

Honduras Mission Trip June 16 – June 24

FAQ's

Who is LeaderTreks?

LeaderTreks is the organization we are using for our mission trip this summer. LeaderTreks stands out from other mission-oriented organizations. One of the biggest differences is that we will be the only youth group at this site. LeaderTreks will provide a certified, trained staff member to focus solely on us and the work we are doing. Our students will really get to know this ministry visionary, giving them a new view of how they can live for Jesus Christ.



LeaderTreks weaves leadership and discipleship together. The staff member allows the students to make real decisions and experience the results of those decisions. Every activity on the trip is viewed as an opportunity for leadership skills to be developed. It is also a great place to *grow* spiritual disciplines that lead to deeper discipleship. Each day there is a 45-minute morning devotion time and every night during Team Time, we will process everything that God is teaching us.

What will we be doing?

Our team will engage with the Siguatepeque, Honduras community through service and outreach. We will work with a church that is reaching out to the poor, needy, lost and broken in their communities. We will be serving primarily through a work project at *La Providencia*, an Orphan Care Community (www.providenceworld.com/la-providencia). We will be working with the orphanage to build concrete buildings, from footer to finish.



Our time of pre-planned outreach will be with a local church in Siguatepeque. This time will be used to conduct ministry with children and youth with a VBS style or sports camp feel. In 2 hours each day (Monday to Thursday), we will be able to assist the local church in ministry to their local community. We will be one of 4-6 teams in the Siguatepeque area this summer. Our team will work with an individual church to provide ministry to local area children. Students are given full ownership of that portion of the trip. Before the trip ever starts, students from our team will plan and organize the outreach program. Adult leaders and the LeaderTreks staff will support and encourage students in planning, but students will have complete ownership and will lead it. Each night, the team will evaluate the day and make necessary adjustments to navigate obstacles, and clearly share the love of Christ. This gives significant leadership development opportunities as students work together towards excellence.

There will also be some down time during the week to engage with students of the orphanage. This time will be limited based on their schedule. However, we will look to make this time as significant as possible. Additionally, there will be an adventure day on Friday. This will be spent visiting waterfalls and some outdoor activities in the forest.

What about international travel, health and safety?

LeaderTreks has an impeccable track record in safety. Since their inception they have not had a major accident on any of their sites. All sites have been tested over the years and proven to be very safe. Our leaders plan for every possible situation and take every precaution to make sure you get back safely.

No shots or immunizations are necessary as long as you meet minimums for schools here in the US. Prior to our past trip many participants took typhoid pills to prevent possible typhoid. However, great care is taken with our food preparation process and with drinking water. There are 7 Hospitals in Siguatepeque, most are similar to urgent care. The best hospital is *Hospital Evangelico* (Central American Mission and Samaritan's Purse). The location we are staying is also a local clinic with a doctor on staff.

Where will we be staying?

We will be staying at *La Providencia* in their Medical Center (<https://providenceworld.com/la-providencia/facilities/>). There will be separate areas for guys and girls. We will be provided a mattress, but each participant should plan on bringing a sleeping bag or blanket and a pillow, and any other items needed for sleeping. We will have showers and separate bathrooms too.

What's included in the cost?

The cost of the trip is estimated at \$2,000. This includes transportation, project fees, housing fees, all meals during the project, all meals for travel, everything for training. The only expense you will have on the trip is anything you want for souvenirs or snacks along the way!

Individual passports cost are not included in the cost of the trip.

How can I afford this trip? What is the Payment Schedule?

The trip application form & a total deposit of \$200 are due by Sunday, October 1 (if spots are still available). Outstanding balance is due by Sunday, May 27th. Total cost increases \$25 every week that final payment is not made.

We will once again have team work days to help you pay for this trip. We suggest for you to raise funds through garage sales, yard work, and support letters in addition to the work days that we have as a team at Living Water in the fall/spring.

What does our schedule look like each day?

7:30 am Breakfast (prepared by team)

8:00 am Devos: personal time with God, using LT trip book

8:45 am Fast Break: get overview of workday and pray

9:00 am Construction Work

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Work/Ministry

5:00 pm Free time

6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Group Activities & Team Time (includes team meeting)

11:00 pm Lights out

What will I need to bring for work?

We will provide a packing list with helpful reminders, but you will not need to bring tools. All tools are provided on site. It is helpful to bring personal items such as work gloves, eye protection, and face mask.