



High School Guatemala Mission Trip JUNE 21-30, 2024

Saint Patrick Youth Ministry
Louisville, KY

GENERAL INFORMATION

About Guatemala

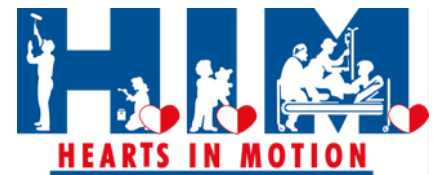
Population: Approximately 17.11 Million

Political Status: Guatemala signed a peace treaty in 1996. Since then there has been no uprising and is one of the most stable of the third world countries in the western hemisphere.

The region that we will be working in is the region of Zacapa which can be found on the map. The region is very dry and arid, and temperatures can get extremely warm which leaves us taking shifts to work to not over exert ourselves.



About Hearts in Motion



We are traveling with a group called Hearts in Motion. H.I.M. is a non-profit, non-denominational organization focusing on the needs of impoverished children and families. Our volunteers are working together in a ministry of compassion, incidentally promoting personal growth by experiencing cultural exchange. Our mission is committed to meeting the needs of individuals by aiding in the development of programs in health, education, and welfare, both in the US and throughout Central and South America. The organization was incorporated in 1993 with 501(c) 3 status.

They are a very reputable organization and have a great working relationship with the community that we will be working with in Guatemala. The group does not extort or use the people of Guatemala in any way, shape, or form and places the majority of the money paid for the trip right back into the Guatemalan economy.

You can find out more about H.I.M. at www.heartsinmotion.org.

OUR TRIP

When: June 21-30, 2024

Who: Any current 9th-grade or high school student through adult who has a passion for justice and helping others.

What are we doing? We will be building a home for a family living in Pueblo Modelo, Guatemala, and visiting the ministries that Hearts in Motion supports, including a senior citizens center, nutrition center, clinics, and much more!

Where: We will be spending most of our time in the region of Zacapa but will spend the last two days of the trip in the city of Antigua. You will have electricity, private bathrooms, and access to clean water at both places.

When we are serving, we will be staying in the Hearts In Motion House located in Teculután, Guatemala. The Hearts in Motion house has a/c in the rooms.

When in Antigua, we will be staying at the Hotel Casa de Las Fuentes. <https://www.hotelcasadelasfuentes.com/?lang=en>



WHAT WOULD I NEED FOR THE TRIP?

Your Passport:

The passport process:

1. Get Pictures taken for the Passport from Walgreens, AAA, etc.
2. Fill out the Required forms and turn into the Post Office or Courthouse (Be sure to bring two checks and both guardians must be present)
3. They will take it from here and send you your passport.

Note: this must be done soon to make sure you get it back in time. It can take up to 2-3 months turn around for you to get your passport back.

Full US Passport application process can be found at:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

Immunizations:

The following Immunizations are **recommended** for those traveling to Guatemala by the US government:

1. Typhoid-shot
2. Hepatitis A-shot
3. Hepatitis B-shot
4. Tetanus-Diphtheria
5. Malaria (pills taken before, during and after trip)
6. COVID-19– This is currently **RECOMMENDED** by Hearts in Motion to travel with them on this trip.

-Ask your doctor or the local travel clinic for medications or immunizations



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Trip Rules and Expectations

Our number one goal on the trip is keeping all youth and adults safe while they are traveling. To help ensure, this, we ask all to follow the rules below.

-No one (youth or leaders) on a youth trip is allowed to consume alcoholic products or use tobacco products including vaping while on the trip.

-No student is allowed in the bedroom of the opposite gender

-Students are never allowed to leave the hotel/house without an adult present

-Dress Code: We want everyone to be comfortable while on the trip. While on the trip, we ask that all students wear shirts with sleeves (t-shirts are fine) and longer shorts. If you are working with concrete, you will want jeans or long pants to work in as the concrete can get in your pores.

Please see Youth and Adult Codes of Conduct for full list of rules and expectations while on the trip.



MONEY AND REGISTRATION



Costs for the Trip

Major Costs:

- \$1,250 to Hearts in Motion (includes all in country transportation, lodging and most meals while on the trip)
- Airplane Ticket

Other Costs:

- \$165 for Passport
- \$16.99 for Passport Photo
- Cost of Immunizations Varies
- Spending Money (\$200 is enough)
- Money for 4 meals in Antigua and your travel days

Paperwork

All money and paperwork will need to be turned into Jonna O'Bryan.

- An online Registration for HIM (parents will fill out for youth)
- A youth or adult code of conduct signed



READY TO JOIN US?

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