

**FSM 2024**



**BENTONVILLE**

Applications open on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

They are due by **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Fill them out on the Fellowship App or at **fsmbentonville.org**

**NASHVILLE**

**9<sup>th</sup> graders only**

30 students (*15 guys/15 girls*),

4 leaders

March 17-23, 2024

\$800 per student

Led By: Allie Brummer

**WEST VIRGINIA**

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

50 students (*25 guys/25 girls*),

6 leaders

March 17-23, 2024

\$875 per student

Led By: Jordan Tong

**GUATEMALA**

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

28 students (*14 guys/14 girls*),

4 leaders

March 16-22, 2024

\$2,375 per student

Led By: Rashel Quintanilla

**BELIZE**

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

27 students (*15 guys/16 girls*),

4 leaders

March 17-23, 2024

\$2,375 per student

Led By: Bryan Seba

**PANAMA**

**12<sup>th</sup> graders only**

16 students (*8 guys/8 girls*),

4 leaders

March 15-23, 2024

\$2,375 per student

Led By: Kyle Plunkett

# How to Register

- ⇒ Fill out the online **Trip Application**. These can be found as a featured highlight on the Fellowship App, or by navigating to the Spring Break button on our website: **fsmbentonville.org**
- ⇒ Applications need to be filled out by the student and “signed” online by a parent.
- ⇒ **Applications are due online by 11:59pm on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**
- ⇒ On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the FSM team will compile all of the signups and begin trip placements.
- ⇒ Placements will not be based on how quickly you can press a button when signups open. Instead, placements will happen based on trip preferences as ranked by each student. Here are a few details to explain the process:
  - Seniors will be placed first, followed by juniors, then sophomores
  - Student applications will be put into trip piles based on their #1 preference
  - We will draw from these piles randomly until:
    - ◇ All applicants in that pile have been placed, or
    - ◇ The available spots fill up
  - If there are people in that round who did not get placed to their trip preference, they will be placed on the waiting list for that trip.
  - After this is done for each trip, we will do the same thing for the #2 preferences of any remaining applicants, then preference #3, and so on until everyone has been placed or all trip spots fill up.
  - Any applications received after November 5<sup>th</sup> will be placed after all on-time applications have been placed.
  - Each applicant will be contacted by email by November 7<sup>th</sup> with their trip placement and details on paying the deposit.
- ⇒ The hope behind this is to serve you well by simplifying the signup process and relieving families from the stress of having to be tied to your computer/phone at a certain day/time.

# Policies of Fellowship Bible Church for Raising Support

Mission trip participants can solicit gifts to cover part or all of the expenses necessary for the particular trip if they so choose. When participants raise part or all of the funds required for a trip, Fellowship records the amounts raised in separate accounts for each participant as a way of monitoring whether sufficient funds have been raised to cover the expenses of the participant's trip. You can set up an account on Fellowship's website and then check support balances anytime you want.

Charges are then made against your account for expenses incurred for the trip. If the individual does not go on the trip for any reason, it will not be refunded to donors even if you send in money to your account yourself. The IRS stipulates that the leadership of Fellowship must be able to have adequate discretion and control over the gifts which is a condition for allowing them to be tax deductible for the donor. In addition, Fellowship pays significant money up front for transportation, lodging, etc. and incurs other expenses that have to be paid.

If more money comes in to the church for your account above the cost of the trip, that money is not refundable. This extra money goes into the overall team account to be used for other expenses on the trip. All money given to Fellowship with an expectation of receiving an IRS tax deduction cannot be refundable.

**Your initial deposit of \$50 is intended to indicate your serious commitment to participate in an FSM mission trip.**

**If you submit an application, along with the \$50 initial deposit and then decide at a later date not to participate in your mission trip, your deposit (and any other payments made) will not be refunded. You may also be required to pay up to the total cost of the trip.**

Once signed up, the \$50 deposit plus any support raised will not be refunded to you or your donors due to tax/non-profit codes. If you have to drop out, and haven't raised enough support to cover these costs, you will be responsible for paying the amount listed below (minus what you've raised in support).

## Drop-Date Costs

⇒ Within 3 days of acceptance email | \$50 to cover non-refundable deposit

⇒ Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> | \$100 to cover the cost of canceling the airline ticket\*

⇒ Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - Trip departure | \$950-\$1500 *depending on the airline ticket price*\*

⇒ Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> | *Half payment due (for all participants)*

⇒ Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> | *Full payment due (for all participants)*

If you drop after this date, you may be responsible for the full trip cost

*\*The dates in red are for the international trips*