

Sail and Serve Bahamian Outreach – Fact Sheet

March 15 – March 25, 2018

Project: Learning to share Christ, be a leader, reflect on what it means to be a disciple, serve, and appreciate people in another culture.

Description: This project will take students to the beautiful Bahamas for a week of service, reflection and discipleship training. Through learning to sail, discovering how to live on a boat, and organizing daily tasks, students will grow as individuals and as a team. Interacting with the Bahamian people as we move from island to island will offer opportunities to serve, love, and appreciate the local culture. Projects may include working with local youth/school groups, hurricane relief, community building projects, orphanages, and caring for the elderly. Students will have opportunities to reflect and journal about their experiences as they learn more about being a disciple wherever they are.

Activities: Repair and clean-up, children's ministry, youth outreach, public presentation, snorkeling, sailing, kayaking.

Location: The Bahamas are a grouping of nearly 700 islands and atolls of which less than 20 are populated. The Bahamas comprise the 3rd largest barrier reef in the world. Our journey will begin and end in the city of Nassau but most of our sailing time will be spent in the Exumas – a string of 365 islands that span a distance of nearly 100 miles. The local people of the Exumas are known for being friendly and welcoming to their guests and make their livings primarily on fishing and farming.

The Boat: We will be sailing with 7c's Charter (www.7cscharters.com) service on their newly renovated boat the Beacon Won. It will be captained by Bruce and Sheila Dunham who have hosted dozens of Christian Service groups in the past including a number of Adventist groups. There are 21 bunks on board with a guest sleeping capacity of 30. We are planning on taking a total group of between 15 and 18.

Cost: Total cost for the project is approximately \$36,000. We are planning on taking 16 people so the expense per person is approximately **\$2250**. We ask that each person be responsible for raising that amount or more so that we can all enjoy this venture. All of your travel, insurance, food, and accommodations will be covered in the cost of the project. Spending money, passport costs, and immunizations are the responsibility of the individual participant.

Requirements:

- 1) Commitment to following Jesus and becoming a leader for Him
- 2) Desire to serve God through serving people
- 3) Willingness to work hard and spend productive solo time each day.
- 4) Interest in sailing and living on a small boat
- 5) Approval of family and school to participate
- 6) Complete application process, meet deadlines, sign the code-of-conduct
- 7) Attend pre-trip orientation/letter-writing session with parent when scheduled. Attend other pre-trip trainings as scheduled.
- 8) Contribute to our fund raising with a personal goal of at least \$2250

- 9) Suggested Age: PAA Students

How to apply:

- 1) Pray about it. Does God want you to be a part of this trip at this time?
- 2) Fill out an application. Schedule and interview with Mr. Kootsey and Pastor Monte within two weeks of application being turned in.
- 3) Please submit your application and non-refundable \$150 deposit to the Chaplain's Office ASAP. Deadline October 27.
- 4) Attend letter writing/training session. TBD
- 5) Attend pre-trip training sessions. TBD
- 6) Keep praying about it.
- 7) Final acceptances will be announced by November 11, 2016.

***Please submit your application and pay your \$150 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible. March is not very far away!**