

# ALASKA MISSIONS

Thank you for your interest in joining Sportsman's Church on this mission trip July 7 - 14, 2018. 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 \$1600.00.

Please submit the completed application by April 15, 2018 (including):

- Application for Participation (Page 1-3)
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Once application has been received for your trip, an interview will be set up with the team leader, and once approved you will be notified. Once approved for the trip a \$900.00 deposit is due no later than April 29, 2018. Deposit is to secure airfare. Checks should be made payable to Sportsman's Church. The name of the individual attending the trip and "Alaska Deposit" should be written in the memo line.

All completed forms and trip deposit shall be submitted to the Team Leader.

It is mandatory for everyone to send letters asking family or friends for prayer, mission awareness, and financial assistance, please see the attached letter that you can edit and use to 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, Glen Dry or Todd Bures

Glen Dry Cell 361-648-4036

Todd Bures Cell 361-935-8480

**“...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 Alaska in June 2018 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 on July 7 – July 14, 2018. 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 missions’ teams throughout the year who come to engage in missions and ministries on the Kenai Peninsula as well as various construction projects in the area. 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,

*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 Alaska 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 :** Alaska **.Trip Dates:** July 7 – July 14, 2018 .

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 and Physical Limitations:

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

Give Brief Description of your spiritual Journey and how we can pray for you leading up to this trip: *(Add an additional page if needed)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. Get with Todd Bures on upcoming mission ops!

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

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PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE PRINTED PARTICIPANT’S NAME DATE

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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. Each team member is responsible for the FULL cost of their trip. 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.
6. All team members **WILL** participate in fund raising events for this trip. All proceeds raised will be divided among team members who participate in the events. No participation at event means no money raised goes in your bucket.

**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 "Alaska" 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.**

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE PRINTED PARTICIPANT'S NAME DATE

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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.**

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE PRINTED PARTICIPANT'S NAME DATE

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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:**

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PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE PRINTED PARTICIPANT’S NAME DATE

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PARENT’S SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 PRINTED PARENT’S NAME IF UNDER 18 DATE