



St. Ursula Academy

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SUA 2016 Summer Service Trips *Frequently Asked Questions*

What are the service trips?

SUA is offering three summer service trips next year:

- Appalachia Trip (contact Kevin Shannon at kshannon@toledosua.org)
- Catholic HEART Work Camp (contact Michelle Mello at mmello@toledosua.org)
- Nicaragua Service Trip (contact John Brahier at jbrahier@toledosua.org)

Information about each of the trips can be found on the following pages!

When are applications due?

Applications for the Catholic HEART Work Camp trip and Nicaragua Service Trip are both due on October 29th at 3:00 pm. They should be turned into the Campus Ministry Office!

Appalachia Trip

What?	When?	Where?	Who?	How?
Service trip in West Virginia	June 11 – 17, 2016	Kermit, WV	Any high school student	See Campus Ministry

Please email Kevin Shannon (kshannon@toledosua.org) directly.



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Catholic HEART Work Camp

What?	When?	Where?	Who?	How?
Service and faith formation	June 12 – 18, 2016	Mishawaka, Indiana	Any 9 – 12 student	Apply by October 29 th at 3 pm

Who is going?

SUA will be taking 11 students with 3 adults and will be joining Catholic HEART Work Camp as the sponsoring organization.

What will the team be doing?

Each Work Camp is equipped with a summer staff, director, manager, musician, nurse, and priests to celebrate Mass/confession. Between 250 and 300 participants stay at a school where all activities take place. Participants sleep in the classrooms.

Students will be divided into seven-member work teams with an adult leader. Being in work teams with people from different Catholic organizations will give students an opportunity to meet other teenagers and develop new, lasting friendships.

The work days consist of various physical service projects, including painting, yard work, neighborhood revitalization, and many other projects. The evening programs will be filled with activities, music, skits, videos, slides of the work day, testimonies from teens, motivational speakers, and prayer. Each night will be different and special. There will be an opening and closing Mass with Daily Masses offered throughout the week.

What is Catholic HEART Work Camp?

Their mission is clear – to share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and the marginalized in any way needed. Equally, they exist to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life and foster the Catholic faith of each participant through the sacraments, prayer, and involvement in social service. More information can be found at www.heartworkcamp.com.

How can my daughter apply?

Applications can be picked up in the Campus Ministry Office and should be returned no later than October 29th at 3 pm! A non-refundable \$85 deposit is also required for participation in the trip. The total cost will be approximately \$450.

Please consult the Catholic HEART Work Camp's FAQ page for more information:

<http://heartworkcamp.com/f-a-q-s/>.

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Nicaragua Service Trip

What?	When?	Where?	Who?	How?
International service trip	June 19 – 26, 2016	Granada, Nicaragua	Classes of 2016 & 2017	Apply by October 29 th at 3 pm

What is the goal of the trip?

The goal of the trip is to encourage students to broaden their horizons and experience poverty first-hand. Participants will serve as active agents for change and will learn how individuals can play a role in alleviating conditions of poverty. Additionally, students will grow in their faith and will experience God through their service.

What will the team be doing?

The team will be working with the garbage dump community in Granada. Essentially, a group of people has centered its livelihood around a garbage dump due to a lack of resources. They live near the dump, work in the dump, and generally live in poor conditions. The team will be assisting with a housing project that International Samaritan has developed to provide local residents with more stable housing. In the evenings, students will unwind at the retreat center where they will be staying and will participate in faith-sharing and team-bonding exercises. A more detailed itinerary can be provided upon request and will be discussed at the first parent meeting. Please contact John Brahier (jbrahier@toledosua.org) with more questions.

Who is going?

SUA is working with a non-profit organization called International Samaritan to take a group of SUA students and chaperones to Granada, Nicaragua during June 2016. A maximum of 17 SUA students can attend the trip. The trip is only open to the current junior and senior classes (Class of 2016 and Class of 2017).

Is it safe?

International Samaritan and SUA take safety and security very seriously and will take every precaution to ensure that the trip is safe. International Samaritan reserves the right to cancel the trip if the situation changes in Nicaragua, but the situation on-site is currently safe. Other all-girls schools have sent teams to serve in the same location and have been safe. The girls will spend their nights in a retreat center that is safe and secure. Every precaution will be taken to ensure safety! Please contact John Brahier (jbrahier@toledosua.org) with any questions about safety and security.

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What is International Samaritan?

International Samaritan is a non-profit organization that serves victims of severe poverty in developing countries by partnering with them and others to alleviate hunger, homelessness, endemic disease, and ignorance. International Samaritan works with schools and other programs around the country to provide opportunities for service. Locally, they work with St. John's Jesuit High School and Notre Dame Academy, who offer similar service trips. More information can be found at International Samaritan's website: www.intsam.org.

How much does the trip cost?

The trip will cost approximately \$2,300 per student. This cost, however, does depend on the number of students who participate. A breakdown of the potential costs and deposit submissions can be found directly below.

17 Students (Maximum Number)

Cost per student: \$2,295

- December 1st: \$500
- February 2nd: \$1,000
- April 26th: \$795

14 Students

Cost per student: \$2,230

- December 1st: \$500
- February 2nd: \$1,000
- April 26th: \$730

10 Students

Cost per student: \$2,340

- December 1st: \$500
- February 2nd: \$1,000
- April 26th: \$840

8 Students (Minimum Number)

Cost per student: \$2,440

- December 1st: \$500
- February 2nd: \$1,000
- April 26th: \$940

This cost is all-inclusive for the trip itself except for one meal, a small entry fee upon arrival to the country, and spending money. For further questions regarding what is covered, please contact John Brahier (jbrahier@toledosua.org).

Group and individual fundraising efforts will be highly encouraged! Part of the team's responsibilities will be to organize some fundraising events to offset the cost of the trip.

What are the responsibilities of the team?

Student team members will be expected to attend regular orientation meetings in the spring semester. These meetings will introduce students to Nicaraguan culture, politics, and lifestyles in addition to preparing students logistically for the trips. *This is more than just a trip; this experience involves service, faith formation, and education.*

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The events will also serve as team-bonding exercises. There are also other logistical expectations (vaccines, passports, etc.) that team members will be made aware of throughout the process. Team members are expected to be present for the entire trip. Additionally, post-trip requirements include advertising the trip to future classes, assisting future groups with fundraising events, and continued service efforts as a group.

Lastly, there will be several parent information sessions to ensure that parents receive regular communication and are active members of the process.

Does my daughter have to speak Spanish?

No!

How can my daughter apply?

Applications can be picked up in the Campus Ministry Office. Applications for this trip include three parts:

1. Written Application

This is a two-sided sheet, which is due on October 29th at 3 pm in the Campus Ministry Office.

2. Teacher Recommendation

This is a short form that each student should give to a teacher. The teachers will directly submit these forms. (Make sure to give these forms to a teacher early so they can be submitted on time!)

3. Interview

A short interview will be scheduled upon completion and submission of an application.

With more questions, please contact John Brahier at jbrahier@toledosua.org.