Crossroads HIGH SCHOOL

LOCAL TEAM INFO SHEET

WHAT WILL THE LOCAL TEAM DO?

Our Local team will continue the tradition of serving and partnering with ministries throughout the Corona area. This team will take 3 days to serve with local Crossroads Christian Church ministry partners, and have a one day VBS program for our kindergarten learners.

DO THE LEARNERS HAVE ACADEMIC WORK DURING MISSIONS WEEK?

Our Missions trips are a part of the CCHS curriculum, so no additional school work will be required other than participation in this trip. During missions week no school work, projects, e-labs, etc... will be assigned. Also, because Missions is the curriculum that week all absences, tarides, etc... will be logged as usual.

WHO ARE THE TEAM LEADERS?

Our team leaders will be made up of staff and facilitators from CCS. Our staff will be going through their own prayer and discernment process to decide where they feel God is leading them. We will announce who will lead each team just before Christmas break.

CAN A PARENT CHAPERONE ON A MISSIONS TRIP?

Our model for the mission program does not include parent chaperones for a few reasons:

- Learners and team leaders spend all year training for their mission team and specific roles, responsibilities, and other sub-teams. Team meetings take place during school hours where our leaders and learners can build a strong and dynamic working relationship in preparation for their trip. In partnership with Crossroads Church Global Outreach department, we follow a 4-6 month training schedule to adequately prepare our learners with the necessary tools, skills, cultural awareness and spiritual development that they need to do the work God has called them.
- 2. Our school's desire is to holistically develop our learners as they follow Jesus. We want them to have full ownership of their trip and involvement. From

fundraising, to training and travel, we want our learners to use this trip as an opportunity to mature and grow as an individual.

WHAT ARE THE TRANSPORTATION PLANS FOR THIS TEAM?

Our team will meet at CCHS each day and will go to their assignments/ministry partners from there. As of June 2025, our Local Mission Pastor and team are working on solidifying the assignments our team will be working on. If our team is required to leave the CCHS campus, we will either drive in a bus or vans. Our team leaders will be with learners the entire time.

Details about each day's itinerary will be shared an at upcoming local team meeting.

WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL IF THERE IS A NEED FOR MEDICAL CARE?

The team will be traveling with a medical bag every day for simple medical care needs. The team leaders will administer medication to learners if needed. In the rare event that medical attention is needed for a learner, our team leaders will contact the school office who will contact the parents/guardians as well as emergency services if needed.

WHAT DOES THE COST OF THE TRIP COVER?

The cost to be part of the local team is \$300. This covers all expenses for the Missions week, including: bus transportation, lunch each day (except for 1 day), CCHS Missions shirt, and all ministry materials & donations.

HOW DOES FUNDRAISING WORK?

Learners will be given guidance and training to fundraise for their Missions trip. Every step of the way, our learners will be supported by our facilitators through class time prep, sharing ideas that have worked in the past, as well as encouragement on how other learners have raised their funds.

While we can share ideas on how to fundraise, most of the funds come from learners creatively seeking opportunities that allow them to use their gifts and talents, as well as reaching out to their immediate friends and family for support. **Note: If a learner does not fundraise the full amount, they are still responsible for the balance.** Every learner will receive a link to their mission fund sheet where they can see how much money they need to raise. Fund sheets will be updated a week after each deposit due date. The deposit due dates are as follows:

- September 25- \$50 due
- October 30- \$50 due
- November 20- \$50 due

- December 11 \$50 due
- January 15 \$50 due
- February 5 \$50 due

WHAT IF THE LEARNER FUNDRAISED OVER THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THEIR 25/26 MISSION TRIP?

Any donations that exceeded the total amount of their trip will be rolled over to their personal funding account for the 26/27 school year. Those learners will be notified at the beginning of the school year, letting them know their rollover totals.

For our graduating seniors who have over-fundraised, they will be given an opportunity to nominate and give their funds to another learner for the 26/27 school year.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

If a learner has a fundraiser that they would like to share with the school to "get support from their peers" they will need to:

- Schedule a meeting with Mr. West to present the fundraiser
- Get approval from Mr. West
- If approved, we will schedule a time and date for the learner to make an announcement during the opening block

This process is necessary as it allows our leadership to approve what is being advertised at CCHS, and to make sure no fundraisers are overlapping with one another. This is not meant to be a competition, but an opportunity for all learners to support each other.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF DONATIONS ACCEPTED?

- 1. Cash
- 2. Checks
- 3. Zeffy

Zeffy is a new fundraising platform that is 100% free and allows all donations and contributions to go to our learners without fees. Zeffy accounts will be set up in class and every learner will be trained on how to use it to receive donations. Please view the document "How to turn in a donation". The information on that document is important to have in order to receive a tax deduction.

ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

All donations are fully tax deductible! In order for this to happen ALL checks need to be made payable to "<u>Crossroads Christian Schools</u>" and only "<u>CCHS Local Missions</u>" is seen in the memo. **DO NOT** make checks out to the learner or put their name on the check.

CAN YOU MAKE DONATIONS THROUGH THE SCHOOL'S FACTS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM?

No. Since these funds are considered donations it does NOT run through FACTS. Cash and checks need to be donated through the school office and electronic donations need to be made through the learner's Zeffy account.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY LEARNER DECIDES TO CHANGE TEAMS OR DOES NOT GO ON THE TRIP?

All money donated is **NON-REFUNDABLE** and will be used to support the team or project that Crossroads High School will be doing. In addition, if a learner transfers to another team, we will do our best to accommodate and transfer the funds to their new team account but these will be handled on a case-by-case basis and cannot be guaranteed.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MY LEARNER WHILE THEY ARE ON THE TRIP? HOW CAN I SEE WHAT THEY WILL BE DOING DAY-TO-DAY?

Every day team leaders will choose 1-2 learners from every class to write a blog for that specific day. These blogs will be posted daily with pictures on our <u>Crossroads High</u> <u>School Missions Website</u>. This is the primary way to stay up to date with what our team is doing, in addition to the other Mission trip teams. We will be in partnership with Crossroads Church communications department to post daily updates on the Crossroads Christian School social media accounts.

Cell Phone Policy

Learners are allowed to bring phones; however, we will be restricting that usage (for phone calls, texts, all communications) to certain pre-decided times. Learners are restricted from using their phone for entertainment purposes until after the team debrief when learners are waiting for their parents to pick them up.

Phones can be used during some portions of the day to take pictures and leaders will let you know when pictures can be taken and when to keep phones away.

Social Media Policy

During their time serving and working with our ministry partners, we are asking our local team to not interact, post, respond, OR SCROLL, etc... on any social media platforms

for the entire duration of the week. Once each day begins we are considered "on mission" and we will disconnect from our phones.

This is to protect learners from being distracted and to keep their hearts and mind within the work that God has called them to. If a learner is unable to obey this cell phone policy, their phone will be confiscated for the day.

In case of an emergency, parents are able to contact our school office who will be able to quickly contact our team leaders.

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR THE TRIP?

- 1. Pray! The first thing you should do months away from this trip is to pray and ask God to be in the middle of all the details surrounding this trip.
- Start sharing about your trip. Ask people to pray for you and your team, and don't be afraid to ask for people to prayerfully consider financially supporting your team.
- 3. Start saving and fundraising. Start putting some money aside from your part time job, and start coming up with ways that you can fundraise.

We are excited that you have taken this incredible step in your walk with God and we trust that God is going to do incredible things in and through you as you obey Him.