

# Baja Mission Trip Overview

High School Baja Mission Trip | July 20 – July 27, 2024

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## ARRIVAL AND PREPARATION | Saturday, July 20

- Fly direct from Chicago [MDW] to San Diego [SAN]
- Bags, rental vans, pre-brief and In N Out for lunch
- Travel to El Rancho | orientation of El Rancho and the build sites

## THE PROJECT | BUILD team | Sunday, July 21 – Friday, July 26

- Morning | breakfast, pack lunches/house materials and drive to sites
- Teams in close proximity building 12'x24' homes:
  - Sunday | clear/level site, set forms for concrete slab
  - Monday | pour, float, and finish concrete slab, mixing “volcano” style
  - Tuesday | frame walls, paint siding, plan “special end of project gift”
  - Wednesday | raise walls, install siding, center roofing beam and rafters
  - Thursday | paint/install trim, windows and door
  - Friday | finish roofing & hand over the keys!!!
- Return to El Rancho in late afternoon for showers, dinner, worship & small groups

## FINAL DEBRIEF | Friday, July 26

- Morning spent wrapping up homes, cleaning El Rancho, showering and packing
- Cross the border late afternoon and drive to housing in California
- Dinner, worship & small groups

## RETURN | Saturday, July 27

- Breakfast, packing and cleaning at housing in California
- Drive to the airport and fly direct from San Diego [SAN] to Chicago [MDW]
- Land in the evening | students get picked up at the MDW baggage claim

## TEXT UPDATES | Arrival and departure updates, final details, prayer requests and photos

- Join the Remind App group, “Baja Mission Trip 2024.” You can join by sending a text to the number 81010 and by texting the message “@baja2024.”

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## BUDGET

<b>Airfare</b> Our travel agent secures our tickets for the best group rate available	\$700
<b>El Rancho</b> We will stay at a retreat center near our build sites.	\$100
<b>Meals</b> Covers all meals (not including airport food) and snacks	\$200
<b>Ground Transportation</b> We will rent trucks and vans in San Diego, driven by our adult leaders	\$100
<b>Individual Project Site Building Materials and Supplies</b> Covers everything needed to build 3 homes	\$685
<b>International Travel Insurance</b> International Travel Insurance for each Project Participant	\$15
<hr/> <b>Total Cost Per Student</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>

Refund Policy: Please be aware that Christ Church will extend full refunds for cancellations for summer trips up until March 1. If you cancel after March 1, your deposit will not be refunded. If you cancel within 7 days of departure, we are unfortunately unable to give any refund, as we will have already paid for food, lodging and transportation.

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### Group Fundraisers | April-June

Car wash

Parent's night out

Partner w/local restaurant

# Support Partners

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The church has been sending Jesus-Followers into the neighborhood and world since the very beginning. As a participant in our Baja Mission Trip, you too are being “sent” on a journey where you will represent Jesus as well as Christ Church. No one is sent to serve alone, and this means you will need to develop a network of sending partners – people who have your back and will support you both in prayer and in the financial part of this project.

The funding to “send you” for the financial part of this project will come from two sources:

## **Personal Funds (\$600):**

This is your deposit (\$600) you submitted with your application.

## **Support Raised Funds (\$1200):**

These funds will come from the network of partners that you develop as well as any fundraising initiatives that you embark upon. There is also a network of partners that already exists at Christ Church who will lend some resources to this trip. A couple individual fundraising ideas include babysitting or pet sitting, garage sale, yard work, house cleaning, lawn mowing and more!

## **Total Mission Trip Participant Cost: \$1800**

## **Your Letters:**

Each project participant will draft a personal support letter. We will provide you with a template.



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# Save The Dates

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## TIMELINE

1-on-1 Baja Mission Trip Interview	March 1-31
<b>MANDATORY Project Training Session #1</b>	Sunday, April 7 10:00-12:00 pm
All Support Letters Sent Fundraising Projects Initiated Begin team building and conversations about building houses	
First Half of Financial Support Due	Sunday, April 21
Passport Deadline	Sunday, April 28
<b>MANDATORY Project Training Session #2</b>	Tues. June 18 6:30-8:30 pm
Check- in on fundraising Continue training in small groups	
Support Due Date (No Meeting) All money (personal + support raising due)	Sunday, June 30
<b>MANDATORY Project Training Session #3</b>	Weds. July 10 12:00-2:00 pm
Final details for the trip and house building practice	
Final Parent Info Meeting	Tuesday, July 16 6:00-7:00 pm
Baja Mission Trip Team Reunion!	Sun. August 11 5:30-7:30 pm