



Ecuador Service Trip: April 3-13, 2020

Mission

The Ecuador Service Trip is open to TKA juniors and seniors. We will be working through Inca Link International to bring the gospel and the love of Jesus to unreached communities in the Amazon Basin of Eastern Ecuador. We will prepare to minister in a variety of ways including: construction, sports evangelism with teens, teaching English, VBS with children, worship, and teaching among the jungle communities.

Goals

- To serve, love, and share the gospel cross-culturally with the Ecuadorian people.
- To augment the discipleship ministry of the missionaries at Ninawachi Mission School.
- To encourage the local churches where they exist.
- To help students gain a passion and vision for missions.

Itinerary

April 3	Travel to Quito, Ecuador
April 4	Drive down to Ninawachi Mission School
April 11	Drive back to Quito
April 13	Return to California

Accommodations/Food

In Huaticocha, we will be hosted by Mark and Cheryl Shafer at the Ninawachi missionary training school. Two nights in Quito, we will be hosted by IncaLink at "Hostel Amazonia". All meals will be provided.

Cost - \$2,050

The cost for this trip covers airfare to Quito and back, lodging, meals, and ministry costs. Students will have to cover the additional cost of Malaria medication, pre-trip vaccinations (Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B required), meals at airports, and personal spending money. Note that Yellow Fever and Typhoid vaccines are also recommended but not required. The cost is tax-deductible.

Application Process- Student's Part

To apply, please submit the 2020 Service Trip Online Application. The 2020 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The link to this application will be posted on the Student Portal under the "Alerts" section in the upper-right corner. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, August 29, 3:00 p.m. through Wednesday, September 4, 12:30 p.m. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4).



Application Process- Parent's Part

In order for the student's application to be accepted, parents must read and agree to TKA's Service Trip Financial Policies. A link to these policies will be sent to parents when the application is submitted; parents must review these policies and submit agreement through the link provided by Wednesday, September 4, 10:00 p.m.

Selection Process

The team will consist of 21 students, plus 4 adult chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be interviewed and selected based on the following trip-specific criteria: a heart for missions, cross-cultural sensitivity, gifting, a servant's attitude, and previous service experience. This is a **cultural immersion experience**, so the ability to speak Spanish is highly desirable, but not required. **Be advised that it is a physically rigorous trip. Ministry carries on in high heat & humidity, heavy rains, and pervasive insects. Applicants must be open to being challenged and stretched outside of their comfort zone while maintaining a positive attitude.** For the Ecuador trip, priority will not automatically be given based on grade level. All applicants will be notified by September 30, 2019.

Due to the remote location of Ninawachi Mission School, students with life-threatening medical conditions may not be able to attend as medical facilities are several hours away. You may want to discuss your condition with the trip leaders prior to applying.

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Please Note: Information is subject to change.