

Woodcrest Christian School



Mission Statement

The WCHS Missions Program exists to glorify God by providing spiritually impactful and transformational opportunities for students and to support and bless selected Christian ministries around the world.

Dear Mission Team Member,

You are reading this because God is in pursuit of you. From the beginning, God was on mission looking to save this broken world by his grace. In turn, you experience His grace and love in order to become a channel for others to come and know Him too. God puts His greatness on display through us by making salvation known through proclaiming the gospel. This is, in fact, how God accomplishes salvation. As Paul says in Romans 10:14-15,

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’”

We are privileged as a school to have an opportunity every Spring for mission trips. My hope is that you too will understand the tremendous privilege it is to take part in building God’s kingdom in this way. Our response to service and missions is motivated by how God has served us. We love because He first loved us! We are sent as Christ was sent to us. Consider for a moment that everything you have has been graciously given by the Lord for His glory, your joy, and the benefit of others. Your upcoming missions trip is a tangible opportunity to experience all three.

We believe these short-term trips are used by God to accomplish countless things He has planned. We also understand this is a unique opportunity for your faith to be tested and strengthened. Lasting transformation occurs through experiencing various parts of the world, diving into authentic Christian community with your team, and serving others the way Jesus served you. Take note, because God is at work through our work; nothing is done in vain or without purpose. May this give us all hope and strength as we consider our future together on these trips.

I can confidently say that our missions staff here at Woodcrest Christian loves you and is excited to experience this time with you. May God’s grace empower us for the work ahead and may we find the joy of Christ as we give ourselves to each other and to those whom we encounter all over the world.

Grace and peace,

Matt Messner
Campus Pastor & Mission Team Coordinator

**You have been invited
to participate in our
2022 WCHS Mission Trips!**

Date: March 19th-March 27th 2022

Cost: \$1700

Costs include flights, housing, meals,
and all ministry expenses

Additional Requirements:

Weekly team meetings
Mission Banquet fundraising event
2 Saturday Team Training Days

**To confirm your participation, please turn in
your “Intent to Participate” form and a \$100 deposit
to Mrs. Sheffer by December 8th.**

Why We Go

Why does Woodcrest Christian lead students in *mission trips*? The answer is – worship. John Piper says, “Missions exists because worship doesn’t.” We want God to be glorified in our pursuit of excellence in education as well as the discipleship of Woodcrest Christian students. Since its inception, Woodcrest Christian has been joining in the work of God to redeem the world through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thankfully, we have the privilege of joining that process as part of our discipleship. Students are directly exposed to God’s global efforts and hopefully begin to understand their own lives as part of something much bigger than themselves. Discipleship through missions gives hands and feet to serving one another and loving our neighbors.

Where We Go

Copper Center, Alaska - Serving in the communities around Copper Center, this team will join Ron and Jean Paul who have served the surrounding Native communities for several years. The ministry includes service projects, building relationships with youth, and partnering with Ron and Jean Paul to make connections with people in order to share about the ways of Jesus with them.

Kodiak, Alaska - Serving in the town of Kodiak, Alaska, this team will be joining with the Kodiak Baptist Mission which has been serving the town and surrounding villages for over 120 years. This outreach began as an orphanage in 1893 and still serves the community through children’s ministries, preschool and family services in this remote island location.

Miami, Florida - Serving in one of the least Christianized cities in America, this group will be joining the C&MA Envision Team in partnering with local churches in an effort to engage local communities. Our team will spend the majority of its time working with Envision leaders to support the ministry through serving the homeless, teaching English classes, as well as assisting in work projects.

Twin Cities, Minnesota - Serving in the densely populated arenas of Minneapolis and St. Paul, this group will be joining the C&MA Envision Team who partner with local churches to serve refugee and immigrant communities. Our team will spend the majority of its time working with Envision leaders to support the ministry through ESL, sports ministries, and evangelistic outreach.

Cleveland, Ohio - Serving in the city of Cleveland, this group will be joining the C&MA Envision Team in partnering with local ministries and organizations in primarily urban contexts to serve neighborhoods in need. Our team will spend the majority of its time working with Envision leaders to support the ministry through local church ministry, home and property rehabilitation, and refugee engagement.

Prepare to Go

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Along with our administrators, we are continuing to monitor current situations regarding COVID-19 protocols. Currently, our domestic locations are not requiring travelers to have the COVID-19 vaccination. If changes arise, we will provide updates as necessary as we have throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Lambert after the meeting.

