

Please return applications to Campus Ministry no later than 3:30PM Thursday, January 12, 2017.

2017 Service Trip Application

Your decision to participate in a service trip experience should not be made in isolation. We encourage you to speak with friends and family about your decision prior to applying for the program. Campus Ministry and other staff participants can also help paint a realistic picture of what to expect from an immersion experience. Student and staff reflections and concerns can be helpful in clarifying your own thoughts about particular areas and/or practical concerns.

In order for each trip to be a success, each participant must abide by certain guidelines. By knowing our expectations in the beginning, we request that you think critically about whether this opportunity is appropriate for you at this time; before you apply, please be sure you can fully commit. Please read these guidelines below very carefully; if selected, you will be held to them. To verify that you agree to all the terms, please initial next to the bottom of each section and sign at the end of this application.

Name (as it appears on an ID or passport) _____	
SFHS Student ID# _____	
Cell Phone # _____	Troubiemail _____ @stfrancishs.org
Address _____	City _____ Zip _____
T Shirt Size S M L XL 2XL	Previous non-SFHS Service Trip Experience? Yes No
Names of 2 Faculty/Staff/Coach References: _____	

Pre-Trip Expectations for all Students

Attend all pre-trip, on-site, and post-trip meetings and activities. Exceptions to this may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Trip Leader and only for extenuating circumstances. These gatherings are mandatory and serve to strengthen the team dynamic. Absences can lead to group breakdown, resentment, and frustration. _____

Conduct

Students who are offered the opportunity to participate in a service trip represent St. Francis High School are held to a high standard of behavior on and off campus at all times. Students must also stay with the group at all times during the trip. All school rules and policies apply. _____

Commitment to Simplicity and Immersion

Cell phone use and access is limited during service trips. Students will have access to their phones only during travel time and on Wednesday evening for a check-in period. This policy enables students to be present to the group and focused on their immersion experience. Family and friends are invited to follow the SFHS Campus Ministry Facebook page for updates about the group during the immersion experience. To help keep the experience one of simplicity, luggage is to be kept to one bag. _____

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Finances

Participants are responsible for the total cost of the trip. Trips cost \$675 for San Francisco and \$1450 for all other sites; this fee does not include food during travel days, incidentals, or souvenirs. All fees must be paid per the payment schedule before your trip departs. Failure to pay will result in removal from the trip. Payments can be made by cash or check (payable to SFHS). Trip fees and fundraising donations are not refundable. All students must have current health insurance. _____

Application Process

- Complete the Common Service Trip Application and return it to Campus Ministry with a \$100 deposit check (refunded if not chosen to participate) no later than October 28th
- Choose 2 teachers/staff members to submit a reference for you
- Participate in a scheduled group interview _____

Factors in Selection Process

- 2 teacher/staff members recommendations
- Guidance/Wellness counselor recommendations
- Written Application
- Group Interview
- Christian Service Record
- Participation in the faith life of the school (Retreats, Family Masses, and Liturgical Ministries)
- Clearance from the Dean's Office
- Clearance from the Finance Office
- Articulated desire to serve others
- Diversity of team (focusing on service experiences and interests) _____

Overall Commitment

Participate in activities that help build community, support learning and allow for personal growth. Participation may include being flexible when plans change, trying new foods, organizing community meals, leading reflections (i.e., group journals, prayer, and discussions), planning games or outings, etc. It is essential that participants remember that "a mission or service trip is always a potential pilgrimage, a time to surrender ourselves totally to God and God's poor. Our agenda, our ego, our need to achieve and accomplish—we are invited to let it all go and to meet those we hope to serve on their turf, on their terms." (John McLaughlin, *American Magazine* July 2014) _____

Please rank your trip preference. If you do not wish to be considered for a trip, leave it blank.

_____ New Orleans, LA: April 7-14, 2017 (\$1450)

_____ Winnebago, NE (Native American Reservation): June 24-July 1, 2017 (\$1450)

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Students will be offered the opportunity to participate in a service trip according to where each student's gifts, talents, and experiences can best be utilized for the good of those being served.

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Availability for an interview: (circle all that apply)

Before School

Community Lunch

After School

SCHOOL DAY BLOCKS: A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

Please thoughtfully and concisely respond to the following questions:

- Describe your interest in Social Justice & Christian Service.
- What do you *hope* and what do you *expect* to get out of a service trip?
- Please describe a time that you challenged yourself to step outside of your comfort zone? What did you do?
- What activities are you involved in on and off-campus?
- Why do you want to participate in a service trip?

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- What do you hope to learn from engaging with and serving the community you listed as your 1st choice.

- What do you foresee as the most challenging aspect of a service trip?

- List and describe your current service activity. Please share how you have found this work meaningful.

By putting your initialing each section above and submitting this application, both students and parents understand and agree to fully abide by all of the above standards and rules.

Student Signature_____Date_____

Parent /Guardian Signature_____Date_____

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Two parent/guardian signatures are required if student lives in more than one household.

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SFHS Faculty, Staff, and Coach Service Trip Recommendation Form

(Faculty and Staff should return this form to Stephanie Villanueva. Coaches should return this form to Mark McGreevy.)

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Recommenders: please circle the number that most reflects the student:

On a scale of 1-5 please rate the student. 5 Being the highest rating. NA=Not Applicable

1. Is this student dependable? 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

2. Does this student display leadership qualities? 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

3. Does this student complete the tasks given to her? 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

4. Is this student respectful towards others? 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

5. Does this student work well with other students? 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

6. What three words describe this student?

Other Comments:

Faculty, Staff, or Coach Signature _____ **date** _____

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