

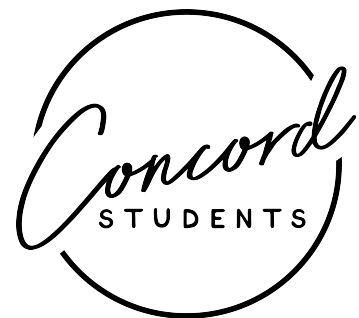
Puerto Rico Mission Trip 2024



Where: Puerto Rico

Who: Students currently in Middle School

When: March 9-16, 2024



General Info

Trip Overview:

We are partnering with Trek-X and their leader, Chris White. Chris has been taking student trips to Puerto Rico for over 20 years and has a deep knowledge and love for the area. While there we will be participating in construction, hands and feet, and evangelism ministry. Each student will have an opportunity to experience different types of ministry and find out where they are gifted!

Food:

Much of the food is standard American food. We will eat some local meals. All normal chain restaurants are prevalent in Puerto Rico. Lunch will be on the go daily.

Weather:

San Juan in March is in the mid 80's. There is usually an afternoon rainstorm. It is very breezy and beautiful.

What Leaders Are Going?

All of our student ministry trips are led by a student staff member. We will maintain a minimum ratio of 1 leader for every 6 students.

In addition parents are welcome to attend. Please note that due to the limited number of spaces on our trip we will give preference to students first.

Lodging Info:

We will be staying at housing provided by the partner with whom we are working. It is a very safe and clean facility. There will be one room for all males and one room for all females. Each dorm has twin sized bunk beds. Students will need to bring bedding or a sleeping bag. This facility is gated nightly and while we are gone during the day.

Travel Info:

We will fly to Puerto Rico and then travel by charter van while there.

Phones:

As part of the United States all phones will work in Puerto Rico. Check with your carrier for any specifics. There will be times where students do not have access to their phones (at night, during Bible studies). Our leaders will have their phones at all times.



Money:

Meals while in Puerto Rico are covered by the church. However we do estimate that students will need the following money while we are on the trip:

4 travel meals - \$80

Souvenirs - \$(depends on gender and shopping habits) :)

The currency of Puerto Rico is the US dollar. There is no need to exchange money.

What to Bring:

- Bible and pen
- Sleeping bag or bedding for twin bed
- Toiletries (Towels! No towels are provided for the week)
- Clothing for 7 days. Dress for the week is casual. Please no tank tops.
- Pants for church on Sunday
- Clothes that can get dirty for 3 days (closed toe shoes and long pants).
- Swimsuit (one-piece or tankini for girls)
- Comfortable shoes. We will be doing lots of walking.
- Sunscreen!
- Money (see above)

Luggage Info:

Everyone may bring 1 piece of checked luggage, 1 carry on, and 1 personal item. Please pack a change of clothes in your carryon in case there are luggage issues.

Sample Schedule:

Saturday

- Travel from Knoxville
- Orientation

Sunday

- Worship with local church

Monday-Thursday

- Ministry Work

Friday

- Free Day

Saturday

- Travel Back

Important Notes

Requirements for Concord Students Missions:

Because a mission trip is an opportunity for us to serve others with the message of Jesus, it is a trip that requires more of those who attend. Therefore there are some basic requirements we ask of every student who is attending a Concord Students Mission Trip. Each of these requirements is designed to prepare students for their experience.

Concord Students

- Students must be actively involved in Bible Study Groups and Midweek, maintaining a 2/3rds attendance level.
- Students must attend Beach Week.
- Students must attend at least 4 of the 6 training meetings for their trip.
 - Oct. 22 at 12:30 - Vision and parent meeting (MANDATORY)
 - Nov. 5 evening - Serve at Dodgeball
 - Dec. 3 at 12:30pm
 - Jan. 28, 2024 at 12:30pm
 - Feb. 25 at 12:30pm - Security meeting
 - March 24 at 12:30 - Post trip debrief
- Parents and students must complete all forms in a timely manner.
- Students should be consistent in daily devotional.

Important Dates:

Big Weekend 2024 - March 1-3, 2024

Cost:

The cost of this trip is \$1100. A \$300 non-refundable deposit is due to reserve your spot. This price includes all plane tickets, van travel, lodging, food, and fees. The only items not included in this price are travel meals, snacks, and any souvenirs.

We understand this is an expensive trip. However we believe that a mission trip can be one of the most impactful experiences of a student's life. Therefore we are starting signups early so you have the opportunity to pay the trip out over the course of several months.

Payment deadlines:

\$300 deposit is due October 4 (non-refundable)

Remainder is due January 25, 2024

How to register:

1. Students fill out and submit a SLU/Mission Trip application. These are due October 4, 2023.
2. The student team will setup your account in Managed Missions and email you the deposit payment link. This website will track all of your completed forms and payments.

In an effort to aid families with the cost of this trip, First Baptist Church has supplemented part of the cost of this trip. Because of this all registrations are due by October 4, 2023.