All students are required to fill out a **medical authorization form** (due Mar. 2)

LUGGAGE AND PACKING

Students will receive a suggested packing list at a later date. It will be important that all participants pack according to destination climate and culture as well as a modest dress code (in accordance with school dress code). Each student will need to bring a photo ID as well.

Each team member will be given a packing weight limit according to flight regulations. We ask that all team members use a LARGE suitcase allowing 1/2 of the space for their belongings and the other 1/2 for supplies needed for the trip.

Expectations as You Go

Serving God and representing our school through participation in a WCS Missions Trip is an honor and a privilege. Please read and sign the **Student Pledge** and return it by March 2.

If you go with an open heart, you can expect
that through serving others and seeking God,
you will...

- Learn...
 - to extend grace to others
 - to see God at work in all places at all times
 - more about God's love for the world
- Grow...
 - in your ability to share the gospel
 - in your willingness to serve in sacrificial ways
 - in seeing others as targets of God's mercy
- Build...
 - stronger faith
 - deeper friendships
 - greater affection for God's world

God will...

Teach you more than you expected to learn.
Stretch you in ways that make you uncomfortable.
Bless you in ways you never imagined.



Fundraising



DO NOT let money be the reason for NOT participating in a mission trip. There is opportunity before the trip for you to raise the funds and minimize the cost. Put your full effort into fundraising and watch how the Lord will meet your needs.

Missions Trip Fundraising

A. Perspective

- YOU NEED TO DO YOUR PART. Your efforts will produce results.
- A GROUP EFFORT to raise funds for special projects and needs. “Team Project”
- A chance to involve YOUR COMMUNITY. Others get a chance to “participate”.
- Opportunity to see God work! TRUST HIM

B. Support Letters Sample on page 15

- TELL - Support letters let you tell others WHERE you are going, WHAT you are doing, and WHY you are participating. Share about this opportunity even if you are not asking for financial support.
- ASK - Within your letter, ask others to support you in t prayer as well as invite them to give financially.
- **Send out 20+ letters** to relatives, family friends, parent’s work associates, business partnerships.
- Sample letters are provided in your packets as well as online if you’d like to personalize them.
- Recommend sending out letters no later than Jan 3rd.
- Add our online link to your support letter so friends and family can donate online and give directly to your account. <https://inside.wcss.org/system/support/donate>

C. Other Ideas for Fundraising On Your Own - Be creative and use your resources and talents!

- **Host a Garage Sale.** Ask friends and family to donate used items for a garage sale.
- **Holiday Crafts/ Hand Crafted Items:** Make an item you then could sell—especially during the Christmas season. Items could include jewelry, t-shirts, blankets, scarves, hair accessories, scripture art, Holiday Gift Tags, or edible treats.
- **CHOCOLATE!!** Buy a box of 48 Candy bars and resell them for \$1 each.
- **Trade Up!** Break your \$20 down to smaller bills. See if someone will trade you \$5 for a \$10, or \$10 for a \$20. As you ask to trade, explain why you want them to trade you and that all money is raised to support your mission trip.
- **Host a Group Game Night.** Set a “Suggested Donation” as an entry fee and state that all entry fees will go toward your trip. Game night themes could include: Card Tournament, Youth Mafia, or Bunko Party
- **Frozen Dinners:** Buy the ingredients to make a dinner entrée that can be pre-cooked, frozen, then sold to others to be eaten at a later date. (Lasagna, enchilada, pot pie) Take pre-orders.
- **Bake Sale:** Buy baking supplies then sell your goods. Package your goods creatively in order to sell treats as a gift.
- **Clean Houses, Babysitting, Tutoring, Lawn Care, Washing cars etc.**

D. Guin Dixon Memorial Scholarship- See Mr. Lambert for the application

E. Missions Banquet— Mandatory Event! FEBRUARY 5th

OVERVIEW

All students will participate and benefit from this event.

- We will set up 45 tables to host up to 340 guests in attendance.
 - You and your parents will decorate a table and provide table settings for guests
 - You will stay after the event to help clean up
- We will arrange for a FREE catered dinner for your guests
 - You secure an EVENT SPONSOR
- We will prepare and host a silent auction with over 100 desirable items
 - You solicit and collect AUCTION ITEMS and GIFT CARDS
- We will share the vision with your guests: why we take our students on mission trips.
 - You will serve your guests throughout the evening and other duties as assigned.

