

INFORMATION PACKET

MEXICO MISSION TRIP



WHAT IS IT?

For over 15 years Gold Creek has taken a group of students and leaders to Gold Creek Mexico in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This trip is a chance for our students to be challenged in their faith and in their maturity all while encountering Jesus's plan to reach the nations with the gospel. While in Mexico, students and leaders will work together on construction projects and a Vacation Bible School program for local children in the community. There is nothing quite like this trip, and this year we're doing it different and better than ever!

WHO IS IT FOR?

High school students and leaders that desire to serve God in a new way and a new place. A person who has an active relationship with Jesus and desires to grow in that faith. A person with a heart for missions and serving those far from God.



PRE-TRIP TIMELINE

ALL MEETINGS, CAMP, AND THE BARBEQUE ARE REQUIRED BY STUDENTS

Meetings, camp, and the pre trip BBQ are required unless previously arranged. Please reach out to Pastor Jason John if you need to miss a meeting. Parents must attend the parent notary meeting.

○ **EARLY BIRD COMMITMENT DATE - NOVEMBER 22ND**

○ **FINAL COMMITMENT DATE - FEBRUARY 7TH**

○ **PRE TRIP MEETING - FEBRUARY 28TH**

○ **PRE TRIP MEETING - MARCH 21ST**

○ **PRE TRIP MEETING - APRIL 25TH - PARENT
NOTARY MEETING, PASSPORT REQUIRED**

○ **PRE TRIP MEETING - MAY 16TH**

○ **PRE TRIP MEETING - JUNE 13TH**

○ **PRE TRIP MEETING - JULY 11TH**

○ **HIGH SCHOOL CAMP - JULY 20 - 24**

○ **PRE TRIP BARBEQUE - JULY 28TH**



TRIP OVERVIEW

MAIN INFORMATION

Dates: July 30th - August 6th

Cost:

- Early Bird (Commit by 11/22) - \$2200
- Final (Commit by 2/7) - \$2300

Location: Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Lodging: Hotel Rosita

Flights: Jul 30 8AM out of Seattle

Aug 6 11PM into Seattle

LODGING DETAILS

We will stay at Hotel Rosita, a hotel located in downtown PVR with restaurants, drug stores, and more within walking distance. Students will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided. There will be 3 students and 1 leader in every room.

hotelrosita.com/the-hotel/.

PRE-TRIP REQUIREMENTS

- Must attend GCS 9-12 on Sunday nights minimum of 3 times each month Feb-July
- Must attend minimum of 5/6 pre-trip meetings
- Must have all payments in before we depart on the trip
- Attend Sunday morning send-off (planning for Sunday, July 25th)
- Must attend Summer Camp: July 20-24th, 2027

We are happy to work with you to make things work if you cannot accommodate this!

INCLUDED IN TRIP PRICE

AIRFARE

HOTEL

FOOD

BUS TRANSPORTATION

TEE SHIRT

TRIP SUPPLIES

SUMMER CAMP 2027 COST



PAYMENT PLAN

THIS PAYMENT PLAN CAN BE MET BY UTILIZING THE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES. DEPOSIT IS DUE TO SECURE A SPOT ON THE TRIP AND PAY FOR AIRFARE.

**INITIAL DEPOSIT (COVERING AIRFARE) (NON-REFUNDABLE):
\$400**

DUE: MARCH 21ST

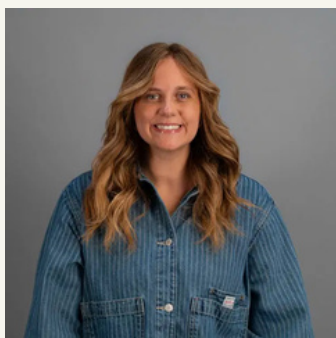
**PAYMENT 1: \$450
DUE: APRIL 25TH**

**PAYMENT 2: \$450
DUE: MAY 16TH**

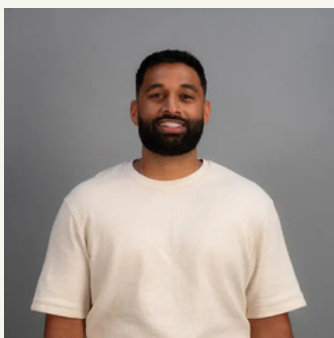
**PAYMENT 3: \$450
DUE: JUNE 13TH**

**PAYMENT 4 (FINAL PAYMENT): \$450
(\$550 FOR LATE REGISTRATION)
DUE: JULY 11TH**

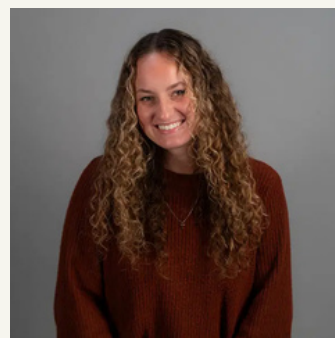
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FOR ANY QUESTIONS REACH OUT TO OUR STAFF TEAM

WHAT IS IT LIKE?

