

Solar Light for Africa

Youth Mission 2010 Information Sheet

Introduction

For the eleventh summer, ***Solar Light for Africa*** will be taking a select number of American Christian young people—senior high and college-aged—to Uganda in East Africa for about two weeks. While there, the mission team will team up with Ugandan youth with whom they will travel, train, live and work.

Dates

The specific dates are July 6 through July 21, 2010, beginning with a get-acquainted dinner and overnight accommodations in Washington DC on July 6. At Orientation, we will work on teambuilding activities, provide solar training, and make final preparations for the journey until time for departure from Dulles International Airport. The group will return to Washington on July 21, 2010. Please keep in mind that you are responsible for your transportation to and from Washington.

Team Leadership

The team will include Bishop Alden Hathaway (retired Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh) and his wife, Barbara. Rev. Eric and Charlene Turner are the youth team leaders. Eric is the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne, Florida; Charlene has been the "team mom" since SLA's first youth mission in 1999 and is responsible for all logistical arrangements. Alden Hathaway, Jr. is an electrical engineer specializing in green power and our technical leader. Board President, Pete Pearson, brings logistical and budget support. "Commander Pete," as he is known among the team, is a retired Commander in the US Navy.

Application Process

The completed application includes:

Completed Youth Mission 2010 Application

Two completed references minimum (pastor and personal)

The completed applications should be submitted electronically by January 15, 2010 to ensure full consideration. You will be notified by February 1 if you have been selected for this trip. If spots remain open following that time, additional applications will be considered on a rolling basis. In no case will any applications be considered after March 8, 2010.

Upon notification, you must sign and return the Covenant of Conduct, and a non-refundable \$500 deposit within two weeks.

Financial Arrangements

All participants are expected to raise a minimum of \$3750 in support. This covers orientation in Washington DC, airfare to and from Entebbe, Uganda and all ground transportation, meals and accommodations.

Additional expenses that will be the responsibility of the participant: Immunizations, anti-malaria medications, etc. (see below), transportation to and from Washington DC, spending money for additional snacks, souvenirs, etc. your passport, and \$50 for a Ugandan Visa, which will be purchased when we land in Entebbe.

A non-refundable deposit of **\$500.00** will be required within two weeks of being notified that you have been accepted for the mission. The deposit will be applied toward the applicant's total fundraising effort. Once the deposit is received, another \$1500 must be received by 4/16/2010, and the final \$1750 by 5/14/2010. Each participant is expected to raise at least \$3,750 from his or her church, local civic clubs, family and friends. Past participants have spoken to civic clubs, saved babysitting/other pay, and talked to parents, relatives and friends to raise funds. SLA has videos and DVD's of prior mission trips and other materials to aid in fundraising.

Medical Information

Please visit "Travelers' Health" at www.cdc.gov and your personal physician for more information. All team participants are expected to get all required immunizations and other medical care including but not limited to anti-malaria medication, yellow fever, typhoid and hepatitis A and B. Everyone should bring a supply of a broad spectrum antibiotic, such as cipro, prescribed by your physician. You are responsible for proper care and supplies for any other medical conditions you may have. If you have any condition that requires ongoing treatment or special care, it is essential that this be discussed with trip leaders prior to submitting your application. Remember that you will be traveling in remote areas of a developing country, so medical care and supplies may not be easy or even possible to maintain.

Contacts

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