***St. John’s Episcopal Church- EYC!***

**Belize! Trip with Bold Hope Missions!**

**Information Packet/Team Application**

**Dates:**  July 14, 2024 - July 20, 2024

**Who:** Current 6th-12th grader in EYC at St. John’s Episcopal Church

**Cost:**  $1,320 plus airfare.

Each individual or family will have access to their own personal fundraiser in their Bold Hope

account (think along the lines of GoFundMe). You can edit the information and share the link with friends

and family. Any donations that come in via this link will go directly to your account. We will also have an

account for money that comes through Church-fundraisers and gets dispersed to the mission team for

participants.

We will explain in our initial meeting details on fundraising and **how to make donations tax deductible.**

$100 trip reservation fee is due upon signing up for a trip- (do not pay this until you are accepted into the

Mission Team)

1st half of payment due: 90 days before trip

Final payment due: 45 days before trip

Trip Due Date One

3/22/2024

Amount Due

$710.00

Trip Due Date Two

5/30/2024

Amount Due

$710.00

*\*Amount may vary depending on number of participants, we will determine a FINAL number once we*

*have our mission team chosen. This price is an estimate but will not vary much.*

**Application and Selection Process for the Mission Team:**

1. Complete the enclosed application by October 25th, 2023. Completed applications should be given to Rachel Shelton. Please print your application.
2. The Selection Committee will review applications and select team members. There is a mandatory meeting for the Mission Team on October 29th following the 10:15 AM service. If you are applying, please make plans to be there. We will let you know if you are chosen before that date so you can know whether or not you will need to be there. The selectors reserve the right to interview applicants to assess skill sets and readiness during the review process to make sure we have the diverse skills needed for a successful mission trip. We will most likely not be able to accept every applicant even though we wish we could.
3. If the team is not full, we will consider opening the trip up to SJE parishioners outside of EYC.

**Expectations for all Team Members:**

1. Youth team members must be active in EYC or other church groups/events so that the team may get to know and interact with one another.
2. Youth will attend **at least** 75% of the mission team meetings. The first meeting will be October 29th following the 10:15 AM service and is mandatory. These meetings serve the purpose of *becoming* a team and having all of the information needed for our trip.
3. Team members will be actively involved in the “Party with a Purpose” event in April 2024.

The phrase “actively involved” means:

* 1. You will solicit and gather appropriate items for the silent auction.
  2. You will sell your allotment of tickets for the event.
  3. You will prepare suitable displays for your donated items by May 2 and 3 .
  4. You will be available to help prepare for the event.
  5. You will work during the event.

1. Team members will raise **all** money necessary for our trip and for flights - through the Party with a Purpose + other fundraising efforts, both individually and collectively. These are (but not limited to): Trunk or Treat, Wreath Sales, Autobell GC Sales, Parents Night out Fundraisers, working in the Nursery, The Pancake Supper, and anything additional our team adds.
2. Team members will complete any pre-trip assignments for which you are responsible in a complete and timely fashion.
3. Team members will communicate with the team regularly, especially if any issues relevant to your work on the team (absences, illnesses, etc.) arise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Please note that failure to meet Team Expectations as determined by the Mission Leader will result in removal from the mission team with no refund of trip payments made.**

* A passport is required, AND it must be valid for 6 months AFTER returning from Belize. Team members applying for a passport must have accommodations at the time necessary to attend (It can take up to 12 weeks to acquire but it is best to do ASAP once accepted.)
* We will discuss as a team what vaccinations we recommend for this trip in our meeting on October 29th.
* No experience is necessary for this mission trip...just a willingness to serve!
* The selection committee will consider the following information to choose the mission team:
  1. Gifts and purpose that the applicant brings to the mission team.
  2. Ability to meet the expectations of a mission team member
  3. Spiritual and psychological/emotional preparedness for the trip.
  4. Ability to engage and interact positively in a team environment.
  5. Involvement in other ministries and activities at St. John’s/EYC
* Team members will need to provide updated medical and emergency contact information prior to the trip. Necessary forms will be available during team meetings.
* **If you have questions about the mission trip, the application, selection process, or team expectations, please contact Rachel Shelton (**[**rachel@stje.org**](mailto:rachel@stje.org)**) or Rachel Miller (our Bold Hope trip coordinator) at (**[**rachel@boldhope.org**](mailto:rachel@boldhope.org)**)**

**EYC Covenant**

Participants (youth and adult) agree to live according to, and in the spirit of, the EYC Covenant for all youth ministry activities. The Covenant exists so that all participants are physically and emotionally safe, and so that everyone is able to be a meaningful part of the community. Participants who fail to comply with these expectations may be removed from the community and/or sent home at their own expense.

**Mission Trip 2024**

**Application**

**(Your answers are not limited to these lines, please give in depth answers- you may submit additional pages if needed)**

**Full Name (as it is on passport/birth certificate)**

**Address:**

**Applicant Email: Parent Email:**

**Home Phone: Cell Phone:**

**School: Grade in Fall 2023:**

**Do you speak another language: YES NO**

**If yes, what language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_If yes, rate your skills from 1-10 with one being beginner and 10 being fluent: \_\_\_\_**

**Do you play a musical instrument? YES NO**

**If yes, what instrument?**

**If yes, would you be comfortable leading music? YES NO**

**Do you see yourself as more of a leader or follower? (explain)**

**What special interest/talent do you have that will add to our team?**

**Why do you want to be on this mission team?**

**Please share some information about the current state of your faith journey, which aspects of your faith journey you are working on, and how you are working on those areas?**  \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please rate your skills at the following tasks from 1-10 (1 being not comfortable/able to do that task to 10 being able to serve as a leader in that capacity). Each task needs to be rated:**

**\_\_\_leading games \_\_\_\_\_music/singing \_\_\_\_\_arts/crafts \_\_\_\_good at following directions \_\_\_\_\_leading messages/communicating with groups \_\_\_\_\_\_one on one interactions**

**Why should you be chosen to be part of this mission team?**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Any time you are doing international mission work, things can change without notice. Is there anything that might happen that would make you uncomfortable?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How active are you at SJE or in EYC? & What groups are you a part of?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever traveled outside of the US?: YES NO**

**If yes, where?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you ever traveled internationally with a school or church?: YES NO**

**Have you ever participated in mission trips with other churches?: YES NO**

**Do you have a Passport issued by the United States? YES NO**

**If yes, what is your passport number and expiration?**

**By signing below, I understand and agree to:**

* **Abide by the EYC Covenant and other operating guidelines for ALL mission trip activities, and that failure to do so may result in my removal from the mission team.**
* **Meet the expectations for team members as listed on the information packet, and that failure to do so my result in my removal from the mission team.**
* **Commit fully to this mission trip, the people we will serve, and my fellow team members.**
* **Pay the required amount to participate in the trip.**

**Applicant Signature: Date:**

**Parent Signature: Date:**

**Anything else we need to know? (Share Below)**