

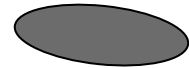
Alberta & Man-Sask
Youth Departments

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Belize Mission
TRIP

April 12-19, 2017



The Project:

I am pleased to provide information about the upcoming Mission trip to Belize on April 12-19, 2017. On this trip, we will be traveling in a group of about 25 people of all ages and will be participating in work that is service and ministry oriented. We will be working in the small village of Billy White with a primary goal of beginning construction on a new school. Currently, the church has the only school in the town and is renting space in the community centre. They church members have recently purchased land across from their new church with the hope of building their own school.

Participants:

We are looking for youth, young adults, and those who are young at heart, to participate. Participants must be at least 16 years of age or older. **The maximum number of people that can be accommodated on this trip is 25.** In determining eligibility to participate in this project, we will be looking at the following:

- 1) Commitment to Service
- 2) Recommendation of a Pastor
- 3) Commitment to the project as indicated by fund raising for the project

People interested in participating in the trip will recognize that when the expenses for the trip are totaled and divided by the number of participants, **the average per person cost is \$1800.00.** Each participant will want to do his or her best to raise funds that will enable those costs to be covered. It is essential that each deadline be met as plane tickets must be purchased and funds to purchase and pay for materials, insurance, transportation, are required before we leave. Therefore, if you are interested in participating in the trip, you will need to ensure that you meet the following deadlines:

Due to the nature of the partnership between the Man-Sask and Alberta Conference, the collecting of fees will be a little different from previous years. **ALL monies will be going through the Alberta Conference.** Please note that your mission trip money is considered a donation and is tax-deductible in which you are eligible to receive a tax receipt from the Alberta Conference. For this reason, money turned in is not refundable.

Payment Methods:

Visa/MasterCard Please call Penny Marcinyk at the AB Conference @ (403)342-5044 ext. 201

Cash is accepted as well.

Cheques should be made out to **Alberta Conference of S.D.A. DO NOT MAKE CHECKES PAYABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL DO NOT PUT THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME ANYWHERE ON THE CHECK**

DEADLINE 1 December 15, 2016 Please return the following to the Man-Sask. Youth Department:

- Registration Form
- Liability Release Form
- Copy of Picture Page of Passport
- Deposit of \$500 ***please take note that the Alberta Conference will be collecting fees.**

**Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
1004 Victoria Avenue
Saskatoon, SK
S7N 0Z8**

DEADLINE #2 January 20, 2017

Those wishing to participate in this project will send in another \$600.00 making a total of \$1,100.00 has been sent in.

DEADLINE #3 February 20, 2016

At this time another \$700.00 is due, making a total of \$1800.00 sent in.

Application forms:

The application form attached gives vital information that is necessary when booking plane tickets, making hotel reservations, as well as important contact information. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that every participant complete an application form fully. Please fill it out carefully and accurately, spelling names properly, etc.

Communication:

The simplest and easiest method of communication is via the internet. Please ensure that the e-mail address you provide on your application form is clearly legible and checked on a regular basis. If you do not have access to the internet – please consider finding someone that is willing to receive the information and pass it on to you, or provide a fax number that information can be sent to.

Travel Plans:

Travel plans must be flexible, depending on airlines schedules. Current plans are for participants to meet in Edmonton on April 11, and to leave from the **Edmonton** airport early on the morning of April 12, 2017. The return flights are to arrive back in Edmonton April 19 late in the evening. All Man-Sask participants will work together to get to Edmonton for our flights. We will be in communication about this matter at a later time.

Passports:

Each participant **MUST** have a valid passport to travel to Belize. It is important that you apply for one, if you haven't already, early in order to get it in time. Your passport should not expire for 6 months after we leave. Traveling with a birth certificate and other picture identification is **NOT** acceptable for Belize.

Statutory declaration:

Only participants under the age of 18 are required to make an appointment with someone who is a **NOTARY PUBLIC** to fill out and sign a Statutory Declaration, giving permission for a child to participate in traveling to Belize and being part of a mission team. The form will be sent to any attendees under 18. Notary Public officers can be found in a lawyer's office.



Travel Insurance:

Volunteers traveling to serve overseas will receive travel insurance through Adventist Risk Management and the Conference office will get this for you. The cost for this insurance is included in the amount that needs to be fundraised.

