

East Palo Alto Service Trip - March 22 - March 27

Mission

We will be working with Palo Alto First Christian Church, Operation Center, and Hope Horizon. We will be serving alongside these organizations to serve the people of East Palo Alto.

Goals

- Give students an immersive trip that is in the Bay Area where they can serve locally
- Demonstrate to TKA students that meaningful service can happen locally
- Challenge the perception that "real" mission work only happens internationally
- Provide service experience for students who may have never served before
- Help privileged students recognize local needs and their ability to make an impact
- Make a positive impact on the people who are served by Hope Horizon and Opportunity Center in East Palo Alto

Cost: \$675

Itinerary

March 22 Travel to Palo Alto First Christian Church, will be staying overnight Sun-Thurs
March 23-26 Serve at Opportunity Center in the mornings and Hope Horizon in the afternoons
March 27 Return back to TKA

Accommodations/Food

Palo Alto First Christian Church (PAFCC) will be hosting us for the week. We will use the church as our home base and will sleep there at night. Students will bring sleeping bags and will sleep in the fellowship hall and sanctuary. We will coordinate food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Application Process

The East Palo Alto trip is open to all high school students. The preference form link will be posted in Canvas in the Grade Level Classrooms. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: **September 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** and closes on **Friday, September 19 at 11:59 p.m.** After preference forms are submitted, participants will be selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a heart for missions, cross-cultural sensitivity, and a servant's attitude. All applicants will be notified of their placement on October 13.

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Please Note: Information is subject to change.