



# SunShine Philippines 2018

A Forest Lake Academy-sponsored mission trip on March 1-12, 2018

## Mission Trip Application FORM

(Please PRINT or TYPE the information)

Personal Information

FULL LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Passport Information

Do you have a Passport?  Yes  No

Name as it appears on the passport:

\_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Are you current with your immunizations? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

## Previous Mission Trip Experience

Have you been on a mission trip before?  Yes  No

Domestic  International

**TO WHERE?**

**WHEN?**

**LENGTH OF TRIP?**

**ORGANIZATION?**

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## Your Commitment

Serving Christ in a foreign environment will require living outside of our cultural norms. Will you be able to lay aside expectations of American standards regarding personal conveniences, food, sleeping accommodations, dress, travel, etc.?

Yes  No

Are you willing to submit to the leadership and discipleship process of this team?

Yes  No

Preparation for the mission trip will require attending several trainings and meetings over the next several weeks. Can you make this a priority?

Yes  No

Do you have any special health issues that will require special medication or diet? Please indicate if you are taking anti-depression or any other behavioral medications.

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Do you have any special food limitations that will require a special diet on mission site or enroute to the destination?

Yes  No

Please check your talents, skills, and interests--including sports, musical, drama, children's ministry, computer, media, and others:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling             | <input type="checkbox"/> Play piano                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Love being with kids     | <input type="checkbox"/> Play guitar                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppet ministry          | <input type="checkbox"/> Play trumpet                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading out in song      | <input type="checkbox"/> Play violin                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama                    | <input type="checkbox"/> What other instrument _____                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign language            | <input type="checkbox"/> Love sports (soccer, basketball, volleyball) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Love to play board games | <input type="checkbox"/> Good with computers                          |

Please tell us if you have experienced the following. Check all that apply:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Been convicted of a crime   | <input type="checkbox"/> Had an eating disorder                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Been involved in alcohol or drug abuse                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Had breathing problems                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intentionally inflicted harm on yourself or had thoughts of suicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Currently on a prescribed medication           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Been involved in cult or occult                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Been treated for physical or mental impairment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Had seizures or fainting spells                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken depression or behavioral medication      |

The information listed on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. Yes, I am interested in participating in *SonShine Philippines 2018 Mission Trip*

Applicant Signature:

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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT Application form and \$200 non-refundable application fee to:**

Terry Sampson or Judel Ditta  
 Forest Lake Academy  
 500 Education Loop, Apopka, FL 32703  
 407.772.3784  
 sampson@forestlake.org, dittaj@forestlake.org

DEADLINE:  
October 20, 2017

- **Commitment to Christ and the Church:** Each team member must be a born-again Christian committed to serving Jesus.
- **Time Commitment:** Each team member must be willing to commit the time required by the Team Leader for preparation for the mission. Time requirements include sufficient time in prayer, team meetings, and ministry preparation, including fund-raising activities.
- **Testimony:** Each team member must prepare a written testimony about their salvation and explain why Christ is the center of their life. Team members must be prepared to be called upon to share their testimony during the trip.
- **Applications, Forms and Documents:** Each team member must review and/or complete the following forms:
  - Application
  - Emergency Form
  - Waiver and Release of Legal Liability
  - Financial Agreement
  - Any Medication Criteria
  - A short paragraph stating why you want to join this mission trip (already included in the *Interest* application form)
- **Medical Information:** Each member is required to provide the Team Leader with any medical information necessary to assist in providing emergency medical aid.
- **Financial:** Costs for this trip include travel expenses, room and board, and related ministry expenses. Each team member is responsible for raising necessary funds.
- **Submission to Team Authority:** Each member is required to submit to the authority of the Team Leader and the leadership of our hosts on the mission field. Forest Lake Academy mission team leaders reserve the right to send uncooperative team members home at any point on the participants own expense.

The guidelines listed below are recommended for those participating on this mission trip. You go not as a tourist but as a **guest and minister** to another country. Many of the countries we visit are considered less developed countries and do not have the same conveniences you are use to at home. It is very important to be flexible and adjust to the requests of your host.

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of a short-term mission. If accepted as a member of this *SonShine Philippines 2018* team, I agree to:

- . \_\_\_\_ 1. Acknowledge that by engaging myself in this journey I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily. Including and in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including but not limited to such things as health hazards due to food, water, diseases, pests, or poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control of population; potential injury while working; or inadequate medical facilities.
- . \_\_\_\_ 2. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip. I understand that travel especially to a remote location, can be difficult and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are made.
- . \_\_\_\_ 3. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
- . \_\_\_\_ 4. Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try and understand and minister to the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint and style. I promise to regard the different styles of worshiping with respect.
- . \_\_\_\_ 5. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
- . \_\_\_\_ 6. Refrain from meddling, complaining and obscene or offensive humor. I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while on site will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly.
- . \_\_\_\_ 7. Understand that our team's work is but a very tiny speck on the big picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be demanding, to do my best not to offend a local mission host, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.

