

Guatemala Mission Trip 2026

Parent & Student Information Guide

We are so excited about the upcoming mission trip to Guatemala! This document is designed to answer most of your questions and help you feel confident supporting your student in this journey. If you don't see what you need, please reach out to **Aaron or Ellyn**—we're here to help.

Inside you'll find details about:

- Dates & costs
- Payments & fundraising opportunities
- Passports & vaccinations
- Food & accommodations
- Safety & communication
- Team expectations
- Mandatory meetings
- Tentative trip schedule

 **Please pay close attention to the Parent/Student Info Meeting and mandatory team meetings.**

Who We're Partnering With

We will serve alongside **Centro Cristiano Cultural de Guatemala (CCCG)**, a vibrant church in Guatemala City dedicated to meeting spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

- Founded over 35 years ago by young leaders investing in the next generation.
 - Two mission outposts covering 15 rural villages (Río Dulce & Monterrico).
 - Actively engaged in local ministry and outreach.
 - Hosts teams from North America and Europe for over 20 years.
 - Small church groups accompany mission teams all week—building deep, lasting relationships.
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Key Trip Information

Dates: June 12–20, 2025 (Friday–Saturday)

- Flights depart from **Atlanta (ATL) direct to Guatemala City.**
- Plane tickets will be purchased in October.

Cost: (final amount set once flights are booked in October)

**** for reference below was 2025 pricing**

- **Nov 1 Only:** \$1,263 (special one-day pricing)
- **Nov 2 until full:** \$1,363 (regular pricing)

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit: \$150 (Nov 1) / \$250 (regular)
- 2nd Payment: Dec 1
- 3rd Payment: Feb 1
- Final Payment: Apr 1 (yard sale earnings applied here)

Fundraising Opportunities

- **Yard Sale** (check with Ellyn if you already have money in your account).
- **Souper Bowl Fundraiser.**
- **Individual support letters** encouraged.

Parent & Student Meeting



October 22 @ 7:00pm



Student Ministry Room

Mandatory Team Meetings

Attendance at all pre-trip meetings is required. These gatherings prepare us culturally, spiritually, and as a team.

- **Souper Bowl Fundraiser:** Sunday, Feb 8 (morning services)
 - **Meeting 1:** Sunday, Feb 22 | 7:30–9:00pm
 - **Meeting 2:** Sunday, Mar 29 | 7:30–9:00pm
 - **Meeting 3:** Sunday, Apr 26 | 7:30–9:00pm
 - **Mission Send-Off Sunday:** Apr 26 (during worship)
 - **Final Meeting:** June (TBD)
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Expectations

Every student and leader is expected to:

- Be active at **Wesley Students** and **Wesley Church** Sunday services.
 - Attend **all required pre-trip meetings**.
 - Share about the trip with our church upon return.
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Passports

- Cost: **\$165** for new passports. Processing time: 4–6 weeks.
 - Apply through the **U.S. State Department website**.
 - Passport must be valid at the time of travel and expiration date outside of 6 months of travel
 - Apply by **Feb 1**; passports must be in hand by **April**.
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Vaccinations

- Required: Hepatitis A, up-to-date Tetanus.
 - Optional: Malaria medication (varies by doctor).
 - Some PCPs recommend Typhoid.
 - **No Covid vaccine or test required** (as of Aug 2022).
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Safety

Your student's safety is our priority.

- Hosts are highly experienced in caring for mission teams.
 - We avoid unsafe areas ("zones") of Guatemala City.
 - Travel after dark is limited (no later than 8:30–9:00pm).
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Food & Accommodations

- Meals are prepared with safe water and care for our team.
 - Hunger is never an issue; food is plentiful and safe.
 - Comfortable accommodations: bunk-style rooms, attached bathrooms, pool, hammocks, game space.
 - Showers may be cold—embrace the adventure!
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Communication

- Aaron will have an international phone plan.
 - Wi-Fi is typically available daily.
 - Students' phones will be collected upon arrival for focus and safety.
 - Students may use Wi-Fi to call/video home at scheduled times.
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Tentative Schedule

Friday – Travel day, arrival in Guatemala City, welcome at CCCG, dinner, overnight at hostel.

Saturday – Tourist day in Antigua, overnight in Guatemala City.

Sunday – Worship at CCCG, travel to Río Dulce.

Mon–Thu – Daily village ministry: work projects (mornings) & VBS (afternoons). Evenings at retreat center with meals, devotionals, and team time.

Friday – Return to Guatemala City, send-off dinner at CCCG, overnight at hostel.

Saturday – Flight home.