

Fishin' With A Mission - Kenai, Alaska

Thank you for your interest in joining Sportsman's Church on this mission trip. We are excited you have prayerfully considered furthering God's work outside your local community. We have created this packet to outline the trip details and expectations. We hope this packet answers any questions you may have.

The expected cost of the trip is \$950.00.

Please submit the completed forms along with a \$50.00 deposit:

- Application for Participation (Page 1-3)
- Basic Information Understanding (Page 4)
- Financial Responsibilities Understanding (Page 5-6)
- Code of Conduct and Commitment (Page 7)
- Liability Release Form (Page 8)
- Background Check Authorization (Page 9)
- Page one of your government issued passport (color copy)

Once \$50.00 has been received and designated for your trip an interview with a team leader will be set up, and if approved an airfare ticket will be purchased to guarantee your spot for this trip. Checks should be made payable to Sportsman's Church. The name of the individual attending the trip and "Alaska" should be written in the memo line.

Return completed forms and trip payment to the Team Leader.

Everyone that goes on the trip will be asking family or friends for prayer, mission awareness, and financial assistance, please see the attached letter you can edit and send out. For prayers or financial contributions received, a thank you note and/or trip update is recommended.

If you have any questions please contact your Team Leaders:

Todd Bures
361-935-8480 Cell

Glen Dry
361-648-4036 Cell

SAMPLE FUNDRAISER LETTER

“...and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Dear Friends and Family,

I wanted to share with you a decision I have recently made to go on a mission trip to _____ in _____ with the Sportsman’s Church. SC is committed to the Great Commission, taking the name of Jesus to all nations, and is committed to Building Lives That Honor God both locally and globally. I’m excited about this opportunity to serve others by meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

Our team will be traveling to Alaska, June 11 - 18. While we are in Alaska, our team will be ministering to others through willing hearts, fluid attitudes, and feet ready to serve. Our team will help in the building and construction of a Volunteer Center which will be used to house mission teams throughout the year who come to engage in missions and ministries on the Kenai Peninsula. We will be sharing Christ in personal, relational ways.

I am asking for your support by praying for our team’s unity and safety. Please pray for the families of those we will meet, that we are able to share the love of Jesus Christ. I am also asking you to consider financially supporting me. Each team member is responsible for trip fees that cover the cost of travel, projects and resources. Any financial amount you give will be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible. ***Sportsman’s Church has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds and contributions are non refundable.*** Contributions received will further God’s work through missions.

If you have any questions, you may contact the church at 361-894-6200. Thank you for investing in the work of God’s Kingdom!

Sincerely,

(Trip Participant Name)

Please let me know how you would be willing to support me through this mission trip:

___ Prayer

___ Financial: I will financially support _____ (Trip Participant Name) on the missions trip to _____ (Location) in the amount of \$_____. Make checks payable to Sportsman’s Church. Mail or deliver checks to: Sportsman’s Church, 8793 US Hwy. 87 N., Victoria TX 77904, Attn: Alaska

Signature

Date

MISSION APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Trip Destination: _____ **Trip Dates:** _____

Name (as it appears on your passport): _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Passport #: _____ Drivers License #: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male Female

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

Medical History:

General Health:

Physical Limitations:

Are you subject to: diabetes _____ epilepsy _____ heart disease _____ hypertension _____
other _____

Last Tetanus (TD) shot date: _____

Medications currently taking: _____

Reasons: _____

Allergies (food, drugs, insects, other):

Medications used to treat allergies:

Medical treatment received in the past year:

Have you had or been exposed to any contagious disease in the past six months? Yes No
If so, what? _____

Physicians Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Consent: I hereby give permission for my child/self (if over 18 years of age) to receive emergency medical attention from any physician in the event of illness or injury. YES NO
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Insurance:

Name of insurance company: _____
Insurance issued in the name of: _____
Address of insurance company: _____
Group number: _____ Policy number: _____
Telephone number: _____

Personal Involvement:

Do you attend Sportsman's Church? Yes No

Are you in a Campfire? Yes No If Yes, who is your leader? _____

BASIC INFORMATION UNDERSTANDING:

I understand and agree to the following:

1. If I am under the age of 18 years old, I have received parental or guardian approval and have a designated trip sponsor/parent attending the trip with me.
2. I will attend all trip meetings. Any absences will be cleared with the Trip Team Leader.
3. I will adhere to all financial deadlines regardless of whether I personally pay or raise financial support from others.

Sportsman's Church strongly encourages interested team members wanting to go on a mission trip to serve at a local outreach event before going.

