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**APPLY ASAP—PROJECT WILL FILL BEFORE DEADLINE!**

**APPLY: 01.08—01.30.2017**

**PROJECT: 07.22—07.30.2017**

# 2017 BAJA MISSION PROJECT

## CCOB HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS

Our High School Ministry provides each student entering their freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years with the opportunity to engage in four different short-term mission project experiences. The cycle looks like this:

- **9th and 10th Grade:** Every other year, our freshman and sophomore students will have the opportunity to go on a domestic urban project like CSM Boston and a domestic rural project such as West Virginia.
- **11th and 12th Grade:** Similarly to our freshman + sophomore cycle, our juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to be a part of two international mission projects such as Baja California and the Dominican Republic.

## WHEN IS OUR PROJECT?

We depart on Saturday, July 22, 2017 in the morning and return in the evening of Sunday, July 30, 2017.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

CCOB High School students entering the 11th and 12th grades in the Fall of 2017 and have made a commitment to following Jesus Christ may apply. Most of all, students must be ready to step out of their comfort zone and have their faith stretched on a life-changing mission project. Applications are available January 8 — 30, 2017.

## WHERE IS THE PROJECT LOCATED?

Our Project will take place Baja, California located just over the Mexico | US Border. We will be serving with DOXA, an organization which exists to facilitate acts of service to those disadvantaged families in greater Tijuana, Mexico by groups of students and adults who are committed to expanding their understanding of social economic needs and discovering new life by giving themselves away.

## THIS IS NOT A “TRIP” — IT IS A “PROJECT”

Roca Y Agua is a trip. For a trip, you sign-up, show up, and go. Baja is a “Mission Project.” A Mission Project involves a much higher commitment than a trip. Students will deeply engage in project preparations (small group, team, financial partnerships, training, etc.) on top of continuing to be committed to Koinonia and most importantly, their Koinonia Small Group. All said, the full commitment to this Project covers a time span from February 1 through July 20, 2017.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- **DON'T WAIT!** Our Mission Projects often fill before the application deadline.
- Submitted applications will be numbered in the order received. We will use this order to schedule interviews. **DON'T WAIT!**
- Complete and sign the four-page CCOB application form and attach a copy of both sides of your Insurance Card.
- Attach a copy of your passport.
- Attach a check for \$100 deposit, payable to CCOB and refundable if you decide by February 8, 2017 not to participate.
- Mail / Turn-in your registration forms to Laurie Lamm in our Student Ministry Office | Mail Address is below.
- The deadline for submitting your application is Monday, January 30, 2017, at midnight.
- Online payment is not available for this Mission Project.

## QUESTIONS?

Please see page two of this application packet for questions frequently asked about our Baja Mission Project. Any other Questions? Please contact Laurie Lamm, Student Ministry Assistant, 630.321.3933 or llamm@cc-ob.org.

## BAJA MISSION PROJECT ■ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Our Summer Mission Projects are at the heart of the yearly Koinonia High School community. There is something about leaving your comfort zone and allowing yourself to be placed in unfamiliar territory that drives us into the arms of God. Students and Staff often leave for our projects saying that they are, “looking forward to going, serving, and loving on the people in Baja,” only to return proclaiming how much they were served and blessed by the very people they initially set out to help. Funny how God works!

### Questions & Details

While you probably have hundreds of really good questions about our Project, we will only answer the “biggies” here. On March 22th we will have a *Project Informational Meeting* where we will answer every possible question under the sun. In the meantime, if you do not find all the answers you need here to feel comfortable with your son/daughter applying for this Project, please feel free to reach out to Aaron!

### How is the funding handled for these Summer Mission Projects?

The complete cost for this Project is \$1380. Each student is required to pay \$400 from his/her personal funds. The remaining \$980 comes from partnerships students develop with folks who are interested in being a part of “sending” them on this mission project. For the past thirteen years, this system has worked very well for our individual students, high school community, and financial partners. This system will be explained in detail at our March 8th informational meeting. A deposit of \$100 is required with all applications.

### How will you travel to and around the San Diego and Baja? Are there flight “Deviations”?

We have a phenomenal travel agent who handles all of our travel. We are working on final details for our group flight from Chicago, Midway to San Diego, California. For this year’s project there will be no deviations. We will all fly together. While serving in Baja, California, our ground transportation will consist of rental vans and trucks driven by our adult staff.

### Is this Project safe?

Yes! All of our partners in San Diego and Mexico put participant safety first and foremost! We will be living in the DOXA *Hogar de los Ninos* Orphanage and serving in the surrounding neighborhood. All guys will room with guys; girls with girls. We will have a 1:6 Adult Staff to Student Ratio. Also, in the event of an injury, all students will be treated at a hospital in San Diego. We are looking forward to returning to Baja!

### What if my “Spanish” is really, really weak?

Students will be interviewed after submitting their initial application. The goal of our “interviews” is to discern what the best type of team is for each student. Spanish is not a huge necessity for this project. In our Project Training Sessions, we will help our non-Spanish speaking students learn some basic phrases which will be helpful while serving in Baja.

