

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT



June 21-27, 2025

*travel may add a partial day before/after the trip

WHO CAN GO?

HIGH SCHOOL: 25 students (entering 9th-12th grade 2024-2025 school year)

4-5 leaders (parents or HSM leaders)

2-3 staff (Katie Van Dame, Paul Norell, Pastor TBD)

1 Trip Doctor (Dr. Susan Vitalis)

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost of the trip is dependent on final flight costs. In total, estimated around \$2,500.

SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

***Letter Writing & Social Media Stories:** share your “why” for serving the people of Jamaica with family and friends. Ask them to support you through prayer, letters, and financial contributions.

Letter Writing Resources available upon request.

***Coffee Fundraiser:** students may choose to participate in a coffee fundraiser where 50% of proceeds are returned to their student account to be credited toward the trip. Details to come!

***Build Your Own Fundraiser:** Like to bake? Have a bake sale! Get creative and team up with other participants. If you'd like to host a fundraiser/table at the church, please submit the request through Katie for approval.

WHAT DOES THE TRIP LOOK LIKE?

TRANSPORTATION: We will likely fly out of MSP. Parents may be responsible for student transportation to the MSP airport and home, or a charter bus will be scheduled (likely late evening prior with early morning departure)

WORK: We will assist with local building/painting projects, restore ministry facilities and grounds, and build relationships with kids in area schools/churches.

FAITH: Daily worship/devotional time with small groups.

PLAY: Waterfall hiking, swimming, exploring local culture and more!

LODGING: in Montego Bay (Nutshell Conference Center) – dorm style bunk beds. Males and females will have separate lodging rooms for both trips.

HEALTH/SAFETY CONCERNS: Hydration, sun/heat, food restrictions & allergies (let us know)! Healthcare emergencies with hospital nearby. We also plan to bring a doctor along. It is advised to visit a travel doctor prior to trips out of the country for advice on immunizations or medications. Adult leaders will always accompany students outside dorm facility.

READY TO SERVE?

HOW ARE PARTICIPANTS AFFECTED BY A MISSION TRIP?

What we do:

Invest ourselves, serve others.

Work hard, helping support basic needs in a developing country.

Fresh perspective, lessons learned while experiencing another culture.

Personal growth in the context of friendships and community.

We ask God to:

Form deep-rooted friendships as we step out of our comfort zones and worship together.

A new love and real understanding for our Jamaican family in Christ.

Return home with a refocused fire knowing God & serving others in His name.

WHAT'S NEXT:

- Ready to serve? Registration is now open on our website:
fargohope.org/highschool.
- Interested in being a leader for our high school trip? Fill out an interest form on our webpage:
fargohope.org/highschool
- Make sure you have an updated passport! Passports should be good at least three months past our traveling dates (June/July) and often takes months to process.

QUESTIONS:

Primary Trip Contact:

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