I have read the above and agree to abide by the Basic Information Understanding.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED PARTICIPANT'S NAME

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18

PRINTED PARENT'S NAME IF UNDER 18

DATE

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES UNDERSTANDING:

If you are raising support from others, we encourage you to seek out financial support from friends or family members. Sportsman's Church discourages group fundraising of any kind such as car washes, door-to-door solicitations, etc. Mailing a support letter to friends and family members will be the most useful in raising trip funds. **We encourage face to face meetings to share your heart and passion for going on this mission and sharing that with others that God wants to use to help fund this mission!**

Please note the following as it relates to raising your financial support:

1. A recommended Sample Fundraiser Letter has been included in this packet for your use when soliciting any financial support.
2. All checks/money orders should be made payable to Sportsman's Church with your trip destination and name in the memo line. Please send financial support you receive to Sportsman's Church within 3 days to ensure your missions account reflects the most up-to-date financial status.
3. It is recommended that cash payments be sent directly to Sportsman's Church by the donor.
4. Adhere to the financial deadlines as communicated to you by your Trip Leader.
5. You may contact 361-894-6200 to obtain a list of your donor names & addresses or to obtain your account balance. To respect the donor's privacy, their financial contribution amount will not be disclosed to you.

Trip cancellations:

In the unfortunate circumstance of a team member cancelling their trip, the team member will be responsible for any trip expenses incurred on their behalf. Please see team leader, trip cancellations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Contributions are not refundable:

Sportsman's Church operates as a tax-exempt organization described in Internal Revenue Code Section 501c3 eligible to receive tax-deductible donations. SC will track designated contributions received for each team member to ensure trip fee responsibilities are met. However, Sportsman's Church has the sole discretion and control over the use of all funds donated for mission trips. Sportsman's Church will ensure that all mission trip designated contribution will be used to carry out the church's religious functions. ***Contributions are NOT refundable under any circumstances due to IRS tax laws.***

I also agree to the following:

1. If, for some reason, I do not ultimately participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I am responsible for any fees incurred as a result of my cancellation.
2. If I do not raise enough money to pay for my trip, I may not be able to go. Any money raised will be applied to the trip or to other mission's ministries at the sole discretion and control of Sportsman's Church.
3. If I raise more than the required trip fee, the remaining money may be distributed towards the mission trip or used for other mission ministries at the sole discretion and control of Sportsman's Church.
4. If, for some reason, I do not participate on the mission trip, or must leave the trip early, I understand that the monies donated to my trip *cannot be refunded to me or to the donors*.
5. Contributions for my trip that are not designated by the donor with my name and "Nicaragua" may result in the church not properly tracking contributions received on my behalf.
6. If any inappropriate behavior and/or breaking of any team policies results in me being sent home early, I will be responsible for additional expenses incurred on my behalf. (If you are under the age of 18, parents or guardians will be responsible).
7. A sample fundraiser letter has been included in the Missions Packet. **If you plan on using your own letter, the following must be included in your solicitation:**

Sportsman's Church has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds and contributions are non refundable.

I have read the above and agree to abide by the Financial Responsibilities Understanding.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED PARTICIPANT'S NAME

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18

PRINTED PARENT'S NAME IF UNDER 18

DATE

CODE OF CONDUCT AND COMMITMENT:

I understand that all who participate in mission trips are expected to observe and adhere to the following standard of conduct during the entire duration of the trip, including the travel time. The guidelines set below are intended to protect mission trip participants from any allegation or actual inappropriate behavior or speech. **I understand and agree to the following:**

1. I will pray for the Team Leaders and give them my undivided support. I will follow them without criticism or delay. I commit to unity, care and concern for my teammates. I will discuss any concerns I may have directly with my Team Leader.
2. I will adhere to any dress code established for the trip at all times. I understand that dress codes vary widely depending on the local culture. I will dress modestly and only wear jewelry/accessories that will not be a distraction to the people we are ministering to.
3. I will not leave the team or the vicinity of our work unless directed or allowed to do so by Team Leaders. I will not be alone with anyone of the opposite sex. I will not be alone with a child at any time, unless it is my own child.
4. I agree that contact with members of the opposite sex should be limited and avoid even the appearance of inappropriate behavior. I will not discuss intimate or detailed sexual issues or problems with a member of the opposite sex. I will not have any physical contact with a member of the opposite sex in a manner that could be questionable.
5. I will not use profanity at any time.
6. I will not possess, use, or distribute any drug or substance for which possession or distribution is unlawful either in the U.S. or at our destination outside the U.S.
7. I may use prescribed drugs only as instructed. I will notify my trip Team Leader about prescription drugs that may impair my ability to perform my mission trip assignments.
8. I will abide by any additional guidelines as deemed necessary by the Team Leader.

I have read the above and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and Commitment.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED PARTICIPANT'S NAME

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18

PRINTED PARENT'S NAME IF UNDER 18

DATE

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

In consideration for being accepted by Sportsman’s Church for participation in this mission trip, I do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Sportsman’s Church and the directors, employees and agents thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the trip participant. Furthermore, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in all activities involved therein. Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Sportsman’s Church, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by Sportsman’s Church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred thereto.

(For participants under age 18):

I/We are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant my/our permission for him/her to participate fully in said trip, and hereby give my/our permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, if any. Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, I/we hereby assume all transportation costs.

I have read the above and agree to abide by the Liability Release Form:

PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE

PRINTED PARTICIPANT’S NAME

DATE

PARENT’S SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18

PRINTED PARENT’S NAME IF UNDER 18

DATE