### What about food, water, etc.?

All water is bottled and all food is prepared for us by our Trip Parents. 95% of our food will be purchased in San Diego and taken to the Orphanage by our Pre-Project Team. The Orphanage has a regular bottled-water company that delivers water daily.

### What does Adult Staffing look like for our Project?

Our regular Small Group Staffers / College Student Leaders will make up our Staff Team.

### Who can I contact with more questions?

Aaron Foster | High School Coordinator  
afoster@cc-ob.org | 630.321.3942

Laurie Lamm | Student Min Genius  
LLamm@cc-ob.org | 630-321-3933

Pete Stearns | Student Min Director  
pstearns@cc-ob.org | 630-321-3927

### SCHEDULE

#### Saturday [travel]

Fly to San Diego  
Pack the Vans  
Lunch @ In & Out  
Coronado Island Briefing  
Drive to Hogar de los Ninos  
Project Build Orientation  
Dinner  
Worship / Team Time  
Small Groups  
To Bed

#### Sunday-Thursday [project]

Breakfast  
Load Trucks for Work Day  
House Build Sites  
Lunch  
House Build Sites  
Dinner  
Team Time / Worship  
Small Group Stories  
Chill Time  
To Bed

#### Friday [into debrief]

Breakfast  
Clean-Up and Pack  
Depart for La Jolla  
Debrief Begins  
Dinner  
Worship / Team Time  
Small Group Stories  
Chill Time @ Beach  
To Bed

#### Saturday [debrief]

Breakfast  
Small Groups / Team Time  
Lunch / Free Time  
Dinner  
Worship  
Small Group Closure  
To Bed

#### Sunday [travel]

Breakfast / Team Time  
Drive to Airport  
Fly to Chicago  
Home

## BAJA MISSION PROJECT ■ SCHEDULE

### Our 2017 Baja Mission Project Schedule.

Here is the rough schedule of "The Road to the Project". We will have a Parent Informational Meeting that is to be attended by the project participant (student) and one or hopefully both parents on March 22, 2017. This is a big night of talking through all of the details of the project. If you need to have important questions answered before this date, please email Aaron Foster, [afoster@cc-ob.org](mailto:afoster@cc-ob.org).

#### **Application / Passport Deadline (w/ \$100 deposit)**

*Completed Application, Health Insurance Card, Passport  
Along with a \$100, refundable deposit, January 8-30*

**Monday, January 30 - midnight**

#### **Participant Interviews**

*Before Orientation Meeting, Koinonia, and Mosaic*

**February 12, 19, 26 (by appointment)**

#### **Parent / Student Project Orientation Meeting**

*We will cover all details and seek to answer all questions!  
Personal Payment (\$300) is due this evening  
All Students Letters DUE 3/26—Approved for mailing  
Email letter draft to Laurie Lamm (girls): [llamm@cc-ob.org](mailto:llamm@cc-ob.org)  
And Aaron Foster (guys): [afoster@cc-ob.org](mailto:afoster@cc-ob.org)*

**Wednesday, March 22, 7:00-8:30 pm**

#### **Project Training Session #1**

*All Support Letters Mailed*

**Sunday, April 2, 9:00-10:15am (SC1)**

#### **Project Training Session #2**

*Final Names for Airline Reservation Due  
First Half of financial support due (\$490)  
Cut off date for funding\**

**Sunday, April 9, 9:00-10:15am (SC1)**

#### **Project Training Session #3**

**Sunday, April 30, 9:00-10:15am (SC1)**

#### **Project Training Session #4**

*Second Half of financial support due (\$490)  
Support raising finished (all phone calls made)  
All money – deposit \$100 + personal \$300 + first half \$490 + second half \$490 = total support (\$1380) due*

**Sunday, May 7, 9:00-10:15am (SC1)**

#### **Individual Small Group Gatherings**

**Throughout June and July, TBA**

#### **Final Pre-Project Team Meeting #6**

*Big Final Details Meeting for Team, Parents, & Staff*

**Sunday, July 16, 2017, 12:00 pm-12:30 pm (SC1)**

#### **Baja Mission Project**

**Saturday, July 22 — Sunday, July 30, 2017**

Each Project Participant, as an expression of their personal commitment to this project, will be an active participant in our Koinonia Community which meets Sunday evenings from 7-8:45pm – February – May, 2017.

(\* ) 1/2 of all project funds must be in by this date or trip space will be forfeited



## BAJA MISSION PROJECT ■ BUDGET

### Our 2017 Baja Mission Project Budget.

Here is our itemized budget, per student, for our 2017 Baja Mission Project. We will fly as a group from Chicago to San Diego, California. We will rent 15 Passenger Vans and Ford F250 Trucks in San Diego for our transportation in San Diego, Baja, and La Jolla.

