

# SGCC 2024 Summer Youth Mission Trip

**WHAT:** 2024 Mission Trip

**WHEN:** Thurs, Jun 13- Sat, Jun 22, 2024

**WHERE:** Antigua, Guatemala — Mission Impact (missionimpact.com)

**WHO:** Students currently in highschool.

## REQUIREMENTS:

**Previous Mission Experience** Must have participated in a prior missions experience. If you have not, you will be required to participate at a Saturday Health Clinic at City on a Hill in Milwaukee. There will be at least one opportunity to do so with a group from church. Health clinics are the second Saturday of the month. We will plan on March or April. There are also other opportunities to serve there if a date doesn't work. It will be your responsibility to make it happen.

**Prayer Partner/Meetings** Each student will choose a Christian prayer partner. They will be required to meet with them 2 times pre-trip and at least once post trip. These are valuable relationships where students have someone other than a team member to share fears, excitement, prayer requests etc. with.

**Passport** (\$165 New/130 renewal), Apply 4-6 months before travel-current processing 8-11wks from receipt does not incl return mailing time. Recommend passport is good for 3 months past date of travel.  
<https://travel.state.gov/>

**Immunizations** Mission Impact requires all team participants to have current tetanus shot (DTP), Hepatitis A, Hep B. (Hep A and B: if you have not had would need to be scheduled asap because they are a series of 2 and 3. Completing some is better than none) We also STRONGLY suggest an Influenza vaccine.

## Fundraising:

You will be required to participate in ALL team fundraisers. We will get you dates of all fundraisers asap.

## Team Meetings:

**There will be 6 REQUIRED team meetings before the trip, and at least 2 meetings after the trip.** These meetings will give you a chance to get to know fellow teammates better, study the Bible together, learn about short term missions, Guatemala—the people and the culture—share our fears and excitement with one another and get updated information regarding the trip and pray together. The post trip meetings will allow for a debriefing of what you have seen and experienced. These meetings are very important. Please make arrangements to ask off work, plan family events etc around these meetings.

**You are allowed to miss one meeting and need to let a leader know if you will be absent. It is also your responsibility to ask for information covered in meeting.**

**Missing more than one meeting may result in you forfeiting your spot on the team.**

## Mandatory Pre/Post Trip Meetings and Fundraisers

Dates that we have on the calendar already are:

December: Culver's Gift Card Fundraiser

Sunday, Jan 7, 8pm: pre-trip meeting

Sunday, Feb 4, 8pm: pre-trip meeting

Sunday, Mar 3, 8pm: pre-trip meeting

Sunday, Apr 7, 8pm: pre-trip meeting

Sunday, May 5, 8pm: pre-trip meeting

Sunday, June 9, 7 pm: pre-trip meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 pm: prayer partner/team cookout

Saturday/Sunday, June 29/30: Art Fair Fundraiser

Wednesday, Jun 26, 7pm: post-trip meeting

Wednesday, Jul10, 7pm: post-trip meeting

Sunday, Jul 15, 10am: Sunday Share

<b>COST</b>	
Mission Impact	\$895
Airfare	\$700-1000
Travel Insurance	\$75-100
2 Team Meals	\$25-45
Debrief Day	\$35-85
Airport Transportation	\$70
Tshirt	\$15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2200</b>

Additional project fee: \$300 per team

<b>BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS</b>	
1/3 Student - Out of Pocket	\$800
1/3 Student Support Letters (20)	\$700
1/3 Team Fundraisers	\$700
Passport Fees if applicable	\$135-165
Spending money	\$75-100

<b>DUE DATES</b>	
Deposit & Commitment Form	\$100 Nov19
1st payment	\$350 Feb 1
Final payment	\$350 May 1
Passport App	Jan 1

**Funds are non-refundable.**

**MONEY IS NOT A REASON TO NOT GO!!! Scholarships are available.**

**The purpose of this trip is to:**

- Share the Gospel and deepen our understanding of the ways God can use us for ministry.
- Enhance our understanding of the various needs people have.
- Become more cross-culturally aware and sensitive to the differences between peoples.
- Develop a closer personal relationship with Christ.
- Develop stronger friendships/relationships within our church family
- Continue to use the things that we learn in the mission field to reach and serve the River Valley Community
- Share the mission experience and personal growth with other church members in order provide a stronger Christian base in their lives and prepare them for future mission trips

**WHILE WE ARE THERE:****Who will I be working with and what will I be doing?**

Servant Team participants will work with at least one of the Mission Impact full-time missionaries who have a long-term commitment to the communities in which they work. Once we know the makeup of the team possibilities include: Beeline, Berta-women's ministry, German - stoves, Working with students in schools

**What will a daily schedule look like?**

An average day begins with devotions at 7am, followed by a hearty breakfast. Teams depart the mission house by 8:30am, spend approximately six hours at the ministry site, and arrive back to the mission house by 4:00pm. A Guatemalan dinner is served at 6pm. Evening programs include local speakers discussing current issues and needs in Guatemala, lively dialogue, team sharing and debriefing, and free time for relaxation and reflection. You will also experience a bilingual church service, meal in the city, bartering at the market and a final team banquet.

**Do I need to speak Spanish if I am going to minister in Guatemala?**

A Servant Team participant does not need to speak Spanish to minister the love of Christ in Guatemala! Team members will work alongside bilingual staff where translation is available. Mission Impact does encourage pre-field language practice simply to make the experience in Guatemala more enjoyable.

**Where will Servant Teams be housed?**

Mission Impact has a community center where teams stay. MI staff also stays there while teams are housed. Dormitory style rooms, bathrooms with hot water, common eating areas, kitchen and lounge area are part of the center.

**How and where are meals prepared for Servant Teams?**

Servant Teams eat all meals at the community center with the exception of one-two lunches and one dinner in Antigua restaurants. Breakfast and dinner are hot meals prepared in a clean kitchen by an experienced cook. Every precaution is taken to insure that fresh fruits and vegetables are washed appropriately and prepared with the health of our North American team members in mind. A sack lunch is prepared each day in the mission house kitchen.

**What kind of medical care is available in Guatemala?**

There are two small private hospitals in Antigua that can adequately cover most situations that arise. Mission Impact has long standing relationships with several Guatemalan physicians in the Antigua area. If a team member is in need of trauma care or specialized emergency care they would be transported by ambulance to Guatemala City, a 50-minute trip. Guatemala City has several very good hospitals and many well trained physicians. Good dental care is also available in Antigua as well as equipped pharmacies.

**What is the weather like in Guatemala?**

Guatemala has two seasons: dry and rainy. Dry season is from November through April. Rainy season is from May through October. Temperatures are cool at night and warm during the day, depending on the altitude of your ministry site. Temperatures range from 45°F to 80°F from November through February and 60°F to 90°F March through October.

**Is Guatemala a safe place to travel to and minister in?**

Guatemala, like all Central American countries, is plagued by varying degrees of crime. Depending on location and circumstance, tourists can be targeted for robbery and assault. However, Servant Teams with Mission Impact are at a very low risk for these types of crimes. Teams minister in communities with Mission Impact missionaries who are respected and welcomed in their communities. All transportation is either provided by or contracted by Mission Impact. Mission Impact does not engage in any tourist travel outside of the Antigua area unless specifically requested by team leaders. Team housing is located in a quiet residential area with full time caretakers present on the property. During field orientation Servant Teams are briefed as to common sense practices regarding safety issues.

**For lots more information, check out Mission Impacts website:**

<https://missionimpact.com>