

High School Summer Mission Trip New York City 2019



The Mission Opportunity: We talk all the time about how Jesus came to love. How he came to bring God's Kingdom. How he is asking us to take part in restoring this world. Mission trips provide opportunities for you to be a part of this work. And, more importantly, mission trips provide training and inspiration for doing it at home when you return.

This year we are headed to the greatest city in the world, New York City. The organizers of our trip this year is Kaleo Missions. Kaleo is an organization focusing on the development of urban ministry within the heart of major American cities. They have staff in NYC year-round serving the community so that when short term mission teams arrive to serve they are doing work that support current ongoing ministries. You can learn more about them at www.kaleomissions.org.

Why should you take this opportunity? Obviously, the faith stretching and growing is huge, but there are other reasons as well. Some bullet points, if you will...

- We believe that God uses students for His kingdom work and that moments like this in your life can help encourage, train, and inspire you to greater things. We believe this is part of your realizing that you are a son/daughter of the King and that you are valuable to His work now. Both in NYC, but also in your community when you return home.
- Friends and fun – umm, yup. Mission trips are hard work. They are also memory builders.
- An opportunity to rub shoulders with those from a different part of the world. Our suburbs are nice but it is good to see a different slice of the world. What do God's children look like in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn? How do you care for and "love" someone who has a different understanding of the world than you? God calls us to love those who are different and marginalized all over the world. Maybe this trip helps you figure out your next step in doing that.

What You Will Do: Kaleo operates by forming relationships with local churches and non-profits in NYC where our group will have opportunities to support current missionaries as they work in ministry centers. A typical day has us serving with a community development ministry where we could run a summer kids club or help with a local food program. For another part of our day, we will partner with a local church to run a VBS type program

that could include all of the normal stuff, but possibly some element of literacy as well. Kaleo places a priority on serving the homeless, the refugee and immigrant, the undereducated, and children. We will find ourselves engaging the community in a variety of ways with people we don't normally rub shoulders with.

As with all mission trips, students should be ready to serve in any way that can help the local missionaries. So, if we end up scrubbing toilets, so be it.

Dates: Sunday, July 7 – Saturday, July 13, 2019

Training Requirements: All students have to go through training meetings to be prepped as a team for the trip. Group Bonding!!

- Training Meetings will begin in late January or early February. You should expect one per month until the trip in July. We will also have a meeting after returning to debrief the experience.

Registration Information:

- Cost: Projected between \$750 - \$850.
 - Cost of the trip is my current best guess that includes transportation (we will likely fly, but not if it is "way" more expensive), food, lodging, project materials, and the cost of a leader. The cost of the trip will **NOT** include food for the journey/personal snacks, spending money, etc.
- How do I Register? Please see the Application Process that is outlined below.

Application Process

STEP 1: Fill out the “Application Form”

The application form is attached to this packet and is due into the student ministry office by **Monday, January 14, 2019**. Why applications? Two reasons. One. The answers to the questions and interviews allow us to be aware of the type of people on the team. This is important as we try to lead and foster group dynamics. Two. It’s also to see if you are serious at all. It’s much more of a commitment than a retreat. In general, we are hopeful for a group of students that are excited to serve God together in NYC and then return home to serve him here in our communities. This takes some wisdom on all of our parts as we piece together a team. With all that said, please thoroughly and honestly answer the application questions. It’s helpful to us as we think through how we all might fit. Oh, and don’t be late in turning the application in, that makes everything more difficult as we try to pray and process what our team might look like.

Electronic copies of the application can be downloaded online at www.hopemason.org. Click on the Student Ministries stuff and you’ll find this document under “Sr. High Events.”

Completed “Application Forms” and “Commitment Forms” should be e-mailed to loliva@hopemason.org or turned into the Hope Church office. (Have them put in Lindsey’s mailbox.)

STEP 2: Be in a discipleship relationship with a leader. Be consistent on Sundays.

We normally ask that our students attending mission trips be in Immersion groups, but with our Sunday night changes this year, we started Immersion groups late. Therefore, we’ll say it this way. We want students who are striving to figure out how to be on mission in their schools and community. One way we can normally see this is via students who are meeting intentionally with someone in their life to help them process faith and its interaction with the world. If you are doing that or would like to be doing that but need a space to do it, then you sound like a fit to go to NYC. If you aren’t, but want to go to NYC, just fill out the application. We’d love to chat about it more.

And maybe this goes without saying, but being consistent on Sundays (whether morning or night) fits in here as well. Essentially, we are looking to join with students as they process faith. There is no joining if we rarely see you. That seems obvious, right? If not, let’s join up for a conversation...