We will be staying at Hotel Rosita in downtown Puerto Vallarta and will travel to the church most everyday.

Here's a sample schedule to give you an idea of what it is like:

7:00 am Wake up/ Breakfast @ Hotel
8:00 am Depart for Church
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Serve at church
3:30-6:30 pm Back to hotel for free time
6:30 Dinner
7:00 pm Nightly Devotional
8:30 pm Nightly Session + Small groups
11:00 pm Lights out

HOTEL AND CHURCH INFORMATION

- THE CHURCH IS OUR GOLD CREEK MEXICO CAMPUS IN PUERTO VALLARTA,
 - GOLDCREEK.ORG/GLOBALMISSIONS. ADDRESS IS 27 DE SEPTIEMBRE #184, SALITRILLO, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO.
- WE WILL BE STAYING IN DOWNTOWN PUERTO VALLARTA, THE HOTEL ROSITA WEBSITE:
 - HOTELROSITA.COM/THE-HOTEL/.



TRIP POLICIES

MEXICO 2027 RULES

The following are the rules for the Mexico 2027 team trip. Applying to join us on this trip means abiding by these rules. Failure to do so may lead to being sent home on your dime.

- No guys in girl rooms and no girls in guy rooms.
- Students need to be on time to all meetings/ meals.
- Students need to be in groups of 4 and with a male leader whenever they leave the church or hotel.
- No traveling to/purchasing from stores or pharmacies alone
- No dating while in Mexico (We are here to serve not to go on vacation with our significant other)
- Be respectful to leaders and other students
- Use common sense
- Drinking, smoking, vaping, and getting tattoos are unacceptable



DEPOSIT POLICY

After airline tickets have been purchased, if a student backs out they are responsible for the price of the ticket.

Initial Deposit is non-refundable.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

GRACE HEINRICHS - GRADE 12

Gold Creek Mexico has such a special place in my heart, from the families and kids we get to connect with along with being able to grow spiritually and step outside of our comfort zones. I have loved being apart of the team and able to learn more and be a light to people, despite the language barrier and culture differences. We are all a family! I wouldn't rather spend my summer anywhere else, than with the children at VBS and being able to do other jobs around the church. Every year I have come out feeling more fulfilled, and always finding something new to grow in. it is so life changing!



FUNDRAISING

Our heart is that every student would be able to attend our Mexico Mission Trip, because of this, we have compiled fundrasing opportunities for students to participate in. Students will receive funds for every fundraiser they take part in.

DOUBLEGOOD POPCORN – JANUARY 2027

Doublegood is a popcorn sales fundraiser. Students will set up their shop and receive 50% of sales.

CAR WASHES – MAY/JUNE 2027

A few times this summer we'll be throwing car washes at one of our campuses! This is an awesome way that we see the community show up to support. We've seen people show up that are so excited about a bunch of Jesus loving teens who want to serve in a different country. This is such a fun, and easy way for students to make some money for their big trip!

TEXTILES – NOVEMBER 2026 –JULY 2027

Every year we partner with a local company for our big textile drive. Over the weeks leading up to July 11th, students can bring bags of clothes to be stored in a shipping container behind the Mill Creek Campus. We will keep track of the bags, and pay towards your mission trip according to the rate that they pay us. This is a huge fundraiser and in the past we have seen students raise more than \$800 from this effort. Don't rely purely on the clothes in your closet! Ask friends and family if they've got that random bag of clothing in their closet or garage. If you're really determined, you can check out local garage sales or estate sales and ask if they've got any clothing they didn't sell to give away.

RENT A STUDENT – ONGOING

Our church loves supporting students on their missions trip. The way we do this is through our Rent-A-Youth program. Very soon we will ask people from within our church what odd jobs they have for you to complete. This often looks like mowing lawns, cleaning garages, washing windows, and even moving people to a new house. This is a great opportunity for a student willing to get their hands dirty!

FUNDRAISING CONT.

MOMCO BABYSITTING - ONGOING

Our Momco connect group is filled with women who are looking for babysitters, if you agree, your name will be added to a list of students who will be asked to babysit for our Momco moms. This is a great way for students to support our momco group, as they support students.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - DECEMBER 2026/MARCH 2027

A couple times this school year we will be hosting a parents night out. Students will host a fun night of games while parents drop off their kids and have a parents night out. Students will be able to get a gauge in how it is to work with kids while also raising money for their trip!

SQUARE FUNDRAISER/CARD WRITING

One of the biggest ways students raise support for their missions trip is by writing letters to family, friends, and people in their community. This gives students the opportunity to share why they're going, what God is teaching them, and how others can partner with them through prayer and financial support. Writing support letters isn't just about raising money, it's about inviting others to be part of what God is doing through this trip. Every prayer, every gift, and every note of encouragement helps make this mission possible.

This year we will be attaching a square fundraiser for students to invite people to partner with them by choosing just one square to give. We saw a lot of success last year when we used this for camps and are excited for students to have this opportunity for Mexico.