

Pursuing God's Work- Alaska 2021



Dear prospective missionary!

Thank you for your interest in the **2021 Young Adult Missions Trip to Tanalian Bible Camp** in Port Alsworth AK. We'll be working with 5-6 graders **June 18 – 28** (Friday to the following Monday night). I'd encourage you to check out their website, <http://www.tanalianbiblecamp.org>. This will be the 5th year we go!

Highlights:

Where: Tanalian Bible Camp, Port Alsworth, AK

Dates: June 18-28

Leaving SD at noonish Friday, returning to San Diego 11:59p Monday

We will arrive in Anchorage Friday evening and stay at the Comfort Suites

Anchorage International Airport before traveling to Port Alsworth Saturday morning.

*Return from Port Alsworth with Lunch at Moose's Tooth Pizza before departure!
(Lord willing and the planes don't break down again).*

Working with: 5-6 graders.

Cost: \$1200 pp

Covers all airfare, travel to LAX, food at camp, 2 travel meals in Anchorage.

Confirmed attendance and \$450 Deposit due Monday 4/12, online or in person.

Final payment due prior to departure (pending negative covid test- currently required for travel, subject to change)

There is Mandatory Online training through the Camp Website, as well as one additional team meeting prior to departure.

We have availability for **20** people. Pray diligently as the Lord leads you; while I'd love to take every person who wants to go, I understand that sometimes the Lord has other plans for us! And better to be in the Lord's will in California (or wherever!) than disobedient in Alaska!

There are a variety of roles available at the camp. They include counselor, cooks, cleanup, crafts and more. You may be asked to serve in more than one capacity if necessary. EVERY JOB MATTERS.

Port Alsworth is a beautiful place, in the middle of Lake Clark National Park. It is unabashedly remote- we have to fly in via bush plane. There is no Walmart, and internet and cell service are pretty much non-existent. In other words, don't expect to Instagram the trip. Anticipate limited use of electronic devices during camp time; after all, we don't need the distractions! We won't be completely out of touch, but don't expect to be able to update your status daily.

**donated funds are non-refundable, but transferable or usable on a future trip within 1 year's time.*

Dates are **Friday June 18-Monday June 28**, with our outbound flight leaving San Diego around 2:00p . We leave the SMCC campus around Noon. Cost is \$1200 for the week and includes airfare and camp fees. Extra meals and traveling needs will typically come out of pocket (i.e. we stop for ice cream, or something.) SMCC Church members receive \$15 per day, so \$150 from the Missions department towards the cost of the trip. Non-members receive ½ that. If you haven't joined the church yet, now's a good time! (We encourage you to raise as much as you can and not completely rely on SMCC to make up your balance, since additional funds may be needed for someone who *really* needs it.)

Here are the next steps.

- Pray! For the Lord's leading and encouragement.
- Please fill out the Shadow Mountain Short Term Missions application. Return it to me in person or electronically.
- When your applications are complete, we'll follow up with you. We'll also ask you to place a \$450 deposit for the trip.
- Submit travel information- Full name as it appears on your ID, birthday, etc., so we can purchase tickets.

Deadlines for the trip: **\$450 deposit** due by **April 12th**, contributed by you or a donor.

You can make payments or take donations in person or online- final balance due prior to departure (after you've received your negative Covid test and are cleared for travel).

Donations can be made at ShadowMountain.org/YAMissions. (Other than deposit, deadlines are guidelines for donations coming in. Travel tickets will be purchased as soon as we finalize the team.)

"What would keep me from going?" you might ask. We trust the Lord to guide us in our task. We assume that if you're on this trip you are a committed follower of Christ who is convinced that through their service others may know Jesus. If you're not at that place in your relationship with God, this may not be the right fit, *right now* (none of us are perfect- sometimes we're just not in a great place to serve others). Finally, *life happens*. If you go through the process and something comes up that takes you in another direction, we'll be open to it.

I'm excited about this opportunity, and I can't wait to see how God uses us for his purposes! Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. 619-536-9005
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Blessings as you prepare for this exciting journey!
- George