

REMINDERS

for your 2026 pre-packaged mission trip



BEFORE THE TRIP

Our Paperwork is Paperless

Most of our paperwork is digital, and you can find all release forms, covenants, and group forms on our paperwork portal, Go.YouthWorks.Com, via your dashboard. Some communities require additional, site-specific waivers. You can find these in a waiver packet on Go starting in May. Everyone in your group needs to have all paperwork complete before your trip. For more information on managing paperwork, check out your [Trip Leader Paperwork Instructions](#).

Pre-Trip Communication

We strive to offer you the best communication possible leading up to your trip. Three weeks before your trip, you'll get a Pre-Trip Email with all the necessary site-specific information.

We'll also host a virtual Pre-Trip Meeting for all Trip Leaders going on a trip the same week. This meeting will include general information about your trip as well as some time to meet the other Trip Leaders who will be with you on site during your mission trip! Information about the time, date, and a registration link for this meeting will be sent to you via email.

YW Store

The YouthWorks Store exists for people who want to remember their YouthWorks experience with a T-shirt or other item. We dedicate a portion of our store profits to empower participants and partners who feel called to keep serving their communities. We call this commitment Launching Lives of Service. These funds can help a student return home to start a new nonprofit, support a Community Host as they step boldly into serving a new community, or equip a local partner to meet an unmet need.

Get a sneak peek and order ahead at store.youthworks.com. There will also be an opportunity to buy from the YW Store during your trip. Note: The on-site YW Store is cashless and not available in Puerto Rico.

Safety Reminders

Use our [Safety Page](#) to prepare yourself, your Adult Leaders, and your students to uphold our safety expectations during the trip. Before your trip, work with parents/guardians to have a plan in place in case a student needs to leave the trip early for whatever reason (family emergency, behavioral issue, etc.).

DURING THE TRIP

What to Expect Upon Your Arrival

If you have never been on a YouthWorks pre-packaged trip before, this is for you! Find this document in the Just Before Your Trip section of your Trip Resources Page in May to learn more about what to expect when you arrive to start your trip!

Meal & Allergy Information

We will provide breakfast, lunch, dinner, and two snacks every day of your trip (starting with dinner on Sunday and ending with breakfast on Friday). Check out the [Basic Meal Plan & Allergy Info doc](#) in the 3 Months Out section of your Trip Resources Page for more. Pass on any helpful information to your group.

Shower Reminders

You will get more information about your community's specific shower setup via email three weeks before your trip. While we partner with facilities able to grant us private access where we can, many of our communities have shower facilities that are off-site, and in some of our communities we shower in public facilities. Your group will have the opportunity to shower for the first time on Monday afternoon or evening.

During the Trip Resources

Before your trip, scroll through our [Resources for During Your Trip page](#) to be familiar with what's there. Among others, there are resources to help you plan for and manage behavioral issues.