

# 2024 SANTA CRUZ, CA HS MISSION TRIP

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**Dates:** March 18-24, 2024

**Team Members:** 36 participants (30 Students, 6 Adults)

**Trip Leader:** Caitlin Hurlbut

**Partner Church Information:** We find our purpose in the gospel of Jesus Christ expressed through biblical worship, discipleship and community. We serve our community in the Name of Christ thus building bridges of trust that can bear the weight of truth. We desire to see Santa Cruz County transformed by the gospel. This endeavor started 2.5 years ago when the Drew and Shannon Cunningham and their family moved to Santa Cruz and started a Bible study in their home. An official church was born out of that in August of 2017. Since then, the church has added new members, moved into a building and served the county in various forms. Teaching others through word and action, life and doctrine, we aspire to lead and walk with others to become dedicated and committed followers of Christ. For more info: <http://santacruzproject.com/#thescp>



**Partner Church Staff/Leadership Information:** After living in the Bay Area for eight years, Drew and Shannon Cunningham sensed a clear call from God to plant a new church in Santa Cruz County. Drew and Shannon have been married since June of 2007 and have three children (Carsyn, Cruz and Ruby). They love living in Santa Cruz County and genuinely love the people God continues to bring in their path. Drew loves his family, surfing, music and pretty much anything outdoors. He's an avid reader and particularly likes reading old books. Further, he is a coffee fanatic. His favorite local spots include: Tacos Moreno, East Side Eatery, Mariannes Ice Cream, Verve Coffee and all of the surf spots on the East Side.



Drew's brother, Ross, and his wife, Kamryn, and children also moved to Santa Cruz at the beginning of 2018 to serve the church and its mission.

**Trip Purpose:** Our hope for this group is to help us serve our community and our congregation. Our goal in all of this is to see lives changed for the cause of Christ.

**Ministry Activities:** (a) Engage neighborhoods around the church; (b) serve the homeless community; (c) partner with other ministries to meet needs in the county; (d) service projects; (e) praying with people; and (f) serving the congregation through a variety of ways.

**Geographic Information:** The bay area is America's least church-ed area. We want to conduct ourselves in a way that displays Christ. Daily high temperatures are around 62°F. Daily low temperatures are around 49°F.

**Health Considerations:** We will walk a lot and be outside a lot.

**Clothing:** Please bring modest clothing. A jacket and comfortable shoes are a must. Plan to dress in layers. Church is casual, so there is no real need for super formal clothing, and many projects have the potential to get messy. It will be up to you if you want to bring a swimsuit (again, modest please). Wetsuits are almost always a must because of the water temperature, but you can decide that for yourselves.

**Lodging and Transportation:** The team will stay at Camp Santa Cruz. They will fly to San Francisco or San Jose and then use rental vans to get around the city.

**Deposit and Trip Cost:** **\$125 nonrefundable deposit.** The cost owed to the church is \$1,385. If you withdraw from the trip after the plane tickets are purchased, **you are responsible to pay for your ticket.** Give payments to Student Ministry Staff or place in the mailboxes in the student building.

**Registration:** All participants are required to pay your deposit by check. All participants are required to fill out a mission trip application. In order to secure your spot, the application and deposit check must be turned in.



## FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN AND PAYMENT PLAN

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN			
Item	Trip Cost	Pay to Church	Spend in CA
Plane Tickets	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00	\$ -
Lodging	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ -
Meals	\$ 185.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 35.00
Activity/Misc.	\$ 105.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00
Transportation	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,385.00</b>	<b>\$ 65.00</b>

PAYMENT PLAN		
Date	Payment	Balance Owed
10/15/2024	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,260.00
01/07/2025	\$ 420.00	\$ 840.00
02/04/2025	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
03/18/2025	\$ 420.00	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,385.00</b>	
<i>* Final payment will vary depending on plane price.</i>		

## MEETINGS

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**First Meeting:** [October 15, 2023](#) at 6:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Calendar:** Reserve the dates and times for remaining meetings.

