

2010 Honduras Service Project Registration Information



Each summer, Sierra Service Project sends teams of youth and young adults to learn and serve with the poor in Honduras. Our program is run in cooperation with the United Methodist Church of Honduras and is supervised by four bi-lingual staff members based in the country. This project is challenging - it involves primitive living conditions, unfamiliar foods and hard physical labor – and is designed for mature young people only.

Who can participate?

- High school juniors and seniors and young adults.
- All participants must have prior service project experience.
- Spanish knowledge is helpful but not required.
- Youth participate without an adult leader from their church.

How large is each team?

Each team will consist of about 10 youth and young adults accompanied by one adult leader.

How do I register?

Registration will be by individual, not group. Each individual must complete and return the enclosed application with a \$500 **nonrefundable** deposit.

What is the cost of the trip?

The trip cost is \$1,800. This covers airfare from and to Los Angeles, all meals, tools, building materials, emergency medical insurance and transportation while in Honduras. It does not cover the cost of snacks, souvenirs, and transportation between your home and the airport. (For those people wishing to travel from somewhere other than Los Angeles, we are able to make alternative arrangements.)

When is the money due?

A \$500 nonrefundable deposit is required with your application and the balance is due in two payments, one in March and one in June.

Scholarships

SSP has limited scholarship assistance available. Most participants pay for this trip with money they have earned and saved, help from parents, and fundraising through their churches.

Do I need a recommendation from my youth leader to go on this project?

Yes. In order to qualify for this trip, your youth leader or pastor must recommend you. We do this to make sure that all participants are mature and committed enough for this challenging experience.

Can I fly directly to Honduras rather than go through either LA or Houston?

Unfortunately, no. You will fly with other members of your team to Honduras along with an adult team leader. On the return trip, the leader will make sure that you connect safely to your flight home or are picked up at the airport.

What will our living conditions be like in Honduras?

For most of the trip, you will be housed in a local church in Honduras. You will sleep on simple mattresses and bedding in group settings. Meals are prepared by Honduran cooks. Bathroom and shower conditions are rustic.

SSP Honduras 2010 Schedule

Each session will have 20 to 25 participants who will be divided into two teams. After a joint orientation session, each team will serve in a different community. At the end of the two-week period, the teams will come back together for a re-entry session before returning to the U.S.

Session 1: Wednesday, June 23 – Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Team 1A: Talanga

Talanga is a small agricultural town located about 2 hours by bus from Tegucigalpa. With few paved streets, bicycles and horses are more common in Talanga than cars! The team will stay at the local hotel.

Session 2: Wednesday, July 14 – Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Team 2A: Danli – *Special College-Credit Service-Learning Session*

Danli is a mid-size Honduran town located about 2 hours from Tegucigalpa. The team will be housed in a local church and will eat meals prepared by Honduran cooks. Note: This is a special service learning session intended for college students. It is available for one unit of college credit from Northern Arizona University. Participants interested in obtaining college credit must register through the university rather than through Sierra Service Project. Visit www.nau.edu/education_abroad and click on the "Honduras" link, or call our office for more information. Not interested in credit? See the website for instructions on registering.

Team 2B: Fuerzas Unidas, Tegucigalpa

Fuerzas Unidas is an urban community on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, Honduras' capital. It is a teaming community with a thriving United Methodist Church. SSP Honduras has a long history of work in this community. The group will be housed at a small, simple hotel in the city and commute daily to Fuerzas Unidas.

The Session Schedule

Each session is a very active mix of work building two houses, educational and cultural visits, social activities, worship, and free time. A detailed itinerary for each of the sessions can be found in the project information brochure and one our website.



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Please check one of the following:

- | | <u>Session Dates</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 1: Talanga | June 23 – July 7, 2010 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2: Danli | July 14 – July 28, 2010 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2: Tegucigalpa | July 14 – July 28, 2010 |

Note: To enroll in the Danli session without receiving college credit, call our office at 916-488-6441 for instructions regarding travel and payment.

Name _____
(First, middle and last names exactly as they appear on your passport)

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ T-Shirt Size _____

I am in (check one): High School College Not in school Year in school _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ City State Zip

Communication: Lots of communication will be done via email. If you are a minor or are still in high school, all email correspondence will be sent to your email and to your parent(s) email.

Your Contact Information

E-Mail* _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent or Guardian (Required for minors and high school students)

First and Last Name _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Additional Parent or Guardian (Optional)

First and Last Name _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

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Recommendation: You must discuss this application with your pastor or youth leader and have that person's recommendation prior to submitting it.

Pastor or Youth Leader's Name _____

Church _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Youth Leader or Pastor: Please sign below to show that you have discussed this project with the applicant and believe that the applicant has the maturity and judgment to successfully take part in it.

Pastor or Youth Leader's Signature _____

Personal Information

Description and date(s) of prior service experience: _____

If you want to be on the same team as a friend, please list your friend's name: _____

Medical condition(s) requiring special attention: _____

Covenant between You and Sierra Service Project

- A **nonrefundable** and **nontransferable** deposit of **\$500** is enclosed. (Exception: If the session is cancelled due to low enrollment, your deposit will be returned.)
- I understand that the second installment of \$650 is due March 15, 2010; the balance of \$650 is due on June 1, 2010.
- I agree that as part of the preparation for this trip I will read the Trip Handbook and all other information which will be sent to me by Sierra Service Project.
- I have read and understand the SSP Honduras Project Information Sheet.
- I understand that I must provide my own transportation to and from Los Angeles or Houston.
- I understand that volunteers are not covered by Workers' Compensation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____

Please complete the application, make a copy for your records, attach your deposit and mail it to:

Sierra Service Project
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Carmichael, CA 95609