

# Complete Belize 2018 meeting schedule

## FEBRUARY:

- 21 Contracts Due  
*See finance sheet for payment schedule*
- 25 Prep Meeting #1 6:00-8:30 pm

## MARCH:

- 11 Prep Meeting #2 6:00-8:30 pm  
*Medical release form due*  
*Thirst info forms due*

## APRIL:

- 15 Prep Meeting #3 6:00-8:30 pm  
*Pancake Wash \$\$ is due*  
*7 support letters due*
- 21 Pancake Wash 7:00 am
- 29 Prep Meeting #4 VBS prep day 3:00 pm-8:00 pm  
*Silent Auction Donation slips due*

## MAY:

- 19 Auction Set Up 9:00 am until done
- 20 Auction 5:00-9:30 pm

## JUNE:

- 10 Final Prep Meeting 9:00 am- 12:00  
*Commissioning and final parent/student meeting at 10:15*

## JULY:

- 5-12 Belize according to itinerary
- 10 Report Sunday & Dessert 6:00 pm

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Date due	Amount due	Cumulative amount due
February 21, 2018	\$225	\$225
March 11, 2018	\$225	\$450
April 29, 2018	\$225	\$675
June 10, 2018	\$225	\$900

## La Esperanza Project 2018 – Belize Mission Trip Finances

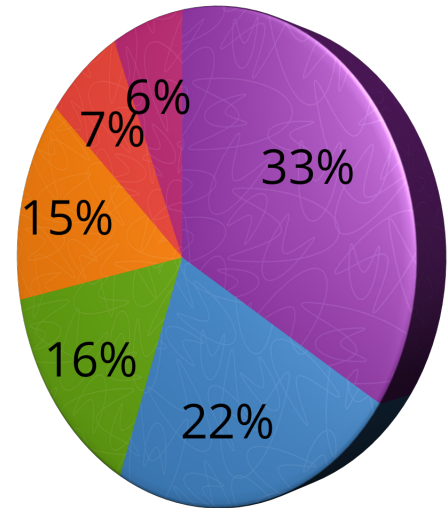
**The total trip cost per student is approximately \$2285. Costs include:**

- ✓ Round trip airfare (Seattle to Belize City) = \$900.
- ✓ Thirst Missions fees (room, food, transport, etc.) = \$785.
- ✓ Materials for building projects and VBS = \$165.
- ✓ Leaders' airfare and fees (1 leader : 4 students) = \$435.

- Student Payments
- Matching Funds
- Pancake Wash
- Auction
- Letters
- JK Support

**Trip costs are paid through various means, including:**

- ✓ Student and family payments (~33%)
- ✓ Mission auction item sales (~22%)
- ✓ Matching funds (~16%)
- ✓ Support letter donations (~15%)
- ✓ Pancake / car wash ticket sales (~7%)
- ✓ John Knox Church mission funds (~6%)



### Student and family payments -

- ✓ Total student and family payment responsibility = \$900.
- ✓ Payments are due as follows:

Date due	Amount due	Cumulative amount due
February 21, 2018	\$225	\$225
March 11, 2018	\$225	\$450
April 29, 2018	\$225	\$675
June 10, 2018	\$225	\$900

- ✓ Student and family payments can be made as follows
  - By deposit into the secure box located in the Youth Center
    - If paying with cash, please place in envelope with students name
    - Mark all checks with "Belize 2017" and the student's name
    - Online payments will also be available (information coming soon)
  - Please contact us ([belize.serve@gmail.com](mailto:belize.serve@gmail.com)) with questions

### Student fundraising -

- ✓ Support letter writing – letters ready to send by April 15, 2018
- ✓ Pancake / car wash ticket sales – 20 tickets sold and \$150 due by April 15, 2018
- ✓ Pancake / car wash event – Saturday, April 21, 2018
- ✓ Mission auction donation slips – due April 29 2018: 2 items or baskets with a minimum \$45 value each
- ✓ Mission auction event – Sunday, May 19-20, 2018

**NOTE:** The initial deposit is non-refundable. If there are reasons why you might need to drop out of the trip we will try to refund you any payment minus the deposit. This is not guaranteed. We will not be able refund any money after it has been spent on payments to Thirst Missions or airline tickets.