**These meetings are required and important for preparation.**

**Contact Dylan Bone if you cannot make a meeting.**

- November 12, 2023 at 6:30pm
- January 7, 2024 at 6:30pm
- February 4, 2024 at 6:30pm
- March 10, 2024 at 6:30pm – Parents need to attend this meeting.





### **WHO IS THIS FOR?**

Anyone that needs to raise money! Any cause, adoption, mission trip, non-profit, etc. You need to raise money, we want to help you!

### **HOW DOES ALL OF THIS WORK?**

Check out our HOW IT WORKS page.

### **CAN I PERSONALIZE THE SHIRTS? (CHURCH NAME, TRIP, DATES, ETC.)**

Yes. Whatever you want on the shirt, we'll try to make it happen! This is one of the many great things about FTN. No stock designs here. We design shirts just for your cause!

### **CAN I MIX & MATCH BETWEEN DESIGN & SHIRTS IN MY ORDER?**

The easy answer is no. If you want to place separate orders, we can make it happen. But, to mix & match between orders would cause the price to increase, decreasing your profit for your fundraising. If you want to place a completely separate order with a separate design, just let us know!

### **WHAT IS THE PRICE PER SHIRT?**

Several factors go into the price of a shirt, including the type and color of shirt, how many colors are in the graphic, how many locations (front, back, sleeve) of the shirt are printed, and the quantity of shirts ordered. We try to keep fundraising shirts between \$6-9.50 depending on the specifics. Contact us for specific price questions!

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE "PRICE PER SHIRT"?**

Everything! Design, shirt, set-up, print, packing, and shipping. The price per shirt is the cost it takes to get it in your hands!

### **HOW MUCH SHOULD I RE-SELL THE SHIRTS FOR?**

We suggest \$20 per shirt. That may seem steep, but think about it this way: GAP has their (RED) campaign shirts (to support AIDS research) priced around \$30 per shirt, for a simple red t-shirt. And people pay it because of where the money is going. The same is true for your shirt. People aren't just buying a t-shirt, they're investing in your cause! You may be surprised at how much people will want to help you and want a t-shirt from you.

\*this is just a suggestion, feel free to sell the shirts for whatever you'd like!

### **HOW LONG DOES THIS PROCESS TAKE?**

The selling process can be a short or as long as you want. Once you give us the sizes, it typically takes between 7-9 business days (M-F) to get the shirts shipped out from us! If you need them by a certain date, please let us know!

### **HOW DO THE SHIRTS FIT? (BIG, SMALL, TRUE TO SIZE?)**

FTN uses a variety of different brands based on your needs and/or desires. If you have one in mind, just ask! Every brand runs differently in how it fits and so once we have a design and shirt picked out for you we would be more than willing to let you know how (our opinion) that specific brand fits (and if it shrinks or not when washing).

### **WHY DO YOU NOT HAVE ANY KIND OF WEB-STORE OR CROWDFUNDING PLATFORM ON YOUR WEBSITE?**

FTN believes that the power to sell these shirts lies within the "circle" of people around you... family, friends, church members, classmates, social media connections, etc. Crowdfunding is great with some needs and ideas, but your personal shirt is going to sell much better to people with whom you're already connected! They believe in you and want to support you...and we stand behind that method of selling because we've seen it help a ton of people accomplishing their calling!

### **WILL YOU DESIGN & PRINT SHIRTS FOR SOMEONE THAT'S NOT FUNDRAISING?**

Absolutely! Check out our non-fundraising brand, 52Threads! Churches, youth groups, camps, baseball teams, schools, etc. Doing so actually enables us to do more fundraising, so know that when we design & print your shirts, it's ultimately for the cause of the Gospel!

### **5 SIMPLE STEPS TO RAISING FUNDS**

We want to make this as easy as possible for you...

#### **1) CONTACT US**

From the GET STARTED and let us know what you're raising money for.

