

Nicaragua



***Cornerstone Christian
Academy***

***Junior Class Mission
Trip***

Nicaragua Missions Trip 2016

If you have been on this Missions Trip before, please still read very carefully as we have made several changes to improve the process. This year, due dates must be met as outlined and no exceptions will be made. Failure to meet dates in the past has created a great deal of added work and taken away from preparing for the trip. So, in agreeing to be a part of this mission you are also agreeing to meet these deadlines. Your Mission begins now!

Estimated Trip Dates: *Dates are not finalized, but travel is expected to be within the timeframe of 3/26/17 and 4/5/17. Ticket prices vary greatly and final dates are based on airfare.*

Trip Costs: \$1,375

The following items are due to the Class Advisors by October 11th:

- Non- Refundable Deposit of \$100
- Copy of Passport (if you have it now we will take it now, but no later than 11/10.)
- Application
- Permission Slip
- 2 General Recommendation Forms (attached) – one from your pastor and one from a non-family member
- Personal Covenant and Liability Release Form

The following are due to the Class Advisors by November 10th:

- Payment of \$150.
- Copy of Passport if it was not done on October 11th.

You must have the following monies in your account with no exceptions by these dates:

- A total of \$625 by 1/10/17
- A total of \$925 by 2/10/17
- A total of \$1375 or more by 3/9/17

Please keep in mind these are the minimum amounts needed to go on the Missions Trip. The more we raise, the more outreaches we are able to do while we are in Nicaragua. If you raise the minimum, it just covers the costs associated with the trip such as airfare, food, housing, etc.

Mandatory Meetings:

We try very hard to communicate via email as much as possible.

We will have one main meeting which will outline much of what is required to be a part of the trip. We will also outline specific duties. To be a part of the trip, both you and your parents must be involved in a variety of tasks.

Main Meeting – Mandatory attendance of Student and at least one parent. We cover a lot of information at this meeting. A firm date will be advised soon, but it will be in November.

Thursday Mornings: Typically, 6 weeks prior to the trip, students will meet Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM. Students must attend 5 of the 6 meetings and agree to be prompt and ready to go at 7:00 AM.

Mandatory Fundraiser:

Students are required to attend and assist with the Nicaragua Missions Dinner on March 3rd, 2017. We will also need at least one parent to assist with the Missions Dinner set-up, throughout the event and clean-up.

New this year: Students cannot ask CCA teachers and staff for individual donations. They can sell a table to the dinner, but no individual donations. Teachers will be encouraged to donate to the Mission as a whole.

Seniors/Chaperones/Alumni:

- All must submit your application and Seniors and Alumni must include a one page Reflective Essay (essay includes how your life was impacted by the trip and what you have done regarding Christian service since the trip) by 10/11 along with a copy of your Passport if you have it. If you do not have one, you will need to apply for one immediately upon your acceptance. Please submit application and essay to Kirk Hedger at the CCA office or via email: kchedger@stafast.com.
- Notifications of acceptance will be made prior to 11/10.
- Upon acceptance, you will need to pay the \$250 Deposit by 11/10.
- You will then follow the same timeline for funds as outlined above for the Juniors. Seniors and Alumni must raise their own funds to attend.
- Chaperones/Seniors: We are going to need a significant amount of assistance this year. By applying, you are agreeing to help significantly with the trip prep and Missions Dinner and each person will have a role to fill throughout the process.

Immunizations:

Immunizations are at the discretion of the individual. Nothing is required for entry into the country of Nicaragua. Immunizations to consider: Tetanus should be up to date and Hep A and B. Some of the Hep shots are a series so start early.

Auction Items/Donations:

Now is a good time to start collecting items. Each person will be responsible for 3 items at the minimum, but most donate well above this. You will need at least 1- \$75 item and 2 - \$25 items for the auction.

APPLICATION TO JOIN THE SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM

This form is CONFIDENTIAL and will be used only to determine suitability for the team.

Your name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Daytime tel: (____) _____ Evening tel: (____) _____

Email Addresses: (student/parent)

Previous destinations you have visited on short-term missions: _____

Place AND Date Passport Issued: _____

Passport No: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Languages spoken/degree of fluency: _____

Do you sing? _____ Instruments played: _____

T-shirt size: _____

Are you able to pay for this trip independently? _____

Anticipated scholarship assistance needed: \$ _____

Why do you want to participate in this mission?

What do you hope to accomplish while on the trip?

Are you a Christian? Do you feel Christ calling you to this mission trip?

Briefly describe your personal relationship with Christ.

In what work area do you feel you can make the greatest contribution?

What are some of your concerns over joining this team?

Please list any skills and training you have specialized training in.

Please list any hobbies and interests.

Please describe any medical condition that a doctor might need to know of during the trip:

What prescription medications do you take (generic name, strength, and frequency of dosage):

What is your blood type? _____

Please describe your general health condition:

Please list any known allergies:

What is your personal physician's name and telephone number?