STEP 3: Sign the “Commitment Form”

The commitment form is attached to this packet. Please thoroughly and prayerfully read the form, paying attention to exactly what you are committing yourself to. Once you are finished, please have you and your parents sign and date. **Turn the commitment form in along with your application.**

STEP 4: Schedule and complete an Interview

Students will be contacted regarding a procedure for personal interviews after applications have been received.

STEP LAST: Be a smidge patient while we prayerfully try to figure everything out.

After all of these steps have been completed, a tentative decision will be made by the Student Ministry Staff on what the student team will look like. The Student Ministry staff will do its best to select students for the mission trip that we discern are best suited to meet the spiritual goals and objectives for this trip. Please trust that we will be doing our absolute best to listen to the Lord for guidance and direction in assembling the team.

Completing the application process **does not guarantee that you will participate in this trip.** Before you are selected to represent Christ and Hope Church to others, you must also have and maintain a life that demonstrates the spiritual maturity and gifts necessary and appropriate for this mission. That is an evaluation of you that you and the Student Ministry Staff will continually make, based on students and their faith journeys, right up to the time we return from Nicaragua.

Thanks for considering this opportunity. We hope it is one that encourages your faith and your understanding of who God has made you to be. If you have any questions about this trip please feel free to contact me by phone (513) 459-0800 ext. 370, or e-mail jtinsley@hopemason.org

Application Form

Hope Student Missions – NYC 2019

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade _____

School _____ E-mail Address _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

General Information – Please type answers. If not using this document, please provide the questions as well. Thanks. (If you hand write them, please make it neat and write the questions as well.)

1. Tell us about your relationship with God.
 - a. When would you say you began your relationship with Him?
 - b. How have you been growing to trust Him over the last six months? Where and what are the struggles in your relationship? (Remember, we all grow and have struggles...it's all good.)
2. Have you participated in a summer mission trip or any kind of mission project before? If yes, please reflect on one or two things you learned from the mission and how it impacts your faith today.
3. Name a strength and weakness of yours that you would anticipate us seeing over 7 days together.
4. What kind of skills, gifts, and talents do you hope to use while on this mission trip? (Run outreach, light construction, prayer, serve, relate, music, kids, adults, orphans, etc.)
5. Tell us why you want to be a part of this particular mission and what you hope to gain from the experience.
6. Is there any reason you can think of that could disqualify you from being a part of this mission team? YES or NO. If yes, please explain.

Please complete and return this application form to the Hope Church Student Ministries Office no later than **Monday, January 14** along with your signed commitment form. Forms can be e-mailed or dropped off at Hope's office, attention Lindsey Oliva.

Commitment Form

Hope Student Missions – New York City 2019

By signing this form, I am indicating that if I am accepted on the team for the Hope Church Student Missions trip to **New York City** between **July 7-13, 2019** and choose to participate, that I agree to commit to the following elements.

- I understand that the total cost of this trip is expected to be in the range of \$750-\$850 and that I am responsible for raising that money.
- Our team will meet monthly starting in late January/early February. The calendar for these meetings will be determined by our team, but the expectation is I would attend ALL meetings.
- I realize that fundraising will be a part of the preparation for this trip and I will be expected to participate in the planning and execution of these fundraisers. Fundraisers will include writing support letters and other activities agreed upon by the group.
- I understand that there will be individual preparation and small group planning for this trip as well. Passports, notarized medical forms, reading, scripture memory, writing testimonies, and creating our ministry opportunities are all places where time will be required of students.
- I agree to be in an Immersion Group. I know that Immersion Groups meet weekly (some meet every other week) and that they are a way for me to try to figure out how to find a rhythm of connection with God, friends to share about faith with, and opportunities to live on mission in our communities and schools.
- I understand that a mission trip is a privilege and that it places me in a “position of importance” in some people’s eyes. (Whether we like it or not, when a group of students is formed to do something that others aren’t, there is a feeling of being “in.” With this, comes a level of responsibility toward Hope, toward our Sunday morning and night meetings, and in regards to how we live on mission now.) I know that I will be asked to be honest about my faith, knowing that God lovingly calls us into obedience and repentance. I also know that I will be expected to live a life that is encouraging to others and in step with a Godly lifestyle.
- I understand that if, for any reason, I cannot attend the mission trip, that any monies I have raised are non-refundable and will be placed in the team account. All monies that are raised above and beyond the trip cost will remain in the team account to be used for the Nicaragua Mission Trip OR will be returned to the donor.
- And finally, I understand that if I fail to meet these commitments, except in the cases of extenuating circumstances, it could result in the dismissal from the trip and forfeiture of all deposits made.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

As a parent and/or legal guardian of the above named minor, I understand the commitment involved in the application to participate in the Hope Student Missions **New York City** trip on **July 7-13, 2019**. I am fully in agreement with, and adopt as my own, all that is stated above in the Commitment Form. I also grant my permission for the above-named minor to participate in this mission trip.

Name (print)

Signature

Date