1.) TABLE SET UP AND GUESTS

- You and your parents will decorate a table and provide table settings for guests complete with plates, cups, utensils, napkins, and centerpiece and accessories.
A table checklist is provided on pg. 12
- Decorate your table to represent travel, missions, or God's heart for the world..
- Make a place card for each of your guests' names. Add a prayer card or thank you note
- Three \$50 “Best Dressed” Table Scholarships

- SHARED TABLES - All students will be asked to share a table with another student.
 - You will share table responsibilities for table decor and 8 place settings
 - You will each have 4 reservable seats.
 - Please fill out a SHARED TABLE REQUEST form on our website by Dec 8th.
<https://wcss.org/missions>

- SINGLE TABLES - You can request to have a single table reserved for 6 guests of your own. You will not be sharing a table.
 - A limited number of single tables are available. This is available upon request.
 - You are responsible to decorate your table and provide 6 place settings.
 - You will be limited to 6 reservable seats at your table.
 - Fill out a SHARED TABLE REQUEST form by Dec 8 to hold a non-shared table.
<https://wcss.org/missions>

- Students are NOT counted in seating reservations. They will work the event.

2.) INVITING GUESTS / RESERVATIONS

- Our expectation is for each student to fill 4 -6 seats at the banquet.
- Parents will be seated at your table. Include them in guest count.
- Consider carefully who you invite to this event. This is a fundraiser. Invite guests that might be willing to financially support you and/or participate in the Silent Auction
- **MAIL INVITATIONS BY JANUARY 3rd** Invitations will be distributed at a future team meeting. Personalize them. There is a place for a personal message on the back of the invitations.
- **Please fill out the Banquet Reservations form online by January 20th.** This is a key component in arranging our seating chart. <https://wcsc.org/missions>

3.) EVENT SPONSORS - Covers Event Costs, Free Advertising, Student Benefits

- Dinner is free for your guests but to cover the costs, we ask each student/family to get a table sponsor.
- Event Sponsor Tiers:
 1. Bronze Sponsor - \$150 - Single space in the Event Directory - Student gets \$50
 2. Silver Sponsor - \$300 - Double space in the Event Directory - Student gets \$100
 3. Gold Sponsor - \$600 - 1/2 page space in the Event Directory - Student gets \$200 plus \$200 of the sponsorship will go directly towards funding projects at the missions team locations
- Ask 5 or more local businesses and friends/family workplaces and businesses
- Turn completed EVENT SPONSOR slip into HS office with money and business card by Jan. 12th
- Do not pay for this personally. Seek a business to sponsor you.

4.) SILENT AUCTION - Auction Items and Gift Cards

- All Students are asked to bring in A MINIMUM of one auctionable item & one \$25 gift card
- Ask family, friends, businesses, corporations for donations. **JUST ASK**
See Auctionable Items sheet on p. 11
- Businesses donating item(s) valuing \$150 or more will get advertisement space in our Event Directory. Please attach a business card with these items.
 - Advertisement space is same increments as the above sponsor tiers
- We will arrange and package all items and gift cards. Do not package your items
- All items/gift cards must be turned into the HS Office by Jan 12th. with completed SILENT AUCTION DONATION SLIP attached
- For every silent auction entry you bring in you will be entered into our drawing for 1 of 3 \$100 scholarships toward your trip.
- Students will receive a portion of the general donations and Silent Auction proceeds

5. PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- a. We encourage you and your students to do this together.
- b. Help with sponsorship letters, silent auction items, table sponsors and banquet invitations.
- c. Go into stores and businesses with your student to help them ask for donations and sponsors. Use this as a training opportunity.
- d. Be available to help with set-up, service and clean-up for the banquet as needed

Auctionable Items A-Z

A - Auto Care, Apple Products, Amazon, Art, Angel Tickets, Amazon Gift Card,

B - Ball Games, Baked Goods, Bar-B-Q, Bird Bath, Bike, Blankets, Bake ware,

C - Chick-fil-A, Car Wash, Chipotle, CPK, Candles, Catered Dinner, Chef, Corn Hole, crock pot, Chocolate

D - Disney, Dodger Tickets, Dentist, Drivers Training, Diffuser, Dickies Bar-B-Que, Ducks Tickets,

