

Application for 2012 Outreach Travel to El Salvador

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Your Cell: _____ Your E-mail: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Open to: Any high school student attending BCS, age 14 or older

Trip Dates: August 3rd-13th - Trip dates are subject to change due to airline availability and/or pricing.

Cost: Approximately \$2,200 - Costs are subject to change due to airline availability, unforeseen cost increases or charges, etc.

Payment Deadline: Tuesday, May 1st.

Sponsor/Leaders: BCS & Niños Tres Ríos (<http://n3r.org/index.html>)
Sheri Nansen and Ed Sloan

Trip Objectives: *To provide students an opportunity to:* use their giftedness in ministering to the poor through education, social interaction and relationship development; be exposed to the El Salvadoran culture and people; experience cross-cultural living; fellowship & minister with like-minded people; and use the Spanish language in a native setting.

Application Info: Completed applications are due by Friday, Dec. 9th to the high school office. A \$250 deposit check must be attached to the application to be reviewed. Applications are reviewed by trip leaders. Selection of travel team members is determined by trip leaders and BCS reserves the right to decline applicants. Once a student is accepted to the team and signs a "Commitment Contract", *the \$250 application deposit is non-refundable.* In other instances, deposit checks *will be* returned.

Contact: Shelli Brasted, Service Learning Coordinator; sbrasted@bcsmail.org

Other: Applicants will be notified of the status of their application on Wednesday, December 14th. Once travel teams are fully determined, team members will receive trip details, meeting and payment schedules, answers to "Frequently Asked Questions", etc. via mail, email, team meetings and/or the BCS Service and Missions webpage.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS RE: JOINING A BCS TRAVEL TEAM

- Accommodations may be humble with the possibility of shared bathrooms, simple beds, cold showers, etc. Food may be unlike what you are accustomed to eating.
- A Passport is required for travel. Immunizations may be required.
- Travel team members are **required** to attend meetings *before, during, and after* travel dates. Absences from meetings **must** be approved by the trip leader **prior** to the meeting date.
- BCS requires team members to sign a commitment contract and a behavior contract.
- BCS requires parents and guardians of travel team members to sign a waiver of liability form.
- Travel team members are required to pay for trip expenses in full, including unforeseen expenses that may arise. BCS is not responsible in any way for expenses related to this trip.
- Travel team members must depart from and return to Seattle with the team.
- Limited team spots are available for this travel team. If selected to join the team, withdrawal from the travel team, failure to make payment deadlines, etc. may in essence have cost another student the opportunity to participate in the trip.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR RESPONSE BY SELECTING “YES” OR “NO”

I understand that attendance to all team meetings is required.	Yes	No
I agree to sign a team member behavior and conduct contract.	Yes	No
I agree to sign a waiver of liability form.	Yes	No
I agree to receive any required or necessary immunizations.	Yes	No
I agree to pay for all trip expenses in full by established deadline including unforeseen expenses that could arise.	Yes	No
I understand that BCS is not responsible in any way for expenses related to this trip.	Yes	No
I understand that if I withdraw from the team, my deposit will not be refunded and I may still be responsible for trip costs in full.	Yes	No
I understand that difficulties and inconveniences may be associated with this trip.	Yes	No
I will be a committed team member if I am selected, fulfilling expected responsibilities to the best of my ability.	Yes	No
I understand that failure to meet team member expectations could result in being dismissed from the travel team.	Yes	No

CONFIDENTIAL EMERGENCY HEALTH INFORMATION

Do you have any medical conditions that could affect your travel experience? Do you require access to certain medications?

Do you have any special dietary needs? If so, please describe:

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

(Went to El Salvador last year? If yes, please bypass these questions go to page 4 of application.)

Please list any previous travel experience and/or other service trips for which you've been involved:

Why are you interested in participating in this trip? What do you hope to gain from your involvement?

What do you think may be difficult for you if you are selected to be a member of this travel team?

What are some of the gifts you feel you would bring to this group experience?

Describe your relationship with God:

If due to limited spots available you are not able to be a part of the El Salvador travel team, and are interested in being considered as a team member for another 2012 trip, circle all destinations that you'd be interested in:

Mississippi

Guatemala

Uganda

Thailand

FOR THE STUDENT: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

By signing this application, I, (the student), am indicating that I have read and considered carefully information and questions outlined in this application. My responses are an accurate reflection of my thoughts and understandings regarding the trip at this time.

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

FOR THE PARENT(S): PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

By signing this application, I, (the parent/guardian), am indicating that I have read and considered carefully information outlined in this application. I am in support of this student's desire to join a BCS Outreach Travel Team and engage in all that is involved in this travel experience. I understand that, should this student be selected for this travel team, our family is responsible for covering the cost of the trip in full, including if this student withdraws from the trip, funds are not fully raised by fundraisers, and/or unforeseen expenses arise. I understand that BCS is not responsible in any way for expenses related to this trip. I understand also, that should my student be selected for this travel team, I, (the parent/guardian), will be asked to sign of waiver of liability form, waiving and releasing BCS from any and all claims of any type or nature that may arise from my voluntary agreement to allow the student to participate in this trip. Finally, I understand that my participation and encouragement will be vital to this student's preparations and participation in this travel experience, should he/she be selected for the team. I agree to support this student in appropriate and necessary ways and will proactively approach the team leaders with my questions and/or concerns as needed.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Your application will be reviewed by and prayed over by the adults leading the trips. On Wednesday, December 14th you'll be notified of the status of your application. If you are accepted to the travel team, further information regarding the trip will follow. Our deep hope is that all students who desire to participate and are committed to doing so, will be able to be a member of a 2012 travel team. If you are not accepted to the El Salvador travel team due to space limitations, BCS hopes you'll consider participating in one of the other trips being offered.

QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS THAT WERE A PART OF THE 2011 EL SALVADOR TEAM
Please write your answers on another sheet and attach it to this application.

- Having been to El Salvador with the previous team, why do you wish to return and what do you hope to gain from going again in 2012?
- What do you anticipate will make this year a different experience for you?
- What do you think will be important for returning team members to do or not do as "second timers"?
- Because of your previous experience, (and beyond the logistics), how will you prepare yourself for this trip?
- Describe your relationship with God.