mrs. Jodi Foxx

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

Welcome to *A Walk in the Parks 2.0!* The former Winterim experience has been revamped just a tad! We plan on enjoying God's creation as we fellowship with Him and each other while exploring the outdoors of the greater Charlotte area. We will visit Lazy 5 Ranch, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, Crowders Mountain State Park, the Whitewater Center, and play some disc golf! We will also complete two service projects during the week: one will involve maintenance on a disc golf course, and the other, clean-up on one of Mecklenburg County's greenways. Each day will begin with a devotion led by a Winterim leader. Students must be healthy enough to walk up to 5 miles a day. They will need a day pack and clothes for a variety of weather, including a good pair of shoes to hike in that may get muddy. Included in the cost of the experience are all entry fees, lunches, and bus transportation. Students may opt to bring spending money for additional snacks or souvenirs.

Dates: Mar. 9 - 13

Approx. Cost: \$150-\$175

Number of students: 24-30

CHARLOTTE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Leader: Mrs. Jozi Walker

Requirements: Grades 9-12; coed

Students will have the opportunity to experience Charlotte like they never have before! We will explore the rich, cultural heritages that make up the Queen City and gain a deeper understanding of the historical background and influences of various Charlotte neighborhoods. Along with knowing where to find and experience authentic international foods and cuisines, participants will visit engaging, cultural sites throughout the city, as well as listen to stories from people who make up the authentic, cultural fabric of Charlotte. Each day, students will participate in a devotion led by trip leaders, as well as share about their own personal discoveries and faith journeys. The group will participate in a service project that directly impacts the Charlotte community, including some of the neighborhoods that the students will discover. Included in the cost are local transportation, lunches and tour fees.

Dates: Mar. 9-13

Approx. Cost: \$275-300

Number of students: 20-40

FOOD AND FUN

Leader: Ms. Jessica Leonelli

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

We all love food, but do we know where it comes from? Do we know how to prepare it? Do we know how restaurants run? The Food and Fun Winterim Experience aims to expose students to these lesser-known aspects of the world of food. We will take a cooking class, interview local restaurant managers and chefs, explore different cultures' cuisines, and dine out across Charlotte. The service components will involve working in local food banks and charities with the goal of practicing humility and servant leadership; we will grow in discipleship and learn how to develop the kingdom of heaven here on earth by focusing on both the needs and gifts of others. Included in the cost are supplies, local transportation, treats, and 4 days of lunches; students will need to bring a debit/credit card one day to pay for their lunch at a local food hall.

Dates: Mar. 9 - 13

Approx. Cost: \$235-\$250

Number of students: 16-24



Winterim 2026 Experiences

Local

MAN UP!

Leaders: Dr. Rhett Davis & Mr. Chad Fair

Requirements: Grades 11-12; males (no repeat students)

This experience was designed specifically for young men who are seeking to think more clearly about their lives, calling and purpose. If your student finds themselves wondering, "Who am I?" then Man Up! is for them. Young men will explore the topic of masculinity from a biblical framework through field trips, practical training (teamwork, firearms safety, cooking) and service to our school and the community. At the end of this week, students won't necessarily be equipped to wrestle a bear, but they will be able to wrestle their dreams. Fees cover the cost of all activities and bus transportation.

Dates: Mar. 9-13

Approx. Cost: \$200-250

Number of students: 16-20

SERVE CHARLOTTE

Leader: Spiritual Life Director

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

This Winterim group will serve up fun while serving others in Charlotte! Each day we will spend time partnering with a non-profit in the city, such as Nourish Up, Crisis Assistance, Samaritan's Feet, Beds for Kids, and Congregations for Kids. The other half of the day will be spent having fun together and enjoying fun activities in the city where the Lord has placed us! The week will focus on growing in our faith as we build community with one another, serve those around us, and grow in establishing habits and practices for following Jesus. Possible fun activities include the White Water Center, Inner Peaks team building, Game Show Ballantyne, and more! The cost of this trip includes all transportation, activities and two lunches. Other lunches will be provided by FLIK.

Dates: Mar. 9-13

Approx. Cost: \$225-275

Number of students: 16-40



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Local - Regional Overnight

LADIES CLT & MOUNTAIN GETAWAY

Leader: Mrs. Lauren Miller

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; females

This experience was designed for upper school ladies who want to have fun, grow in their faith & friendships, and learn more about what it looks like to follow the Lord as a young lady in today's world! We will start and end the week in Charlotte where we will challenge ourselves with fun activities, serve, and learn from inspiring women in the community. We will head to Asheville to spend two nights in a nice mountain home, shop for & prepare dinners together, learn to navigate a new city through a city scavenger hunt, and enjoy a hike! We will serve those impacted by Hurricane Helene by supporting their local businesses and volunteering. Cost includes all activities, transportation, meals, accommodations, devotional, and ministry expenses.