E - Esthetician, Electronics, Essential Oils, live experiences,

F - Fitness, Flowers, Furniture, Fishing, Football Fan Gear, Fire Pit,

G - Golf, Glen Ivy, Games,

H - Haircuts, Hair Product, Hangar 18, Hobby Lobby, Home Depot, Hotels, Headphones, House Cleaning, Handyman, Harbor cruise,

I - Ice Cream, In-N-Out, iPhone products/accessories. Ice Chest, iPad,

J - JuJu Bar, Jewelry, JoAnns,

K - Knotts Berry Farm, Kohls, Kelly's Spa, Keurig, Kindle, Kitchen Appliances,

L - Lotions, Limousine, Luggage,

M - McDonalds, Movie Tickets, Marshalls, Massage, Manicure, Miguel's, Mission Inn

N - Nordstrom, Nail salon,

O - Optometrist, Oil Change,

P - Photography, Pedicure, Pet Supplies/Groomer, Pizza Shops, Purse, Panini Maker, puppy

Q - Quilt

R - Restaurant Gift Cards, "Riverside" keepsakes/art, Rock climbing

S - Starbuks, Speakers, Sunglasses , Skate Board, Scripture Art, Sky Zone

T - Tools, Teeth Whitening, Target, Tires, Trader Joes, Trees, Tax Prep, Theater Tickets, TV, Tent

U -

V - Veterinarian, Vacation Rentals, Visa Gift Card,

W - Wal-Mart, Weathered Feather, Window Washing,

X -

Y - Yard tools & Supplies, Yard House

Z - Zoo Passes, Zip-Lining

ACCESSORIES... if you give a BBQ, Also Add BBQ sauces, tongs, Apron

If you give a gas card, maybe give car wash supplies

If you give pedicure certificate, give nail polish, remover, and a file

If you give baseball tickets, give sunflower seeds, licorice, and peanuts

Baskets and containers are needed.

Missions Banquet To-Do List

Shared Table Request	Tell us who you want to share a table with or if you prefer a table of your own. Requests must be turned in by 12/8/21 https://wcss.org/missions
Begin Asking	December is a great time to ask for donations and contributions.
Invite Guests	Mail Invites to guests by 1/3/22
Event Sponsors	Send out sponsor letters & find at least one commitment Due in HS Office by 1/12/22
Auction Items	Bring in Auction Items AND Gift Cards Due in HS Office by 1/12/22
Guest Reservations	Fill out the Guest Reservations form online by 1/20/22 https://wcss.org/missions
Prepare Table	Set up begins at noon on 2/5/22, Parents should help in set up but are asked to leave by 1pm.

Table checklist for Missions Banquet

For dinner we will be serving a catered meal including a main entree and sides, plus table appetizers and dessert. The main course will be served to the guests on clear plastic plates and set ON TOP of the dinner plates you provide from home. The dessert will also be put on clear plates and served to the guests. This way the plates brought from home won't get too dirty. The guests will be using your utensils, glasses and coffee cups brought from home. These will be wiped and taken home dirty. We will supply a 60 inch round table with white table cloth and 8 chairs for each table. We would ask you to please supply the following items for your table. Remember to pack them carefully for transport.

- Table Topper/ accent table cloth
- Place cards for each of your guests
- Dinner plates
- Drinking glasses
- Coffee mugs or tea cups and saucers
- Dinner forks, spoons & knives
- Extras spoons for salsa
- Dessert forks
- Napkins
- 1 basket with cloth liner or bowl (for chips or bread)
- Salt & pepper shakers
- 2 Small bowls for salsa
- Small bowl for creamer containers (creamer supplied)
- Small bowl for sugar & sweetener packets (packets will be supplied)
- 2 pitchers (one for lemonade and one for water)
- Roll of paper towels (to wipe utensils, glasses and mugs before packing)
- Table decorations that reflect missions, or the community you are ministering to. (decorations should not obstruct the view of those sitting at your table)
- Plastic bag(s) to take dirty utensils home in.



If you or your parents has any questions, please contact Mrs. Sheffer in the HS office or email at mrs.sheffer@wcss.org.

**We will award the students
of the top 3
“Best Decorated Tables”
with a \$50 scholarship!**



Student Clothing Requirements:

Please dress in a white shirt/blouse and dark pants (no dresses or skirts). Ladies please adjust your tops to have modest necklines. (You will be working, bending, serving, etc.)

