



LOS ANGELES TEAM INFO SHEET

WHAT WILL THE LOS ANGELES TEAM DO?

Our Los Angeles Mission Team will be partnering with **YWAM LA** to participate in urban mission work. Throughout the week, our team will serve the homeless, help clean and care for local parks and businesses, share the gospel through evangelism, and support food pantries across the city. Specific details and schedules for the trip will be shared with the team a few weeks prior to departure.

DO THE LEARNERS HAVE ACADEMIC WORK DURING MISSIONS WEEK?

Our mission trips are an integral part of the CCHS curriculum; therefore, no additional schoolwork will be assigned beyond participation in the trip. During Missions Week, learners will not receive regular class assignments, projects, eLabs, or other coursework. Because missions serve as the curriculum for that week, all attendance policies—including absences and tardies—will be recorded as usual.

WHO ARE THE TEAM LEADERS?

Our team leaders will consist of CCS staff and facilitators. Each leader will be entering a season of prayer and discernment as they seek God's guidance on how and where He is calling them to serve.

CAN A PARENT CHAPERONE ON A MISSIONS TRIP?

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

1. 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 Los Angeles team will have the unique opportunity to travel using the **Metrolink** train system. The team will meet at the **Corona–North Main Station**, travel by train to **Union Station**, and then transfer to another train en route to our final destination.

Detailed daily itineraries will be shared during an upcoming Los Angeles team meeting. All train ticket fees are included in the total cost of the trip.

WHERE WILL THE TEAM BE STAYING THROUGHOUT THEIR WEEK?

We will be partnering with **YWAM Los Angeles**, located in **Sylmar**, approximately 22 miles from **Los Angeles**. The YWAM LA campus is a secure, gated compound staffed by full-time team members and includes housing units, a chapel, classrooms, meeting spaces, a coffee shop, and recreational areas such as a volleyball court.

YWAM LA has been in operation for more than 40 years and has hosted hundreds of mission teams who have participated in meaningful ministry throughout the region. YWAM is a highly respected missions organization that specializes in partnering with youth groups, helping students take their next steps in sharing their faith and engaging their surrounding communities.

To learn more about YWAM Los Angeles, visit ywamla.org.

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

The team will carry a medical bag each day to address basic medical needs. Team leaders will administer medication to students when necessary. While on the **YWAM Los Angeles** campus, a full-time medical staff member will be available to provide additional support as needed. Parents and guardians will be contacted in the event that any medical care must be administered.

WHAT DOES THE COST OF THE TRIP COVER?

The cost to participate in the Los Angeles Mission Team is **\$700**. This fee covers all meals, a five-night stay at the **YWAM Los Angeles** base, **Metrolink** transportation, snacks, mission T-shirts, and additional ministry-related expenses.

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- \$100 due
- October 30- \$125 due
- November 20- \$125 due
- December 11 - \$125 due
- January 15 - \$125 due
- February 5 - \$100 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 "Crossroads Christian Schools" and only "CCHS Local Missions" 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 [Crossroads High School Missions Website](#). 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.
2. 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.