Immunizations:

It is highly recommended that you look into immunizations that could protect you from diseases that you might come into contact with. While it is a personal decision to be immunized, I highly recommend that you **contact your local Public Health Service soon**, as some immunizations take time, and get the facts. They will ask you about where you will be visiting . . . tell them that you will fly Belize City and drive to **Santa Elena** in Belize (check your map to see what towns are between). You will be staying at and visiting a remote town while you are there.

Money:

While in Belize, you will want to have only American currency and Belize currency, or traveler’s cheques. You can get these at your bank here in Canada. It is very convenient to have Belize currency for small purchases there, as we are far away from the American border. It is recommended that you carry travelers cheques . . . you will be able to change them into local currency when you get there.

Fund Raising Methods:

Please remember that if you really feel that God can use you to meet the needs of our friends in Panama that He will enable you to raise money so the trip can take place. You may want to use some of the following ideas that have worked for others that have gone on similar trips:

1. Contact your Pastor and ask him for the assistance of your church in this project.
This might include:
 - a. A special announcement made during the church service
 - b. A special afternoon program where you collect an offering
 - c. A donation that may come from the church through the church board
 - d. Opportunities for you and others from your church to conduct a fund raising event.
2. Join together with all participants from your church and organize a special fund raising event such as a meal (friends could donate the food and assist you with preparations).
3. Photocopy several copies of the fundraising letter attached below. Then mail or give the enclosed donor information document to potential donors. Please read the document carefully so that all donations follow this process. This method works really great. You might want to personalize your letters.
4. Donors will be returning all funds to you for you to forward to the Man-Sask Conference. This will enable you to have an accurate record keeping of the funds you have raised. Ensure that you are meeting the guidelines of fund raising as indicated further down in this document.

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After the application deadline, I will be sending you an INFORMATION PACK, giving you more detail of all aspects of the trip, including packing lists, etc.



**Belize Mission Trip
April 12-19, 2017
APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____
(full name as it appears, or will appear, **on your passport**)

Passport Number _____ Passport Expiration Date: _____

Complete Address (Street, City, Prov, Postal Code): _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Cell Number (_____) _____

e-mail address _____
(if you currently do not have an e-mail address please provide the address of someone that would be willing to pass information along to you – this is the best means of communication in preparation for a trip like this)

Citizenship _____

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yr) _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Name of Church you attend: _____

Provincial Health Insurance Number: _____

Notify in case of emergency:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number (home & cell) _____

Relationship to you: _____

Positions of leadership you have held in church or school activities: _____

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Youth Mission Outing 2017

Previous outreach activities you have been involved in: _____

What size of T-Shirt would you like us to order for you? _____

What Languages do you speak? _____

Do you have any food, or other allergies or medical conditions that we should be aware of?

Yes No If yes, please describe:

By signing this application form, I hereby indicate my desire to participate in this mission trip to Panama. I agree to support and uphold the guidelines and direction given by the coordinators of this project, and pledge to do my best to make this an enjoyable and successful trip for all involved.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature _____
(required for all applicants under the age of 18)

RETURN THIS APPLICATION FORM, TO:

**Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of SDA
c/o Sandra Wall
1004 Victoria Avenue
Saskatoon, SK
S7N 0Z8**

INCLUDE \$500 TRIP DEPOSIT

Mission Trip 2017



Dear

I am going to participate in a mission trip to Belize in April, 2017. This is a trip that is sponsored by the Manitoba-Saskatchewan and Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Along with others, I will be working on a project that will provide a church to a school there.

The only way that I will be able to participate in this project, and for this project to be completed, is if I do my part by asking friends and relatives to help financially. I'm wondering if you'd be able to help. My contribution goal is only \$1,800.00 and it is anticipated that I will have the bulk of these funds raised by February, 2017. Please look at the guidelines below for contributions.

It would be greatly appreciated by me, as well as the children at the school, if you could help.

Thank-you, and God bless you.

CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES:

Because of Revenue Canada regulations of nonprofit organizations, cheques made payable to individuals are not tax deductible. Therefore, please do not make cheques payable to a participant OR put their name on the cheque.

Receipts will be mailed to the address below.

Instructions:

1. If you want a tax-deduction receipt, **make cheque payable to Alberta Conference of S.D.A.**

**DO NOT MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL
DO NOT PUT THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME ANYWHERE ON THE CHEQUE**

2. Complete the form below. Mail cheque and form directly to participant. (they will get it to us)

----- **Cut here - mail with cheque to mission trip participant.** -----

Donation Amount _____ Cheque # _____

Receipt will be issued to person named below:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal code _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

**Mission trip
Participant's Name:**