Joining God's Work

We will be joining and supporting the work of the local long term Christian workers (missionaries or pastors) in order to meet some felt needs in the community. We hope to be able to build friendships and trust which can lead to sharing the ways of Jesus and tell them that he sees and loves them. This might look like joining the local long term workers in their homeless ministry, teaching language learning classes to local refugees, hosting VBS, sports camps, or after school care for younger children.

Sample Schedule

6:30 AM - Wake up, devotional time, breakfast

8:00 AM - Group prayer

8:30 AM - Load up for the day

9:00 AM - Worksite/ministry site

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Worksite/ministry site

5:00 PM - Team Center to clean up

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Evening meeting

8:00 PM - Downtime

10:00 PM - Quiet hours begin

11:00 PM - Lights out

Dear Friends and Family,

I am so excited to share with you an opportunity that God has brought my way to serve Him over my spring break. My school, Woodcrest Christian High School, is sending out 80 students to five different locations in the United States to work with churches and missions organizations in their local communities. We will be able to come alongside long-term Christian workers in their existing outreaches and support the needs they have so they are free to do the work God has called them to. Getting outside of my normal life and serving others in need will let me get a picture of God's heart for others and what He is doing throughout the world, specifically in Alaska, Florida, Ohio, and Minnesota!

I will be joining a group of 18 students and 4 adult leaders March 19th-27th in _____.

The purpose of our trip is fourfold:

1. First, we will go with the purpose of joining and supporting the work of the local long term Christian workers (missionaries or pastors). We hope to serve and encourage them so they can continue the work long after we are gone.
2. Second, we will meet some felt needs in the community. This might look like joining the local long term workers in their homeless ministry, teaching language learning classes to local refugees, hosting VBS, sports camps, or after school care for younger children.
3. Third, it is our hope that through engaging with people, we will be able to build friendships and trust which can lead to sharing the ways of Jesus and tell them that he sees and loves them.
4. Fourth, we will be allowing God to work in our lives and in our school in Riverside through the exposure and changed perspective that comes from this type of a mission trip.

In summary, I will get to be the hands and feet of Jesus and bring his love to those I encounter and I am excited about the experience that lies ahead. I hope you see the value in the work that we hope to accomplish.

The cost is \$1700 which covers all of my travel costs including housing and food. This amount also gives our team enough money to purchase supplies to bless the community and church through the projects we have planned.

Would you consider supporting me and the vision of this trip both financially and through prayer? While any amount is welcome and greatly appreciated, prayer is a part of the support we cannot do without. So much happens before, during, and after the trip that I want to ask for your covering in prayer.

Please pray for God to PROVIDE for every need and that He would begin PREPARING our hearts to serve Him. Also, ask for His PROTECTION to cover us, His PRESENCE to be with us, and all His PURPOSES to be accomplished.

I am excited and anxious as I wait to see all the things God is going to do both in the lives of the community we will be spending time with and in my life as well. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Love,

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I would like to support _____ and the vision of WCS Missions.

**Please Note: I understand that I am giving a gift toward the general WCS Missions Fund but am allowing WCS Missions personnel to designate those funds toward the specified student. If for some unforeseen reason this student is unable to attend our trip your donation will be used to help other students or projects that support our missions program. **

_____ I will definitely be praying for _____ and their team.

_____ I would like to give financially in the amount of \$ _____

Return this slip with your gift. A gift receipt will be sent to you.

Please make checks out to Woodcrest Christian School and send to:
Woodcrest Christian High School Attn: Missions, 18401 Van Buren Blvd. Riverside, CA 92508.

Woodcrest Christian School Missions

Dates to Remember

2021- 2022

December 8th – Intent to Participate (pink form) and \$100 deposit due

December 8th - Shared Table Request form (online) <https://wcss.org/missions>

December – Begin collecting auction items

January 3rd – Send out banquet invitations & support letters

January 12th – Auction Items (green forms) & Table Sponsors (blue forms) due

January 20th – Banquet Reservation Form (online) <https://wcss.org/missions>

January 22nd - Team Training Day

February 5th – Missions Banquet

February 26th - Team Training Day / Final Parent Meeting Day

March 2nd – Medical Authorization Form (yellow form), Student Pledge (salmon form) copy of photo ID, copy of immunization record, and final \$ due

March 19th - March 27th – Missions Trips!

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