# **High School Mission Trip 2024**

www.amazonoutreach.org

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Manaus, Brazil

#### THE MISSION

Amazon Outreach mobilizes short term mission teams to assist Brazilian churches in making disciples by sharing the love of Jesus on the Amazon River Basin. We will use Jesus' model of meeting both physical and relational needs to build bridges for the spiritual needs to be met through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*"People will not believe the words of your mouth until they feel the touch of your hand."*—Dr. Richard Walker

#### WHAT WILL OUR TEAM DO?

Our team will serve alongside medical and dental professionals and assist with an eyeglass ministry where people see for the first time. Additionally, we will leave a VBS in each village, and engage men and women through evangelism. Other avenues to the Gospel include physical therapy, hair cutting, nail polishing, hair braiding, and soccer! We sleep on the boat at night and dock in the morning at different villages. We serve throughout the morning, then break for lunch and rest, and finish up in the evening before dinner.

### WHAT IS THE TRIP COST?

The estimated cost of the trip is \$3,634. The price covers airfare, food, lodging, bus and boat transportation, medical/life travel insurance, laundry crew, tips, and translators. It does not cover personal items such as airport meals, souvenirs, or vaccines (Hep A&B, Tetanus, and Malaria pills prescription).

#### WHEN IS THE MONEY DUE?

A \$500 non-refundable deposit secures your airfare and trip price. You can pay your deposit and start online fundraising the day your student is accepted. Here is the upcoming Mission Trip Calendar & Payment Schedule:

October 6 - Online Applications Open

October 20 - Application Deadline

October 27 - Team Finalized

November 3rd - \$500 non-refundable deposit is due to Mission City

November 3rd - Postage Party and Fundraising Training

December 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1,500 payment (\$2,000 total)

February 14 - \$1,484 payment\*

\* Total amount due in full by Valentine's Day (4 weeks before departure)

We provide free fundraising software and a personalized online fundraising link known as *Managed Missions*. All donations are tax-deductible. Mission City will also host a postage party on November 3rd where we provide a form letter, stationary, and postage for up to 50 letters per person. Food will also be provided.



There will be 5 mandatory training meetings plus one parent meeting. These dates are November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trip participants must attend a minimum of 3 out of the 4 meetings. Since this is a global trip (combined Central, NW & North campuses), our trainings will occur together.

### WHO ATTENDS THE TRIP?

Mission City has secured the larger of the two Amazon Outreach boats with permission to take up to 32 people. This trip is for High School students only, and priority is given to upperclassmen in the application process. Students: 22-24 // Adults: 8-10. This leaves us with a 2:1 adult to student ratio. Application deadline is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## WHAT VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED?

Some of the CDC recommended vaccines are: Hep A & B, Tetanus, and Yellow Fever— Malaria prescription pills are required for all trip participants.

#### WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

View the Mission Handbook and other resources at the following link: <u>www.amazonoutreach.org/resources/</u>

#### **NEXT STEPS**

1. Apply for a passport today! (not tax deductible). Applications typically take months to process, so don't delay. If you have a passport, make sure it has 2 consecutive blank pages and is valid for at least 6 months past your trip return dates. The name on your passport MUST match your plane ticket.

http://www.travel.state.gov/passports/fri/pubs/pubs\_854.html

- 2. Apply online by October 20: https://missioncity.church/events/amazon-mission-trip/
- 3. Create your personal fundraising link before the Postage Party occurs on November 3rd
- 4. Submit non-refundable deposit of \$500 by November 3<sup>rd</sup> using the Mission City link.
- 5. Put the team training dates on your calendar November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. All trainings start at 5:00 PM.
- 6. Postage Party is November 3rd
- 7. Total of \$2,000 is due on your managed missions account by December 1.
- 8. Pray for God to begin preparing the way for our team!

## WHERE TO APPLY?

Use the following QR code. Applications are due by October 20<sup>th</sup>!  $\rightarrow$ 