# **ESPERANZA PROJECT '18 – BELIZE, CA**

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## Application and Contract

**Belize 2018 Overview – July 5-12.** We will serve in Belize, Central America doing ministry with poor churches in Orange Walk. To apply for a spot on this year's EP mission, carefully read through the commitments, discuss it with your parent(s) and return your application no later than **Wednesday, February 21**. Join us as we commit to faith in action and living as a community.

### **Commitment 1: The Preparation**

This is a high commitment trip from the beginning. Our preparation is important. Participating in Belize 2018 is a commitment to:

1. Raising the needed money through the hard work of fundraising and
2. Putting in the time needed to build our group into a community with a common mission before we go through prep meetings, team meetings outside of scheduled prep times, and participation in the larger Sr high group.

### **Commitment 2: The Work**

We ask that everyone commit to being whole-heartedly committed to living out Christ's love through our service in Belize. Again, the expectation of your participation in this mission is that you will do whatever it takes to serve and love as Christ would.

### **Commitment 3: The Attitude and Actions**

EP is an opportunity to challenge ourselves to explore and grow in our understanding of what it means to be a Christ Follower and to reflect that desire in our attitude and our actions in all areas of our lives before and during the mission trip (and hopefully after!).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a separate piece of paper with your answer to the following questions:**

- Why do you want to serve with this youth group in Belize as part of the EP '18 team?
- Are you a Christian? If yes, how do you know? If no, what are your thoughts about God, Jesus and Christianity?
- What do you hope to accomplish in Belize this year?

If you are a senior, please answer: "How do you see your participation in Belize 18 helping the rest of this youth group?"

If you are not a senior please answer: What skills and talents do you bring that will be useful in serving in Belize? What do you hope to get out of this trip?

Have you read the commitments, looked carefully at the dates on the other sheet, discussed it with your parents, attach another sheet of paper with your response to the above questions? Have you talked to Dave about questions or potential conflicts? Are you fully committed to all of the above without reservation? Then please sign and turn this in to the church office or bring it to Dave.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIREMENTS AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

**Cost-** The out of pocket cost to you and or your family is \$900.00 which is payable in installments throughout our prep process. Please see the Belize 2018 Finances for a payment schedule and instructions

**Prep Meetings** – Prep meetings are important for us to be ready to serve in Belize, get organized for the fundraisers, and build community. You may have **ONE** excused absence from a prep meeting.

**Fundraisers** – Your student fees pay for approximately 1/3 of the total cost of each student. The fundraisers are important and need our full attention and best efforts! You will be expected to be at all the fundraising events. If you cannot, there is a possibility that you might be able to have someone replace you.

**Youth Group** – Students must also commit to being a part of the larger senior high community by participating in Wednesday night youth group. You may miss some nights, but we want you make an effort and a commitment to be part of the larger ministry. If you stop attending other ministry activity events, we will be talking with you to help you re-evaluate your commitment to the trip.

**Flexibility** – All of the requirements are in place because they are essential for us to raise money, be prepared to serve, and become a community with a common mission before we leave. If, however, you have conflicts that are inflexible, we may be able to adjust if you are committed and motivated.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Scholarships are available for all who have need and are willing to do some extra work before the mission trip.** We do have scholarships available. Do not let money be a reason for not attending the Esperanza Project mission trip. For more details on how scholarships work, contact Dave at [dave@jkpcusa.org](mailto:dave@jkpcusa.org) or -206-241-1606.

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## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Passport** - You will need a passport to travel to Belize. If you do not have one, apply for one soon.

**Immunizations & medication** - All travelers are required to be up to date on shots and vaccinations to attend the trip. Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccines are recommended as well as a current Tetanus. Additionally a prescription malaria medication should be obtained with weekly doses begun 1-2 weeks prior to the trip. Further information will be provided in the spring.

**Consent for Minor to Travel** - for students under age 18 a Consent for Minor to Travel form must be signed by the student's parents or legal guardian and notarized. This form will be distributed in June.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Check the website [www.getyourbutttoyouthgroup.com/belize](http://www.getyourbutttoyouthgroup.com/belize) for documents and updates about the trip.