

September 2023

Dear Potential SJC Service Trip Team Member,

We are happy to announce our upcoming service trip opportunities with Partners in Development (PID) at their work site in Guatemala. This year, we are offering the following trip options:

Site	Approx. Dates	Est. # of Slots	Credits	Estimated Costs
1. Guatemala – Team 1	December 17-23	12	2	\$900 – room, board, ground transp. \$450 – program, admin fee <u>\$1,100 – airfare (est.)*</u>
2. Guatemala – Team 2	January 2-8	10	2	\$2,450 – Total (est)* *This represents our “best guess.” Actual costs may be higher or lower.

If you would like to be considered for one of our teams, please complete the SJC [International Service Trip Registration Form](#). ***Your registration will not be considered complete until your first deposit is received.*** The first deposit of \$1550 represents the approximate airfare and admin fee. Checks should be made payable to Saint Joseph’s College and delivered to Dr. Steven Bridge’s faculty mailbox (on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Alfond Hall) or office (#404 in Alfond Hall).



All registrations and initial deposits must be made by **no later than 4pm on Tuesday, October 10th**. The second deposit of approximately \$900 represents room, board, and ground transportation. Payment of the remaining balance must be completed by **Tuesday, November 7**.

Following October 10, we will be reviewing all applications to finalize our teams. Team selection will ultimately be decided based on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to: order received, prior experience, class standing, etc. Any applicants not selected to go on their desired trip will have the option to either switch their trips or to receive their deposits back.

We hope to have our teams finalized by October 15. After that time, we’ll sponsor a series of weekly informational sessions (covering topics such as the history, politics, and economics of these locations, cultural norms, basic foreign language skills, etc.) designed to better prepare our participants and to build camaraderie among our group. Academic credit (2 hours) for these trips is available for those full-time campus-based undergraduate students who: A) attend the preparatory sessions, B) successfully participate on the work-team, and C) write up a timely and detailed reflection of their experience following the trip.

Finally, keep in mind that certain aspects of this trip will require some advanced planning on your part. In particular, team members are strongly encouraged to obtain or update their passports as soon as possible. PID recommends all team members to be fully vaccinated and to submit a negative COVID test within 72 hours of departure. Furthermore, they are advised to have their Tetanus immunizations current, and to receive the Hep-A vaccine as well. If you have any questions about this process, or about the experience in general, feel free to contact me. Thanks for your interest!

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**Price includes:**

- All lodging costs
- All food and clean water (three meals and one gallon of drinking water per day)
- Travel Insurance for the trip - coverage information will be sent to you
- Airport exit fees
- All transportation costs within Guatemala
- First aid supplies
- Contribution towards the current PID project
- Your airline ticket

**The price does NOT include:**

- Passport costs
- Immunizations
- Individual spending money
- Food during air travel time

**Questions?**

-For SJC trip details, contact Dr. Steve Bridge at (207) 893-7953 or email [sbridge@sjcme.edu](mailto:sbridge@sjcme.edu)  
-For Partners in Development, contact PID at (978) 417-9250 or email [trips@pidonline.org](mailto:trips@pidonline.org)