

The sign-up process for our 2019-2020 World Impact Trips will begin Wednesday, May 1. On Monday, April 29, Mrs. Capp visited each Bible class for rising 9th– 12th grade students and gave detailed explanations of the trips. While there are not itineraries at this time, we do begin the sign-up process in order to allow families the maximum amount of time to raise and secure funds for the trips. We know that they are expensive, but we take every effort to make them as affordable as possible. For the spring trips, you will actually have 10 months to pay (June to March). Below, you will find some of the details available at this time (for detailed trip policies, visit the [World Impact page](#) on the ELCA website). You are also welcome to call or [email Mrs. Capp](#) for further information.

Sign-ups:

Begin Wed, May 1; close May 15.

Initial signups are ONLY done electronically. After May 1, signups may be done directly through Mrs. Capp.

Signups are staggered to allow priority selection for the upperclassmen (everyone will get their chance to be an upperclassman so this assures that you will have a first selection one year)

Rising seniors will signup at 5pm, rising juniors @ 6pm, rising sophomores @ 7pm, and rising freshmen at 8pm.

Signups will hold a spot for you, but the 10% non-refundable deposit secures your spot. That money is due Thursday, May 2 directly to Mrs. Capp. Checks should be made out to ELCA.

Links to signup are available at www.elcaonline.org/apps/pages/worldimpact.

Students are allowed to take more than one trip with parent consent.

Finances

The 10% non-refundable deposit secures a spot on a trip. The electronic signup only reserves the spot until the next business day at 5pm. After that time, the spot is released. If there is a waiting list, then the first person on

the waiting list takes the available spot. If there is no waiting list, then the spot will be available on a first-come/first-served basis.

This year, we have the opportunity to bill FACTS' accounts for mission trips. If you elect this option, please be advised that you will NOT be able to also raise support. For tax purposes, a traveler cannot be billed and also solicit taxable donations. Please let us know when paying deposit if you wish for your account to be billed. That billing will begin in June and end the month prior to travel.

Non mission trips are billed to FACTS beginning in June and ending one month before travel.

FACTS accounts are required to be in good standing and set up for school year 2019-2020 before a spot can be secured on any trip.

A Scholarship committee will review papers written by any interested student in early May. Students interested in one of two \$500 awards should submit a 1 page essay to Mrs. Capp or Mrs. Davis before Friday, Sept 10. The topic is "What does World Missions mean to me?". Students will be notified of the winners at the last chapel.

The senior trip does not require a separate deposit. Billing will begin in June. The first payment includes the 10% deposit, which will be non-refundable should the student decide not to attend.

Trips

Jamaica – Spring Break, \$1850 (please note change from prior years); this trip works/sleeps in orphanage, does evangelism, as well as youth/children activities, construction, food distribution, material distribution, and anything else that the missionaries perceive as a need at the time of travel

[JAMAICA REGISTRATION MALES](#)

[JAMAICA REGISTRATION FEMALES](#)

Puerto Rico – Spring Break, \$1500; this trip is an extension of the ministry of ELFBC which is focused on church planting and evangelism in PR. It will also include some hurricane relief; there are several church plant ministries currently, and we will be partnering with a few of them as need is identified.

[PUERTO RICO REGISTRATION](#)

Cuba – Winter Break, \$2000; this trip partners with a pastor outside Bayamo to assist with church evangelism, construction, and education. There will be some opportunities for English Second Language instruction, and possibly a youth camp/retreat.

[CUBA REGISTRATION](#)

Florida Marine Biology Trip – mid March, \$1500, this trip will travel through our Biology teacher, Mr. Andy Whitlock. Prior approval from him is necessary. Students are welcome to sign up for this trip, even if they have not talked with him prior to May 1, BUT the spot is not final until he has consented. This trip is academic in nature, so students need to be serious-minded regarding science. Freshmen are welcome to attend. Questions about the itinerary may be directed to Mr. Whitlock. The dates for this trip are in March, during the school week (tentatively, March 15-18). The particular key is Big Pine Key and the link to the website for more information on their program is <https://www.seacamp.org/>. One evening will be spent on Key West.

[FLORIDA MARINE BIOLOGY REGISTRATION](#)

College Exposure Trip – Early September, \$500, this trip is for ANY aged student, 9th– 12th. It is never too early to start the college search, so we certainly hope to have students of all high school levels. The goal is NOT to endorse any particular schools, but to expose the students to a range of types of schools (e.g. large/small, private/public, christian/secular, military/civilian, etc. The dates are Saturday, Sep. 7 through Tuesday, Sep. 10. These dates will hopefully allow our students affiliated with a fall sport to attend since it is a bye-week on Friday, Sep. 13. Our tentative schedule currently includes a visit to Duke, Univ. North Carolina, Clemson, Anderson, Wofford, North Greenville, Charleston Southern, Citadel, and Liberty. Again, we are NOT endorsing a specific school, only particular styles of schools.

[COLLEGE EXPOSURE REGISTRATION](#)

Hungary/Austria – Spring Break, \$3200, this trip is unique in that there will be a ministry day in Budapest with Dan Bishop and his wife. Dan was an

employee of ELCA for several years. After church on Sunday with the Bishops in Budapest, the trip will travel to Salzburg in Austria (think, The Sound of Music). During this leg of the trip, the students will have the option to ski one day in the Alps. Equipment for skiing will be rented. After departing Salzburg, the group will head to Vienna and finish with the highlights of that city. A specific itinerary will not be available for a few months.

[HUNGARY/AUSTRIA REGISTRATION](#)

Senior Trip/Senior Outing

*Students wishing to participate in the senior options and another trip will need to register for each separately: the 2 trips below as well as the world impact trip. It is advised that you register for the World Impact first since you are assured a spot on the senior options, but not the others.

Disney – early January; \$950; this trip departs at the end of Christmas Break (Monday, Jan 6 – Saturday, Jan 11). The absences do not count against you. The goal of this trip is as much about fun and bonding as it is about preparing the students for the next phase of their lives. The trip allows students a high level of independence. They are free to decide which parks they visit, which mode of transportation to take, what food they eat, how much sleep they get, and how much energy they exert. Because college is only a few months away, we want them to begin making these choices on their own and understand how the results impact them individually. The group will stay at Disney Fort Wilderness Campground in their 6 person cabins. They will receive a 3 day hopper pass to Disney parks, and a one day hopper to Universal/Islands of Adventure.

[SENIOR DISNEY REGISTRATION](#)

Ocoee River Rafting – Friday, Aug 2; price included with Senior Package; this trip is a one day excursion intended for ALL students of the 2020 senior class. The students and faculty will travel to TN for this fun-filled, exhilarating day of white-water rafting. The prior groups that have done this outing have enjoyed it thoroughly. Prior experience with swimming is not required as each boat has an expert guide in it and all travelers are required to wear a life vest.

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