

2019 Youth International Mission

Proposed Date: July 13-20, 2019

9-12 Months before departure

- Build a Mission Planning Team to confirm trip details, and build forward momentum and enthusiasm for trip. This team will organize budgeting, fundraising, and other details for trip.
- Develop a budget
- Begin fundraising projects if needed.
- Official Sign Up goes live with required \$100 deposit

6-9 Months before departure

- Recruit and finalize team roster, obtaining a commitment from each person by requiring an additional \$500 deposit by December 31.

3-6 Months before departure

- **January 2019** - Find travel agent, purchase plane tickets.
- Hold planning and informational meeting with team of participants (and their parents)
- Begin making travel arrangements: passports, vaccinations, etc. All passports must be dated to expire no less than at least 6 months before the date of travel. If a team member is not a US citizen, additional ID may be required.
- If applicable, collect supply items that will be distributed on the trip (eg, school supplies, hygiene items, etc.)
- Each team member fill out medical release form and a release of claim form found on website.
- Hold a *Sponsor-Letter writing event*. All team members write letters to get sponsors to help pray for and financially contribute to the team. (This is a fundraiser, money goes to the general pool for the trip).
- Host large fund-raiser event.

4-6 Weeks before departure

- Discuss specific projects and finalize team itinerary.
- Finish gathering all medications and med supplies. All medications must have six months left on the expiration from the date you arrive in Nicaragua.
- If bringing a medical team, all medical documentation must be received no later than 5 weeks prior to your arrival.

General Trip Itinerary (If going to Nicaragua): Saturday, July 13 – Saturday, July 20, 2019

- **Saturday, July 13:** Flight to Augusto C. Sandino International Airport in Managua.
- **Sunday, July 14:** Attend/serve a local church, minister to children at El Ayudante's HCN (Nicaraguan Christian Home), and preparing for week's activities.
- **Monday, July 15 – Thursday, July 18:** 8:00am – 5:00pm Ministry. Evenings spent rest, and group worship/reflection.
- **Friday, July 19:** Tour Nicaragua after breakfast: Masaya Volcano National Park, Managua zip-line over volcano lagoon, local shopping at Masaya or Managua. Spend the night at Camino Real hotel.
- **Saturday, July 20:** Flight home.

Approximate Cost Per Person: \$2,000

Airplane Ticket:	\$1,200 ?
Travel Insurance:	\$100 ?
EA Fee:	\$575
Hotel (Camino Real):	\$25 (\$90/4-person room)
Additional costs:	\$75 ?

Money Needed While in Nicaragua (\$100 cash is more than adequate)

Meals day of departure:	\$15 (depends on flight time...)
Entrance fee at Managua Airport:	\$10 cash
Friday lunch:	\$7
Friday dinner:	\$15
Fees for Friday sightseeing:	\$15
Souvenirs:	\$30

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- *Must be a church member, or active participant in Highland Youth Ministries. (Active means participating in Highland Youth Ministries at least twice monthly.)*
- *Must have completed the 8th grade by the time of the trip.*
- *College-aged students who are/were active in Highland Youth Ministries are welcome to participate.*
- *Must have at least one male and one female post-college aged adult. At least one adult member of the Mission Planning Team should attend the trip.*
- *All adults (including college-aged students) must have completed Safe Sanctuaries training.*
- *Must attend all required team meetings and fundraisers*