Dates: Mar. 9-13

Approx. Cost: \$675-775

Number of Students: 16-24

VARSITY BASEBALL: CLT & CHS

Leader: Mr. Reid Fronk

Eligible students: Varsity Baseball Team Members

The Charlotte Christian varsity baseball team will compete against high-caliber baseball teams in the state of South Carolina and seize opportunities to serve in the community. Team coaches will pair older and younger players together with an intentional focus on leadership and team building. The students and coaches will have focused devotional time each day with a focus on the team's theme of the year. The week will be geared towards personal development and team-building through service, competition, and intentional time in God's Word. The group plans to spend time assisting with manual labor service projects locally with Beds 4 Kids and in the Charleston, SC area with Seacoast Church. Included in the cost are transportation, lodging, and most meals.

Dates: Mar. 9-13

Approx. Cost: \$800-1,000

Number of students: 20-30



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Domestic Travel

CAMP HARRISON - BOOMER, NC

Leaders: Mr. Bryn Gillette

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

Students will spend five days and four nights at YMCA Camp Harrison in Boomer, NC where they will encounter a high adventure week of spiritual formation exploring their spiritual gifts and personality types. Students will also enjoy the amazing mountain location, beautiful facilities, and camp activities such as the high ropes course, hiking, mountain biking, paintball, and more. CCS staff will facilitate sessions designed to help students recognize and activate their unique personal and spiritual gifts, while student journaling and the above-mentioned group activities will put these gifts into practice. Students will also have multiple partial day service projects around camp, serving churches in the local community, and partnering with Samaritan's Feet headquartered just a few miles away. Ideally, the group will be comprised of half boys and half girls. Costs include travel to and from camp, housing, meals, and all the activities of the week.

Dates: Mar. 8-13

Approx. Cost: \$700-950

Number of Students: 35-44

DISNEY WORLD

Leaders: Mrs. Stewart Emery & Mrs. Brooke Webber

Requirements: Grades 11-12; coed

Students will take a look at the World of Disney through a behind-the-scenes look of the famous franchise. Through an educational class as well as days playing in the parks students will immerse themselves in timeless classics, thrilling rides, and taking a trip down memory lane from childhood pastimes. We will also spend one day at Universal Studios and serve another day at Give Kids the World, a Make-A-Wish Foundation Resort. As we interact with families in the midst of a difficult journey our students have an opportunity to share joy and encouragement in the happiest place on earth. Each night students will gather to hear a devotion from one of our trip leaders about the theme of each day (themes include: serving, friendships, navigating through life, good vs. evil and more). Included in the cost are all fees for charter bus travel, three days of Disney park hopper passes, an educational class, one day at Universal Studios and Island of Adventure Park, a gift card for meals, snacks, one dinner, breakfast on both travel days, and a fanny pack.

Dates: Mar. 8-13

Approx. Cost: \$1,400-1,600

Number of Students: 24-50

FLORIDA FISHING

Leader: Mr. Grayson Bedenbaugh

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; males (no repeat students)

We will travel to Seagrave, Florida where we will immerse ourselves in the Panhandle culture! We will fish the gulf, enjoy time on the beach, and eat great food, all while serving one another, local Walton County Schools, and growing in our faith. Our Winterim experience will include daily devotionals and nightly conversations about Biblical manhood, including a set of virtues, responsibilities, and roles that define a man's character and actions in accordance with biblical teachings. Transportation, housing, fishing charters, and meals are included in the cost.

Dates: Mar. 8-13

Approx. Cost: \$2,750-3,200

Number of students: 10-15



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International Travel

ATHENS, GREECE

Leaders: Ms. Kaitlin Pleshko & Mrs. Susan Jones

Eligible Students: Grades 11-12; coed

This week-long journey is full of ancient history, new experiences, epic views, and delicious food—baklava, anyone?! In Athens, a city as beautiful as it is old, we'll visit the famed Acropolis, explore the bustling Plaka district, and channel your inner champion at the Olympic Stadium. We'll journey through Corinth and the Peloponnese on our way to visit Nafplio and its coastal charm. As we walk in Paul's footsteps, we will work our way through the letters of Paul, focusing on the letters to the Corinthians. Our group will partner with the Surfrider Foundation and Save Your Hood for beach clean up service activities. We'll top it all off with a day-long island cruise, island-hopping to idyllic Hydra, Poros, and Aegina. From the capital to the coast, this Grecian adventure brings history to life! Opa! Included in the cost are airfare, transportation, breakfast, dinner, and tour fees.