#### **2) WE CREATE A DESIGN FOR YOU**

To check out. (It always helps if you let us know anything specific you would want for your design; we'll work until it's exactly the way you want it!)

#### **3) ONCE YOU'VE GOT A DESIGN YOU LIKE**

You then take the image of the shirt and pre-sell as many as you can! (kind of like girl scout cookies!)

Best ways to do that are through:

A) circle of immediate friends and family,

- B) social media (Facebook-- some even create a page, twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- C) your local church
- D) work/school

**4) YOU SUBMIT YOUR ORDER**

using the order link we'll share with you during the fundraising process.

**5) WE PRINT AND SHIP THE SHIRTS TO YOU**

for distribution! You now have the funds to go and change the world....It really is that easy!

\*no money is required upfront, only once you email us with the sizes you need.

"Money should not determine your vision, just fund it."

**Pick a Number**

A "Pick a Number" is a large board (or whatever else you decide to use) with a bunch of numbers on it. The numbers include every number from 1-70, and they can be on the board in order or all mixed up (get creative!). **The idea is that friends and family can "Pick a Number" to donate.**



Once they pick a number, that number is taken off the board (or X'ed out). This board could be set up at school, church, or work. And check this out - If all 70 numbers are taken, **you'll raise \$2,485**. If only half of the numbers are taken, you'll still raise over a thousand dollars! And no single person had to give more than \$70.

Note: You don't have to have exactly 70 numbers. Adjust up or down depending on the funds you need to raise!

## Create and sell a product

We have seen tons of creativity from mission trip participants who have made and marketed their own products to raise the funds for their mission trips. If you plan on serving on mission trips on a regular basis, you might consider setting up an online storefront on a website like Etsy.com to bring money into your mission trip savings account year-round.

**Art.** For the artistically gifted, Javier Perez, manager of missions and humanitarian aid, suggests an art auction featuring a gallery of pictures and paintings.

**Food.** Many people know that the way to another's heart is through their stomach, so they head to the kitchen to make and sell delicious treats. Melanie Miller and Brittani Cirinna baked hundreds of cake pops, while Ada Sanchez sold homemade empanadas.

**T-shirts.** A custom T-shirt is always a popular choice. Krista Askey and Morgan Shamasko had shirts custom designed and printed to raise money for their trips to Africa.

## Provide a service

Are you good at cutting kids' hair? Are you handy with a hammer? Do you scrapbook, or thrive on home organization? Think about what you're good at doing for yourself – maybe you could do the same thing for others and earn some extra money. Here are a few other ideas:

- Repair computers
- Mow lawns
- Do oil changes
- Shovel snow
- Bake special occasion cakes
- Walk or groom pets, or pet-sit
- Tutor students
- Style hair for formal events
- Sharpen knives and lawnmower blades
- Edit cover letters and resumes
- Officiate local sporting events
- Babysit

## Sell Wristbands to Support the Cause

Bracelets or wristbands are popular item that can be purchased in support of a mission trip. Fundraising ideas involving wristbands could include offering [customized wristbands](#) that have your group's inspirational message printed on them, the location, and the year.

Wristband Resources has a great selection of quality silicone wristbands that would be perfect for this. They also have more than 20 years of experience in providing custom wristbands. Our products are all high-quality and we have trained support staff available to assist you both during the ordering process and after an order has been placed. We also offer live online support. Orders are processed quickly for fast turnaround so you'll have your wristbands in plenty of time for your mission trip fundraiser.

## **Write a Mission Trip Support Letter**

See additional document for details on how to write a mission trip support letter and samples of mission trip support letters.

## **Donations for Your Trip**

- Make checks payable to QSBC (DO NOT WRITE STUDENT NAME IN MEMO LINE).
- Include a written note that states **Student's Name** and the **Mission Trip Name**.
- Mail to QSBC (14613 N. May Avenue Oklahoma City, OK 73134), Attn: Courtney Dishman