In the event of an emergency, whom should we notify?

Relationship: _____ Telephone : (____) _____

PERSONAL COVENANT & LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

The guidelines listed below are recommended for those participating in this journey. You go not as a tourist, but as a guest of another country. Nicaragua is considered an LDC – Less Developed Country – and does not have the same conveniences you are used to at home. It is very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of your host.

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our short-term mission. If accepted as a member of the Cornerstone Christian Academy Mission team, I agree to:

1. Release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped make these arrangements, including Cornerstone Christian Academy, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have, against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.
2. Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I go knowing that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective, and know that my way is not necessarily the best.
3. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
4. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
5. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip.
6. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, including and in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including but not limited to such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
7. Understand that our team's work is but a tiny speck on the bigger picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
8. Attend all team meetings possible, both prior to departure and during the mission trip.
9. Expeditiously follow up on all requirements for passports, visas, financial obligations, vaccinations, travel insurance, etc.
10. Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are made.

11. Regard the differing styles of worshipping with respect. I promise that where I see the need, I will witness my faith, but without a superior, colonial attitude.
12. If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members during the trip.
13. Avoid any actions which might be perceived as amorous attentions toward indigenous people I meet.
14. Refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages while in the host country. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
15. Remember we are the new Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example.
16. Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewelry, tape players, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave has caused problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness amongst those locals who received no such largesse. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the team leader before I promise or give the gift, and I promise to let him or her make the final decision on this matter. This covenant does not apply to the small fellowship tokens we will discuss and have approved before leaving home.
17. Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or mission organization. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking, and other such traditions which will help me to assimilate into the local community.
18. Understand that every member of this group is expected to share freely from their particular blessings and talents, whether that is skills such as music, art, carpentry, or basic hard work. I agree to participate in these ways as fully as possible.
19. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
20. In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older. If under 18, my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

Participant's Signature: _____

If participant is under 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian's signature:

Participant's name: _____ (Please print)

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Special Requirements for All Minors Ages 16 & 17

All Minors Age 16 and 17 shall:

- Appear **in person** at the time of application
- Have a parent or guardian **present photo identification** if the minor does not have identification of his or her own
- Provide a **photocopy** of the same **ID document** that will be presented at the time of application (applicant or parent/guardian). See photocopy requirements under **STEP 4** of [How to Apply for the First Time \(In Person\)](#))
- Establish **parental consent** (You may be requested to provide written parental consent for a child age 16 or 17 if it is not implied on the application)

Read and understand **Steps 1-5** before leaving this page.

STEP 1: Complete and Submit Form DS-11: *Application For A U.S. Passport*

Complete [Form DS-11: Application for a U.S. Passport](#). To submit Form DS-11, you:

- **Must** apply **in person** at an [Acceptance Facility](#) or [Passport Agency](#)
- **Must** include the additional **documentation** required by Form DS-11 (See Steps 2-5)
- **Must not** sign the application until instructed to do so by the Acceptance Agent
- **Must** provide your SSN in accordance with [26 U.S.C. 6039E](#)

STEP 2: Submit Evidence of U.S. Citizenship

When applying for a U.S. passport in person, evidence of U.S. citizenship must be submitted **with** Form DS-11. All documentation submitted as citizenship evidence will be **returned** to you. These documents will be delivered with your newly issued U.S. passport or in a separate mailing.

Primary Evidence of U.S. Citizenship (One of the following):

- Previously issued, undamaged U.S. Passport
- Certified [birth certificate](#) issued by the city, county or state*
- [Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth](#)
- Naturalization Certificate
- Certificate of Citizenship

*A **certified birth certificate** has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed or multicolored seal, registrar's signature, and the date the certificate was filed with the registrar's office, which must be within 1 year of your birth. Please note, some short (abstract) versions of birth certificates may **not** be acceptable for passport purposes.

NOTE: If you **do not** have primary evidence of U.S. citizenship or your U.S. birth certificate **does not** meet the requirements, please see [Secondary Evidence of U.S. Citizenship](#).

STEP 3: Present Identification

When applying for a U.S. passport in person, acceptable **identification** must be presented **at the time of application**.

Primary Identification (One of the following):

- Previously issued, undamaged U.S. passport
- Naturalization Certificate
- Valid Driver's License
- Current Government ID (city, state or federal)
- Current Military ID (military and dependents)

NOTES:

- If you **cannot** submit primary identification, please see [Secondary Identification](#).
- If you apply at an Acceptance Facility and submit **out-of-state** primary identification, you must present an additional ID document, as well. For example, if you apply in Maryland with a Virginia Driver's License, you must present additional ID.

STEP 4: Submit a Photocopy of the Identification Document Presented (STEP 3)

The photocopy **must** be of the ID document that you will present when you apply.

