

Applications are due to your class box in the CLC no later than 3:30PM Thursday, December 8, 2016.

2017 Service Trip Application

Thank you for expressing interest in participating in a SFHS service trip. We encourage you to speak with friends and family about your decision prior to applying for the program. Please attend the information meeting to gain a realistic picture of what to expect from an immersion experience.

In order for each trip to be a success, each participant must abide by certain guidelines. Please think critically about whether this opportunity is appropriate for you at this time; before you apply, please be sure you can fully commit. Read the guidelines below very carefully; if selected, you will be held to them. To verify that you agree to all the terms, please initial the bottom of each section and sign the end of this application.

Name (as it appears on ID or passport)								
SFHS Student ID#				Cell Phone #				
Troubiemail				@stfrancishs.org				
Address			City		Zip			
T Shirt Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	Previous non-SF Service Trip Experience?	Yes	No
Names of 2 Faculty/Staff/Coach References:								

Pre-Trip Expectations for all Students

Attend all pre-trip, on-site, and post-trip meetings and activities. Exceptions to this may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Trip Leader and only for extenuating circumstances. Pre-trip gatherings are mandatory and serve to strengthen the group dynamic. Absences can lead to group breakdown, resentment, and frustration. Most trip meetings are held during community lunches. _____

Conduct

Students who are offered the opportunity to participate in a service trip represent St. Francis High School and are held to a high standard of behavior on and off campus at all times. Students must also stay with the group at all times during the trip. All school rules and policies apply. Participants also agree to follow the safety and clothing guidelines of our partner organizations. _____

Commitment to Simplicity and Immersion

Cell phone use and access is limited during service trips. Students will have access to their phones only during travel time and one evening for a mid-week check-in with family. This policy enables students to be present to the group and focused on their experience. Family and friends are invited to follow the SFHS Campus Ministry Facebook page and SFHS Instagram account for updates during the immersion experience. To help keep the experience one of simplicity, luggage is to be kept to one bag. _____

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Finances

Families must be current in all financial obligations to SFHS. Participants are responsible for the total cost of the trip. Trips generally cost between \$650 (local trip) and \$1500 (non-local trip); fee does not include food during travel days, incidentals, or souvenirs. All fees must be paid per the payment schedule. Failure to pay will result in removal from the trip. Trip fees and fundraising donations are not refundable unless a full-paying replacement can be found. All students must have current health insurance. _____

Application Process

- Attend the Junior Service Trip Interest Meeting at lunch in the CLC on October 26th (optional)
- Complete the Common Service Trip Application and return it to Campus Ministry with a \$100 deposit check no later than November 3rd, 2016. Deposits are refunded only if a student is not offered a place on one of the trips for which she applied.
- Choose 2 faculty/staff/coaches to submit a reference for you
- Participate in a scheduled group interview _____

Considerations in Selection Process

- Faculty/staff/coaches recommendations
- Guidance/Wellness counselor recommendations
- Written Application
- Group Interview
- Christian Service Record
- Participation in the faith life of the school (Retreats, Family Masses, and Liturgical Ministries)
- Clearance from the Dean's Office
- Clearance from the Finance Office
- Articulated desire to serve others
- Diversity of team (focusing on service experiences and interests)

Overall Commitment

Participate in activities that help build community, support learning and allow for personal growth. Participation may include being flexible when plans change, trying new foods, organizing community meals, leading reflections (i.e., group journals, prayer, and discussions), planning games or outings, etc. It is essential that participants remember that "a mission or service trip is always a potential pilgrimage, a time to surrender ourselves totally to God and God's poor. Our agenda, our ego, our need to achieve and accomplish—we are invited to let it all go and to meet those we hope to serve on their turf, on their terms."

(John McLaughlin, *American Magazine* July 2014)

Please rank your trip preference. If you do not wish to be considered for a trip, leave it blank.

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_____ Winnebago, NE (Native American Reservation): June 24-July 1, 2017 (+/-1 day depending on flight)

_____ San Francisco, CA: July 16-22, 2017

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SFHS Faculty, Staff, and Coach Service Trip Recommendation Form

(Faculty and Staff should return this form to Stephanie Villanueva. Coaches should return this form to Mark McGreevy.)

Name of Student (Print) _____

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**Recommenders: please circle the number that most reflects your experience the student you're recommending:
On a scale of 1-5 please rate the student. 1=strongly disagrees with statement and 5= strongly agrees with
statement. NA=Not Applicable or not enough experience to fairly rate student.**

1. Student is dependable. 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

2. Student displays leadership qualities. 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

3. Student completes the tasks given to her. 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

4. Student is respectful towards others—both peers and adults. 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

5. Student works well with other students. 1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comment _____

6. What three words describe this student?

Other Comments:

Faculty, Staff, or Coach Signature _____ date _____

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7. Student is dependable. 1 2 3 4 5 NA

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8. Student displays leadership qualities. 1 2 3 4 5 NA

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