Dates: Mar. 8-13

Approx. Cost: \$3,600-3,900

Number of students: 16-40

BEAUTY OF BRAZIL

Dates: Mar. 7-13

Leader: Ms. Kayla Cochran

Requirements: Grades 10-12; coed

Be inspired by the beauty of Brazil by visiting its tropical islands and exploring its culturally iconic city, Rio de Janeiro. This destination offers an endless supply of biodiversity to discover in Brazil's rainforests, beaches, islands, and mountains! Visit world-famous sites like the Cristo Redentor "Christ the Redeemer" statue and the Sambadrome, study the African roots of the celebrated "Carnaval" through dance, music, and art, trek the lush tropical jungles of Corcovado Mountain, and soak in the hot Rio sunshine at some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Ascend 1,200 feet up Sugarloaf Mountain via cable car/gondola for panoramic views of all of Rio and its seafront glow. Take a day trip to the paradise-like island of Itacuruça by boarding a bright-colored, traditional "saveiro" sailboat and spend the day snorkeling, swimming, and enjoying the beach. Learn about the rich Afro-Brazilian religious and artistic traditions by exploring "Little Africa", participating in a dance lesson at a historic samba school, and serving communities who still face racial and economic inequities. Students and teachers will enjoy building relationships and deepening their faith together through devotional reflections and intentional prayer groups every night. One day will be spent serving alongside a local missions base supporting kids outreach programs in economically disadvantaged communities. The cost for this trip includes international flights, a private chartered bus for the entire week, hotel with private security, a 24-hour expert tour guide through EF Tours, and all excursions, tickets, activities, breakfast, dinners, and tips.

Approx. Cost: \$4,425-4,825

Number of Students: 18-30

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

Leaders: Ms. Jessica Simmons & Mrs. Anna Gatlin

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; coed

Join us on a mission trip to Birmingham, England, where we'll serve in a culturally rich, urban community alongside a local church actively engaged in food distribution and youth outreach. The team will participate in daily devotions and evening debriefs as they build relationships through hands-on service in one of the UK's most diverse cities. As a reward for the team's hard work and as a way to better understand the culture they're stepping into, we'll take intentional breaks from ministry to enjoy a few fun and meaningful experiences, such as paddleboarding along Birmingham's historic canals and other thoughtfully chosen cultural experiences along the way. This is a mission-focused trip designed to provide students a meaningful opportunity to live out their faith, serve others, and grow both spiritually and personally through cross-cultural ministry. Trip cost is all-inclusive and covers flights, accommodations, meals, transportation, ministry supplies, and cultural excursions.

Dates: Mar. 7-13

Approx. Cost: \$3,200-3,500

Number of Students: 16-20



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International Travel

BRAZIL FEMALE ATHLETE SPORTS MINISTRY TOUR

Leaders: Ms. Tiffany Rice

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; females

Student athletes will enjoy a week of serving kids in the community; exploring sights around beautiful Rio De Janeiro; and diving deeper into how we as Christian athletes can use the platform of our sport to impact the culture for Christ. We will support local churches through various outreach activities; and our athletes will be excited to participate in 1-3 soccer matches throughout the week. Depending on the makeup of the group our athletes will have opportunities to enjoy friendly competitions in volleyball and other sports as well. Our days will be filled with a variety of experiences serving the communities we will be immersed in and the churches we will partner with. The student athletes will have the opportunity to run sport clinics for local kids; partner with local churches in outreach and service opportunities of need; see iconic landmarks such as the statue of Christ the Redeemer; enjoy time at the nearby beautiful Brazil beaches; and when not out playing in the community, we will walk through a sports ministry curriculum as a whole and in small group settings. The only requirement for the trip is for our participants to be a female student athlete interested in growing in their personal relationship with the Lord, and a desire to use their platform of sport to share the gospel of Christ. Experience in playing soccer is preferred but all female athletes willing to participate in playing and coaching youth sport activities are encouraged to join the trip. No previous coaching experience needed. Included in the cost are airline tickets, local transportation, accommodations, supplies for ministry work, donations to local partners, and meals.