- . \_\_\_\_8. Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or mission organization. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking and other such traditions which will help me assimilate into the local community.
- . \_\_\_\_9. Allow myself to be “stretched” in my faith by witnessing, praying for or sharing my testimony whether it is during or service or street ministry.
- . \_\_\_\_10. Remember we are Christians from another part of the world and we will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility.
- . \_\_\_\_11. Avoid any actions that might be perceived as flirtatious attentions toward indigenous people I meet. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team member during this trip.
- . \_\_\_\_12. Refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity.
- . \_\_\_\_13. I will consult first with the team leader before I promise or give a gift, and I promise to let him or her make the final decision on the matter. This covenant does not apply to the small fellowship tokens we will discuss and have approved before leaving home. As a team we may be leaving a gift to be given to the host church/ministry.
- . \_\_\_\_14. Remember that every member of this group is expected to share freely of their particular blessings and talents, whether that is skills in music, art, carpentry, or basic hard work. I agree to participate in these ways as fully as possible.
- . \_\_\_\_15. Attend all team meetings possible, both prior to the departure and during the mission trip.
- . \_\_\_\_16. Expediently follow up on all requirements for passports, visas, financial obligations, vaccinations, travel insurance, etc.
- \_\_\_\_17. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the safety or success of the trip, my services in connection with this mission trip shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
- \_\_\_\_18. In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

**Participant's Signature:**

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**If participant is less than 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian's signature:**

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**Today's Date:**

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**Parent/Guardian Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Daytime Phone Number:**

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**Cell Phone Number:**

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We fully support and give permission for our child to go on the SonShine Philippines Mission 2018 trip. We understand that we will engage in our own fundraising efforts and will take responsibility for any funds needed for the total amount of the trip of \$2,500.00 to be paid in full by February 9, 2018.

I, the undersigned, have read the *Financial Policies* listed in this application on page 8 and agree to abide by the terms listed.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

**How is the cost determined?**

At the beginning of the trip we develop an estimate of potential expenses. These expenses include airfare and related transportation costs, team training and administration costs, board and lodging expenses, and ministry expenses. Every effort is made to minimize costs without jeopardizing the quality, effectiveness, or safety of the ministry.

**What IS included in the cost?**

- Tourist-type events
- Airfare
- Room and Board
- Local transportation to and from airports, lodging, mission venue, side trips

**What is not included in the cost?**

Personal expenses are not included.

**How can I raise funds?**

We encourage team members to raise funds primarily through their fund raising letters. Raising funds through these letters expands the group of family and friends who will be praying for you, and gives a wider group of people to participate in the ministry. Previous teams have found that fifty letters sent out in a timely basis will bring in the necessary funds.

**How critical are the deadlines?**

The deadlines are vital. Usually the deadline is determined based on a major payment for airlines, visas, housing accommodations, or vehicle rental deposits. Therefore, every effort must be made to make payments on time. If through unforeseen circumstances, this is not possible, let your team leader know as soon as possible.

**Is this trip tax deductible?**

Yes. For each person who gives support to you as long as the check is made out to **Forest Lake Academy** with the memo **SonShine Philippines 2018**.

**What is the proper way to explain to people how to give money to this ministry?**

The explanation should contain the following information:

- It should be above and beyond faith promise/tithe made by them
- The check must be made out to *Forest Lake Academy*
- Contributions should be mailed directly to *Forest Lake Academy*
- All funds must be in by the final deadline
- PayPal link on the FLA website ([forestlakeacademy.org](http://forestlakeacademy.org))

**What if more money comes in for me than I need?**

Throughout this ministry you will be functioning as a part of a team. Your effectiveness is determined not just from an individual standpoint, but also as a team. Therefore, the goal is to fund the entire trip, and any monies given beyond what is needed for the trip will be used to leave a monetary gift for our host.

**SonShine Philippines 2018**  
**FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**

| <b>PAYMENT</b>          | <b>AMOUNT</b>  | <b>DUE DATE</b>   |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Deposit/Application Fee | \$200          | October 20, 2017  |
| First Payment           | \$600          | November 17, 2017 |
| Second Payment          | \$600          | December 15, 2017 |
| Third Payment           | \$600          | January 19, 2017  |
| Final Payment           | \$500          | February 9, 2018  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$2,500</b> |                   |

We at SonShine Philippines 2018 desire to be wise stewards of the finances and resources that the Lord has blessed us with. We determine short-term trip fees based on the best estimate of the actual cost of the trip, with very little “cushion” beyond that. When we design the payment schedule, it is in accordance with financial deadlines that have to be met. As such, we need to adhere to the following financial principles:

**Deposit:** Non-Refundable A deposit is due at the specified time early in the team development process. This amount covers modest initial costs that are incurred, indicates a level of commitment on the part of the team member, and if the team member ultimately decides to not go on the trip, sows seeds into the team for those who do go.

**First, Second, Third Payment: Non-Refundable Upfront Costs and Airline Fee:** The exact amount of this fee is specific to each trip, and is due on the date indicated at the outset of the team planning. If the team member ultimately decides to not go on the trip, this amount *cannot* be refunded as the airlines no longer allow refunds, nor do they allow name changes. Airlines have greatly tightened their rules on this issue since September 11<sup>th</sup>. Once the airline fee is paid, it is simply not refundable.

**Fourth & Final Payment: Team Room & Board and other travel expenses:** This amount is also specific to each trip, and is due on the date indicated at the outset of the team planning. If the team member ultimately decides to not go on the trip, there is no refund for this Final Payment.

**Monies received beyond that needed:** Throughout this ministry you will be functioning as a part of a team. Your effectiveness is determined not just from an individual standpoint, but also as a team. Therefore, the goal is to fund the entire trip, and any monies given beyond what you need will be used to leave a monetary gift for our host.

I, The undersigned have read the foregoing *Financial Policies*, fully understand it and agree to abide by the terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (for participants under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Guardian Print Name

**Please Make Checks Payable to: Forest Lake Academy. If your supporters are sending checks directly to FLA, please have them write your name on the memo portion of the check after the *SonShine Philippines 2018* memo entry.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION or QUESTIONS:*****SonShine Philippines 2018***

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