- Photocopy **must** be on plain white, **8 1/2 x 11"** standard paper stock, showing the **front** and the **back** of your ID
- Photocopy **must** contain images on only one-side of each page submitted.
 - If copies cannot be made on the same side of one page, you may present two separate pages; one displaying the front of the ID and the second displaying the back of the ID.
- The paper should be free of other images and/or markings.
- The 8 1/2 x 11" paper size **cannot** be substituted with a larger or smaller size paper, even if the alternative folds down to the 8 1/2 x 11" size.
- You **may** enlarge the image of your ID on the 8 1/2 x 11" page, but you **may not** decrease the size of the image.

Other situations that require a photocopy of identification, but are less common, include:

- If you are presenting [Secondary Identification](#), you must provide a photocopy each document being presented with your application.
- If you submit **out-of-state** primary identification, you must provide a photocopy of each additional identification document submitted with the primary ID.
- An assistant to a disable applicant who witnesses the signature or signs on the disabled customer's behalf must present a photocopy of his or her ID
- A person acting as an Identifying Witness must present a photocopy of his or her ID

STEP 5: Pay the Applicable Fee

Please see [Current Passport Fees](#) and methods of payment.

STEP 6: Provide Two Passport Photos

We can help you submit clear and correctly exposed passport photos the **first time** - especially when applying for the **U.S. Passport Card**. See [Quality Requirements for Passport Book & Passport Card Photographs](#) to avoid photo processing delays.

Your Photographs Must Be:

- Identical
- In color
- 2 x 2 inches in size
- Taken within the past 6 months, showing current appearance
- Full face, front view with a plain white or off-white background
- Between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head
- Taken in **normal street attire**:
 - Uniforms should **not** be worn in photographs except religious attire that is worn daily

- Do **not** wear a hat or headgear that obscures the hair or hairline
- If you normally wear prescription glasses, a hearing device, wig or similar articles, they **should** be worn for your picture
- Dark glasses or nonprescription glasses with tinted lenses are **not** acceptable unless you need them for medical reasons (a medical certificate may be required)

NOTES:

- Vending machine photos are not generally acceptable
- See [Digitized Passport Photos](#) for information on acceptable digital photos
- Professional photographers see [Guidelines for Producing High Quality Photographs for U.S. Travel Documents](#)

PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY

Facility Name	Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Public Phone	Distance
Mentor Post Office	8600 Tyler Blvd.	Mentor	OH	44060	(440) 255-2798	0
Willoughby Post Office	4040 Erie St.	Willoughby	OH	44094	(440) 951-0543	5.2
Lake County Probate Court	47 N. Park Place	Painesville	OH	44077	(440) 350-2624	6.3
Painesville Post Office	215 E. Jackson Street	Painesville	OH	44077	(440) 357-6081	6.3
Geauga Co.Clerk of Courts Auto Title Office	470 Center Street, Bldg. 8-B	Chardon	OH	44024	(440) 279-1750	9.9
Noble Branch Post Office	25101 N. Lakeland Blvd.	Euclid	OH	44132	(216) 289-2213	10.1
Shore Center Finance	22751 Shore Center Dr.	Cleveland	OH	44123	(216) 289-2205	11.2
Richmond Heights Post Office	454 Richmond Road	Cleveland	OH	44143-9998	(216) 481-8649	11.3
Euclid Branch	21551 Euclid Ave.	Cleveland	OH	44117	(216) 481-8557	12.5
Beachland Post Office	891 E. 185th St.	Cleveland	OH	44119	(216) 481-2932	12.8
Lyndhurst Post Office	5815 Landerbrook Dr.	Cleveland	OH	44124	(440) 461-0145	14.1
Collinwood Post Office	890 E. 152nd St.	Cleveland	OH	44110-9998	(216) 451-6654	14.7
South Euclid Post Office	1568 S. Green Rd.	South Euclid	OH	44121	(216) 381-3792	14.7
USPS, E. Cleveland Station	1700 Shaw Ave.	Cleveland	OH	44112	(216) 451-2026	15.9
Cleveland Heights Branch	The Severance Town Center 3 Severance Circle	Cleveland Heights	OH	44118-9998	(216) 291-1653	16.8
Beachwood Post Office	3695 Green Rd.	Beachwood	OH	44122	(216) 360-0257	17.1
Glenville Bratenahl Station	630 E. 105 St.	Cleveland	OH	44108	(216) 451-9341	17.1
Unionville	6887 S. Ridge Rd.	Unionville	OH	44088	(440) 428-2361	18.4
Shaker Heights Post Office	3675 Warrensville Center Rd.	Shaker Heights	OH	44120	(216) 295-2543	19.1
Station B/C Complex Post Office	1650 E. 55th St.	Cleveland	OH	44103	(216) 881-6740	19.5



Mission Trip Permission Form

Junior Class Trip to Nicaragua

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the mission trip to CIRCIN (Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center) in Nicaragua.

Parent/Guardian
Signature

_____ Date _____