Dates: Mar. 7-13

Approx. Cost: \$2,500-3,000

Number of Students: 10-25

COSTA RICA

Leaders: Mrs. Stephanie Switzer

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; females

Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse countries on Earth. Though it covers only 0.03% of the planet's surface, it harbors over 5% of the world's biological diversity. This journey focuses on wildlife biology, plate tectonics, and conservation, all explored through a Christian lens. We believe that if all life was created with purpose, then we too are created with a divine purpose. As stewards of creation, we seek to use our God-given gifts to share the love of Christ with others. This trip will help to foster students' love for God by immersing them in the awe-inspiring biodiversity of His handiwork. Evening devotions will encourage reflection on our purpose as stewards of GOD's creation (including the natural world and local communities), and building stronger spiritual connections through shared experiences and conversations. Service includes tree-planting, serving at a wildlife sanctuary, and volunteering at a local orphanage. Activities include hiking, rafting, snorkeling, and zip-lining. Cost includes airfare, ground transportation, group activities, and meals once in Costa Rica.

Dates: Mar. 8-13

Approx. Cost: \$3,300-3,500

Number of Students: 16-30



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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Leader: Mrs. Olivia Brilhante

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; coed

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 students will assist SCORE missionaries throughout the week with ongoing projects. We always leave having received more than we could ever give! Our itinerary includes travel, a day of worship, ministry days in villages and one rest day at the beach. 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. Included in the cost are airline tickets, local transportation, accommodations at SCORE International, supplies for ministry work, donations to local partners, and meals.

Dates: Mar. 8-13

Approx. Cost: \$2,100-2,250

Number of students: 16-30

PANAMA

Leaders: Mr. Barry Giller and Mrs. Lisa Giller

Requirements: Grades 9-10; coed

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. All transportation, accommodations, and meals are included in the cost.

Dates: Mar. 8-13

Approx. Cost: \$1,600-1,800

Number of students: 16-21

SCOTLAND

Leaders: Mrs. Allison Reeves and Dr. Christa Sturdevant

Requirements: Grades 10-12; females

Prepare for an unforgettable adventure where ancient history meets natural beauty and rich cultural traditions! We're inviting you to delve into the heart of Scotland, beginning with the dramatic Scottish Highlands, from its mountains to its lochs. We'll step back in time with tours of iconic landmarks: the imposing 11th-century Edinburgh Castle, the historic 12th-century Stirling Castle, and the regal Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of His Majesty King Charles III. We'll embark on a thrilling boat ride across the legendary Loch Ness. Will you be among the fortunate few to spot the elusive Nessie? Picture yourself twirling at a traditional Scottish dancing and dinner show, a truly authentic experience. And then we will venture beneath the bustling streets of Glasgow on an eerie ghost tour, revealing the city's hidden past. This trip is more than just sightseeing; it's an opportunity for personal growth. Our devotional time will explore the transformative power of shifting from superficial acquaintances to vibrant, meaningful Christ-centered friendships. We'll discover the deep joy that comes from being a true blessing to others. To put this into practice, we'll dedicate a day to community service in Glasgow, making a tangible difference in the lives of others. The trip cost covers air and ground transportation, comfortable hotel accommodations, meals, and all activity fees. All you need to do is prepare for an extraordinary Scottish escapade!

Dates: Mar. 7-13

Approx. Cost: \$4,650-5,045

Number of Students: 20-30



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Other

ALTERNATIVE WINTERIM EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Little & Mr. Brown

Requirements: Grades 9-12; coed

Students may receive approval to participate in an independent opportunity arranged through their family for a unique learning or service/ministry experience. Students and their parents must submit the [Alternative Winterim Experience Form](#) prior to receiving approval for the activity to earn Winterim credit. A personal journal and culminating reflection project will be required. NOTE - Alternative Winterim Experiences may only be arranged as a full-day option. Open to students in grades 9-12. Off campus. Students may attend an Alternative Winterim Experience to earn up to 0.25 of Winterim credit.

VOCATIONAL SHADOWING

Mrs. Lauren Miller

Requirements: Grades 11-12; coed

Students will meet off-campus during the week with prearranged individuals/companies to gain invaluable real-life experience as they shadow a local professional for at least 30 hours. A personal journal and culminating reflection project will be required. Students are required to make their own shadowing arrangements and receive final approval from Mrs. Miller. Students selecting this option, must review the Vocational Shadowing Guidelines and submit the Vocational Shadowing Agreement to Mrs. Miller. After the shadowing experience ends, students must complete a digital presentation to share with upper school administration detailing the lessons learned from their week. Finally, there will be a required meeting during WIN Lab. Open to students in grades 11-12 only. Off campus. Students may attend a Vocational Shadowing Experience to earn up to 0.25 of Winterim credit.