<b>Airfare</b> <i>We have a phenomenal travel agent who is hard at work on our itinerary We are confident she will get us the best "group rate" available *We are still waiting on final \$ numbers—this could impact our budget There will be no deviations for any student on this year's project</i>	<b>\$600*</b>
<b>Hogar de los Ninos Lodging</b> <i>We will stay at the orphanage in the student team housing facility</i>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Project Participant International Travel Insurance</b> <i>International Travel Insurance for each Project Participant</i>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Meals and Bottled Water</b> <i>Covers all meals, snacks, and bottled water</i>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>Ground Transportation</b> <i>We will rent trucks and vans in San Diego, driven by our adult leaders</i>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Individual Project Site Donations, Building Materials, and Supplies</b> <i>Covers everything we need to build (6) homes</i>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>Debrief Lodging and Food</b> <i>The amazing super-safe, super isolated, little town of La Jolla La Jolla Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon—Saturday, departing Sunday</i>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Training Supplies</b> <i>Guidebook and all Copy Expenses, etc.</i>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>PROJECT PARTICIPANT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1380</b>



**BAJA MISSION PROJECT ■ JULY 22— 30, 2017**

DATE RECEIVED

NUMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth [MM / DD / YY]: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  F  M

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade [Fall 2017]:  11  12**PAYMENT ENCLOSED**

Price includes round trip group airfare, lodging, meals, training materials, construction supplies, and Staff.

- \$100 Deposit due with app. by 01.30.17 at midnight
- \$300 Personal Payment Due 03.22.17
- \$980 Provided by Support Partners
- \$1380 = Total Cost of Baja Project

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**Christ Church of Oak Brook****REGISTRATION POLICY**

A \$100. deposit is due upon application submission. This deposit may be refunded at our March 22nd Parent/Student Project Informational Meeting, if the student decides not to participate at that time. Deposits will not be refunded after March 22, 2017. A Second Personal Payment of \$300 is due on March 22, 2017. The remaining \$980 will be provided by financial support partners. We will talk through the "Financial Partners" aspect of our Project on March 22nd. Students are accountable for all Project Fees on April 1, 2017 as this is the date when we will "ticket" our project participants airfare itinerary with our Travel Agent.

**PARENT PERMISSION & MEDICAL RELEASE**

By signing below: (1) I give my permission for the student named above to participate in the named activity (as more fully described in this application packet) sponsored by Christ Church of Oak Brook (CCOB). (2) In consideration of CCOB's allowing the student to participate, I release CCOB and its members, officers, directors, employees and agents from any liability for any injury to or death of, or damage to or loss of personal property belonging to, the student occurring in connection with the activity. (3) If I cannot be reached in the event of an accident or other medical emergency, I authorize a physician selected by the High School Pastor or other representative of CCOB to approve any medical treatment deemed necessary, including but not limited to trauma treatment, administration of medication, hospitalization, anesthesia and surgery. (4) I agree that any photographs, video recordings and voice recordings of the student taken or made in connection with the activity will be the sole property of CCOB and may be used by CCOB for any promotional and informational purposes it deems appropriate, including without limitation exhibits, displays, DVDs and CDs, printed collateral, Web pages and external periodicals.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application: Page 1 of 4 ■ Please attach both sides of your insurance card and passport. Thank you.**

**BAJA MISSION PROJECT   ▪   JULY 22—30, 2017**

**Name:**

**Why do you want to join us for our Baja Mission Project? Please list 3 specific reasons.**

**What is your relationship with Jesus like? How has it changed this past school year?**

**Describe your commitment to your Mentor / Small Group.**

**What has been the hardest experience for you this year? How did this experience shape you as a Jesus-Follower?**

**What is your biggest concern or fear being a part of this mission project?**

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Name:

What previous mission projects have you been a part of, if any? Please list any/all leadership roles in which you have served.

What is one thing you have learned @ Koinonia this year and how has it impacted your journey as a Jesus-Follower?

How is your Spanish? Are you Fluent? Can you get By? Spanglish? Struggling? Learning? Barely Able? (circle one)

On a mission project would you rather:  Work Hard    Connect with People    Experience the Culture (only chk 1box)

Please expand on the box you checked above....

Anything you would like us to know as you apply for this Project?



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Name:

Please list the names of 15 friends, family members, coaches, teachers, etc. who might be open to supporting you financially:

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| 2. | 7.  | 12. |
| 3. | 8.  | 13. |
| 4. | 9.  | 14. |
| 5. | 10. | 15. |

Are you able to fully be engaged and committed to your Koinonia Small Group, February — May, 2017?    yes    no

*...If you answered "no" please explain.....*

Are you and a parent able to attend our Parent / Student Informational Meeting on March 8, 7-8:30pm    yes    no

*...If you answered "no" please explain.....*

Are you able to attend our 6 Baja Project Training Sessions listed on page 3    yes    no

*...If you answered "no" please explain.....*

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature:

Date: