



Bay Life
STUDENT MINISTRY

2020 STUDENT MISSIONS INFORMATION BOOKLET

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TRIP LIST

Site	Grade	Dates
Lakeland	6th-8th	July 5–9
Atlanta	7th-8th	June 21–27
Myrtle Beach	7th-8th	June 28–July 4
New York City	9th-12th	June 13–20
Salt Lake City	9th-12th	July 5–July 11
Costa Rica	11th-12th	June 21–July 3

Kidapalooza

Stay-at-Home Mission for ALL grades
June 1-4 and June 8-12

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MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

Meetings are a very important part of the whole mission experience. As the team bonds in the months prior to the actual trip, something begins to happen within the students. They stop being individuals going on a trip and become part of a team committed to sharing God's Word, God's love, and God's mission as they work together for a common goal. In the information packet that you will receive at the parent meeting, there will be a list of meetings that are mandatory for each team member.

If the meeting cannot be attended, you must ensure that the team leader knows in advance. Missing too many meetings may mean that you are removed from the team.

Here are some important dates for you to know:

12/1/19	Student Applications Due Back
TBA	Interviews - not all students will have one.
1/12/20	Parent Meeting - 12:30pm in Student Center
3/28/20	Bay Life 5K
4/18/20	Yard Sale
5/23/20	Car Show
TBA	Final Parent Meeting

MISSION TRIP PARTNERS

The Florida Baptist Children's Home - Lakeland Trip

Their ministries provide safe, stable, Christian homes and services to children and families in need. They help children in tangible ways by providing diapers, food, clothing and shelter. Their vision is to bring hope to hurting children, to show that the love of Jesus changes lives and to impact the life of one more child.

LeaderTreks - Myrtle Beach, Atlanta, Costa Rica

LeaderTreks supports the local church by providing leadership development tools and experiences designed to grow students into leaders. Using an intentional process for the development of students, LeaderTreks partners with youth leaders who are passionate about helping develop and equip the next generation of leaders in church and culture. The trip will challenge and change participants, and students will return confident and motivated with a broadened world-view and new vision for how they can lead and serve others.

Urban Nations Outreach (UNO) - New York City

Urban Nations Outreach is a community development ministry that focuses on reaching immigrant groups in New York City. Most of the people ministered to come from closed countries where missionaries and evangelism are not allowed. Presently, UNO oversees two evangelistic ministry centers: one geared toward Muslims from West Africa, and one which focuses on Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs of South Asia.

MAVEN Truth - Salt Lake City, Utah

MAVEN is youth-focused. They are passionate about young people. Because of their love for youth, they are also passionate about the people who disciple the next generation. MAVEN wants to come alongside them to partner, guide, encourage, teach, train and equip them to raise up the next generation for the cause of Christ.

TRIP 1 - Lakeland

Trip 1 - July 5-9

For current 6th—8th Graders

Deposit: \$75

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 10 per person

Total Cost: \$275

Site Information

The Florida Baptist Children's Home is our mission partner in Lakeland. Students will stay on campus, serve the community, and connect with foster children in the area. Service projects can range from landscaping to sorting donated food items that will later be distributed to those in the community. Foster children attend a day camp on campus that we partner with in planning activities to show them God's love. Students will also have the opportunity to help plan meals, grocery shop, and prepare meals for their team. Spiritual growth is also a focus of the Lakeland trip. Students will learn how to have a quiet time on their own and then come together to discuss what God is teaching them as a team. Lakeland is a great opportunity to see what a mission trip can be like, while still being close to home.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

We have one adult to three-five students on this trip.

Accommodations

We will be staying at The Florida Baptist Children's Home.

Costs

Cost includes, transportation, meals, and a fun day. You will need \$10 spending money for anything extra. Deposit MUST be paid by the student's immediate family at the parent meeting.

Meetings

We will meet one Sunday a month after 2nd service, from 12:15 - 2pm. Exact dates to follow.

TRIP 2 - ATLANTA

Trip 2 - June 21–June 27

For Current 7th-8th Graders

Team Size: 12-20 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$75

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 20 per person

Total Cost: \$825

Site Information

The students will work in the local community in conjunction with the local church. They will see some of the issues in a more cross-cultural, financially stretched community. While they are there, they will help improve a house/school or community area with their construction skills, as they share Jesus with the people around them.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally three-five students per adult.

Accommodations

We will be staying in a church building.

Costs

Cost includes, transportation, meals, and a fun day. You will need a total of \$20 for lunches on travel days. Deposit MUST be paid by the student's immediate family at the parent meeting in January.

Meetings

We will have one meeting each month, from 12:15 - 2:30pm on a Sunday. Closer to the trip, we may need to have extra meetings to help with last minute preparations. Exact dates to follow.

TRIP 3 - MYRTLE BEACH

Trip 3 - June 28–July 4

For Current 7th–8th Graders

Team Size: 12-20 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$75

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 20 per person

Total Cost: \$825

Site Information

The effects of Hurricane Florence are still being felt in the Carolinas, and Hurricane Dorian has only added to the damage. The reality for many families left in the wake of a hurricane is that the rebuilding never takes place. This team will be able to offer help and hope to families affected by Hurricanes Dorian and Florence through home repair projects. At the same time, this team will partner with local ministries to bring the hope of the gospel to this place through relational outreach opportunities.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally three-five students per adult.

Accommodations

We will be staying in a church building.

Costs

Cost includes, transportation, meals, and a fun day. You will need a total of \$20 for lunches on travel days. Deposit MUST be paid by the student's immediate family at the parent meeting in January.

Meetings

We will have one meeting each month from 12:15 - 2:30pm on a Sunday. Closer to the trip, we may need to have extra meetings to help prepare for VBS. Exact dates to follow.

TRIP 4 - KIDAPALOOZA STAY AT HOME MISSION

Trip 4 - June 1–4 and June 8–12

Wk 1 - 8:30am-12:30pm

Wk 2 - 3-9pm

For both middle and high school students.

This mission can be served **AS WELL AS** another trip if the two mission trips do not clash.

Team Size: 30

Total Cost: \$25

Once you have signed up for this trip, Ben Diehl will contact you around May.

Site Information

This is a two-week service project held on the campus of Bay Life. Kidapalooza is June 8-12. The purpose of this trip is to have students and leaders prepare for our nightly VBS. There will be bible study involved as well as hard work. During the week of Kidapalooza, you will help set up each day's activities and then serve in different roles with the students in the evening. The week of Kidapalooza, the hours will be 3pm - 9pm. The roles will be in the area of spirit/team mascots, games, stage preparation, and organization.

Costs

Cost includes dinner each night, the week of Kidapalooza.

NOTE: You must be able to attend both mission weeks, otherwise, you may sign up as a regular Kidapalooza volunteer when those applications become available.

TRIP 5 - SALT LAKE CITY

Trip 5 - July 5-11

For Current 9-12th Graders

Team Size: 12-20 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$100

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 20 per person

Total Cost: around \$1,400 (final cost will depend on cost of flights)

Site Information

Most Christian students simply don't know what they believe. A few might blurt out a Christian cliché or two, but most have no real knowledge about core life-changing Christian truths. How in the world are you going to motivate them to learn these things? Take them to Utah.

In Utah, theology is on most people's minds because the majority of them are Mormons. In Utah, we'll give your students plenty of chances to dialogue with people of the Mormon faith at the Salt Lake City Temple, BYU, or while serving in the community. Utah will deepen their knowledge of God and His Word like nothing else. That knowledge will deepen their relationship with Christ and give them a love for people who need Christ.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally five students to one adult.

Accommodations TBA

Costs

Cost includes, transportation, accommodation, meals, and a fun day. You will need money for meals in the airports on travel days, and at least \$20 spending money for anything extra. Deposit MUST be paid by the student's immediate family at the parent meeting in January.

Meetings

We will have one meeting a month on Sunday's from 4:30-6pm. Specific dates to follow. Extra meetings may be required, as the trip approaches, to cover last minute details.

TRIP 6 - NEW YORK CITY

Trip 6 - June 13–20

For Current 9th -12th Graders

Team Size: 20 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$100

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 20 per person

Total Cost: around \$1,400 (final cost will depend on cost of flights)

Site Information

Urban Nations Outreach focuses on meeting the spiritual, physical, and social needs of the Muslims in their target neighborhoods. At the two ministry centers, missionaries lead ESL & citizenship classes, computer classes, youth and teen programs. They also host other special events in the summer and around holidays, which serve as platforms for evangelistic presentations. The next stage of their ministry involves starting small Bible study groups, individual discipleship sessions and, eventually, church plants among the Muslim converts in New York.

What will my team be doing?

Our team will engage in hands-on, relational, interaction with New York's newest Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist refugees while serving at UNO's South Asian and West African Ministry Centers. Our team will help with their church planting efforts by assisting with immigrant children's programs, helping teach ESL and conversation classes, accompanying their staff in street evangelism, doing light construction projects, and other opportunities.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally five students to one adult.

Accommodations

We will be staying at the New York School of Urban Ministry.

Costs

Cost includes, transportation, accommodation, meals, and a fun day. You will need money for meals in the airports on travel days, and a small amount of spending money for anything extra. Deposit MUST be paid by the student's immediate family at the parent meeting in January.

Meetings

We will have one meeting a month on Sunday's from 4:30-6pm. Specific dates to follow. Extra meetings may be required as the trip approaches to cover last minute details.

TRIP 7 - COSTA RICA

Trip 7 - June 21- July 3

For Current 11th-12th Graders

Team Size: 20 (including leaders)

Deposit: \$100

Prayer/Support Letters: Minimum 25 per person

Total Cost: around \$2400 (final cost will depend on cost of flights)

Site Information

The natural beauty of Costa Rica attracts many visitors who never realize the overwhelming needs of the children in this emerging nation. Your team will partner with a local church to define a need in their community. Past teams have built concrete sport courts, sidewalks, or drainage projects, while working in local public schools and government kindergartens. At that same church, your team will share the love of God through a Bible Club for children.

Staff-To-Student Ratio

Depends on the size of the trip, but generally five students to one adult.

Accommodations

We will be staying in a church building.

Costs

Cost includes, transportation, accommodation, meals, and a fun day. You will need money for meals in the airports on travel days, and \$20 for spending money for extra things. Deposit MUST be paid by the student's immediate family at the parent meeting in January.

Meetings

We will have one meeting a month on Sunday's from 4:30-6pm. Specific dates to follow. Extra meetings may be required as the trip approaches to cover last minute details.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can we raise more money?

You may do babysitting, yard work, clean mailboxes, etc., to contribute to your trip costs. Also, you can participate in several fundraising events that take place throughout the year. Parents can work some of these events to help raise funds for their child's trip. However, the first chance to work goes to the students.

Why write fundraising letters?

Fundraising is only part of the letter writing process. We are primarily asking for prayer support for the mission trip and team building process. Many friends and family members are happy to help "participate" in your mission trip by giving, but the only way they know how to help is through these letters. Responses to the letters often strengthen our trust in God's provision through His body.

Can we just pay for the trip without writing letters?

If you are uncomfortable asking for finances, you may pay for the trip. However, writing letters for prayer is mandatory for every team member. If you choose to not write support letters you will not receive any overage that the team makes; the trip must be paid in full by yourself. Speak with a student pastor if this seems like too much.

What happens if we raise too much money?

All money that is raised above the total cost for your student will go towards the team's overall total. When that team is paid in full, it will go to other student trips that need it.

What happens if we do not raise enough money?

You will be responsible to either pay the balance due before the trip or to meet with a student pastor to discuss the amount you have left to pay and a payment schedule.

What do I need to bring to the first parent/student meeting?

Please bring the following item to the first parent/student meeting in January:

- Deposit for the trip

Is the place where my child is staying safe?

Yes, the sites are chosen with the kids' safety in mind. All of the sites have been tested over the years and have proven to be very safe.

Who do I call if I have an emergency and need to contact my student?

If you need to contact your student, first call the church office at 813.661.3696 and leave a message for Frances (or email her at frau@baylife.org).

Will I be able to hear from my student when they are on the trip?

It is easy to get distracted while on a trip, so we ask that students do not bring their phones or other communication devices. However, the team hopes to send emails home periodically, although it is not guaranteed.

Why can't my child take their phone?

Simply put, it is a distraction. Trips are a catalyst for growth, and a phone call or text to someone from home impedes the learning process. It is important for a student to be removed from their familiar environment to enjoy all the experiences these trips are designed to facilitate. Also, we have found that many times a phone call home often initiates homesickness, and focus is taken away from the mission. All of our leaders have the emergency contact information and our ministry partners all have phones.

What fundraisers will be held for us to participate in?

- 5k Global Run/Walk - March 28
- Yard Sale at Bay Life - April 18
- Car Show - May 23
- Any other ways that you can do personally in your neighborhood, (ie: car wash, mailbox wash, babysit, yard work etc.)

WHAT ARE THE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS?

This is a **COPY** of what you need to sign in the application process.

Student Expectations For Participation

I understand that if I do not meet these expectations I may not be allowed to go on this trip.

I will attend a minimum of 50% of all youth services between now and the trip.

I will attend a minimum of 75% of all mission training sessions, and team building events with the team prior to the trip. I will let my leader know before the scheduled meeting if I cannot attend.

I understand that it is **MANDATORY** to write support or prayer letters. I will mail/email my support/prayer letters by **February 12, 2020**. I understand that if I don't write support letters I will be required to pay for the trip in full, (minus any other fundraiser money), and will therefore not receive any overages that the team may make.

I understand that the Global 5K is our biggest fundraiser and I will be expected to register at least 2 runners for 5k or Fun Run, or secure a sponsor. If I don't participate in this way, I understand that I will not receive compensation for hours worked on the 5K day.

I understand that I need to pay a deposit (not tax deductible) to cover some of the travel cost/fun part of trip/T-shirt, and I will remind my parents to bring it to the parent meeting.

I understand that it is **against** the church policy to make a gofundme page or anything similar. ALL donations must come directly to Bay Life Church. This is to make sure that the maximum amount of funds donated go to the trip instead of in fees.

I will do my best to have **half** of the total balance paid at least two months prior to the trip. I understand that if I have **not** sent letters or worked fundraisers at this point, I will expect the pastor to question me as to whether it is right for me to be part of the trip.

I commit to:

- Praying before, during, and after the trip.
- Submitting to the authority of Bay Life Church leaders, or any other adult that is working with me.
- Valuing the unity of the team.
- Having a flexible, servant attitude.
- Working hard and being on time for the duration of the trip for God's glory.

WHAT ARE THE PARENT EXPECTATIONS?

This is a **COPY** of what you need to sign in the application process.

Expectations For My Son/Daughter as they Participate:

I understand that if my son/daughter does not meet these expectations they may not be allowed to go on this trip.

He/She will attend a minimum of 50% of all youth services between now and the trip.

He/She will attend a minimum of 75% of all mission training sessions, and team building events with the team prior to the trip. They will let their leader know before the scheduled meeting if they cannot attend.

I understand that it is MANDATORY to write support or prayer letters. I understand that my son/daughter will mail/email their support/prayer letters by and no later than **February 12, 2020**. I understand that if they don't write support letters we will be required to pay for the trip in full, (minus any other fundraiser money), and will therefore not receive any overages that the team may make.

I understand that the Global 5K is our biggest fundraiser and that my son/daughter will be expected to register at least 2 runners for 5k or Fun Run or secure a sponsor. If they don't participate in this way I understand that they will not receive compensation for hours worked on the 5K day.

I understand that I need to pay a deposit (not tax deductible) to cover some of the travel cost/fun part of trip/T-shirt, and that this is due at the parent meeting in January.

I understand that it is **against** the church policy to make a gofundme page or anything similar. ALL donations must come directly to Bay Life Church. This is to ensure that the maximum amount of funds donated go to the trip instead of fees.

I will do my best to have **half** of the total balance paid at least two months prior to the trip. I understand that if my son/daughter has **not** sent letters or worked fundraisers at this point, we will expect the pastor to question as to whether it is right for our son/daughter to be part of the trip.

I understand that we, as parents/guardians are responsible for the remaining balance due before the trip or I will meet with the student pastors to discuss how the final balance can be met.

I understand that my son/daughter will commit to:

- Praying before, during, and after the trip.
- Submitting to the authority of Bay Life Church leaders, or any other adult that is working with me.
- Valuing the unity of the team.
- Having a flexible, servant attitude.
- Working hard and being on time for the duration of the trip for God's glory.

TRIP GUIDELINES

For medical expenses incurred during a trip, receipts will be obtained and given to the participant(s) upon return. Reimbursement to Bay Life needs to take place as quickly as possible. Filing claims with your insurance company is at your discretion and will not be done by Bay Life and/or its staff.

If you become ill and need to return home, the expense will be your responsibility. If medically necessary, a team member will accompany you.

If your behavior is deemed unacceptable to Bay Life or mission partners, you will be sent home immediately at your expense.

Cancellation Procedure:

Applicant must submit a letter in writing to the pastor stating the reason they no longer wish to participate in the trip.

Applicant must send a letter to supporters informing of his/her decision to not go on the trip and advising them that their financial support will go towards others on the trip.

For trips in June, cancellation must occur before April 1 for no additional costs to be incurred. For trips in July, cancellation must occur before May 1 for no additional costs to be incurred. If cancellation occurs after these dates, the applicant must pay the difference between the cost of the trip and amount of support raised.

Image Policy:

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HOW TO APPLY FOR A MISSION TRIP

Find Your Trip

Go to www.baylife.org/students and click the link 'apply for a short term mission trip.' This will take you to the trip listing page. When you see the trip you are interested in, click the **LEARN MORE** button on the trip to view its trip page.

The screenshot shows the BayLife website's 'Mission Trips' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'MY TRIPS' and 'MISSION TRIPS' links, and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar is a blue header with the text 'Mission Trips'. A 'Filter by:' section is visible, followed by three trip listings. Each listing includes a photo, the trip name, dates, cost, and a 'Learn More' button. The first listing is for '2019 Uganda' (SEP 29, 2019 - OCT 12, 2019 | \$3,500). The second is '2019 Adult Honduras' (OCT 19, 2019 - OCT 26, 2019 | \$1,700). The third is '2019 Scotland' (NOV 22, 2019 - NOV 30, 2019 | \$2,500). At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2019 52projects, LLC | Privacy Policy | Terms of Service'.

Access the Application

From the trip page, you can see more about the goals of the trip, the people you'll be serving, and the travel and cost details. To access the trip's application, click the **APPLY TODAY** button.

The screenshot shows the detailed page for the '2019 Scotland' trip. The main heading is '2019 Scotland' with the location 'BARLANARK, SCOTLAND | NOV 22 - 30'. Below this is a section titled 'JOIN US ON A TRIP TO BARLANARK, SCOTLAND'. The text describes the trip's focus on church planting and revitalization in low-income communities. It also lists included expenses (airfare, ground transportation, food, accommodations) and payment details (payable to Bay Life Church, non-refundable). A contact email is provided: sschumm@baylife.org. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'APPLY TODAY' and 'CAN'T GO? GIVE!'. To the right, a 'MORE INFO' box contains the following details:

- Departs: Nov 22, 2019
- Returns: Nov 30, 2019
- Price: \$2,500
- Deposit: \$100

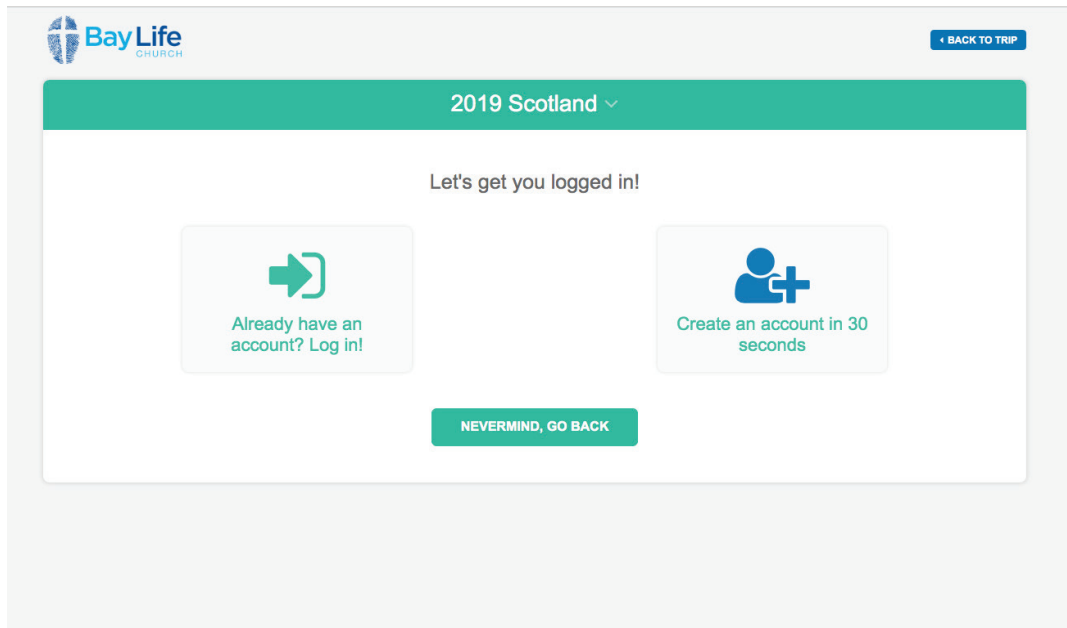
Funding Milestones:

Date	Due	Cumulative
Jul 1, 2019	50%	\$1,250
Nov 7, 2019	100%	\$2,500

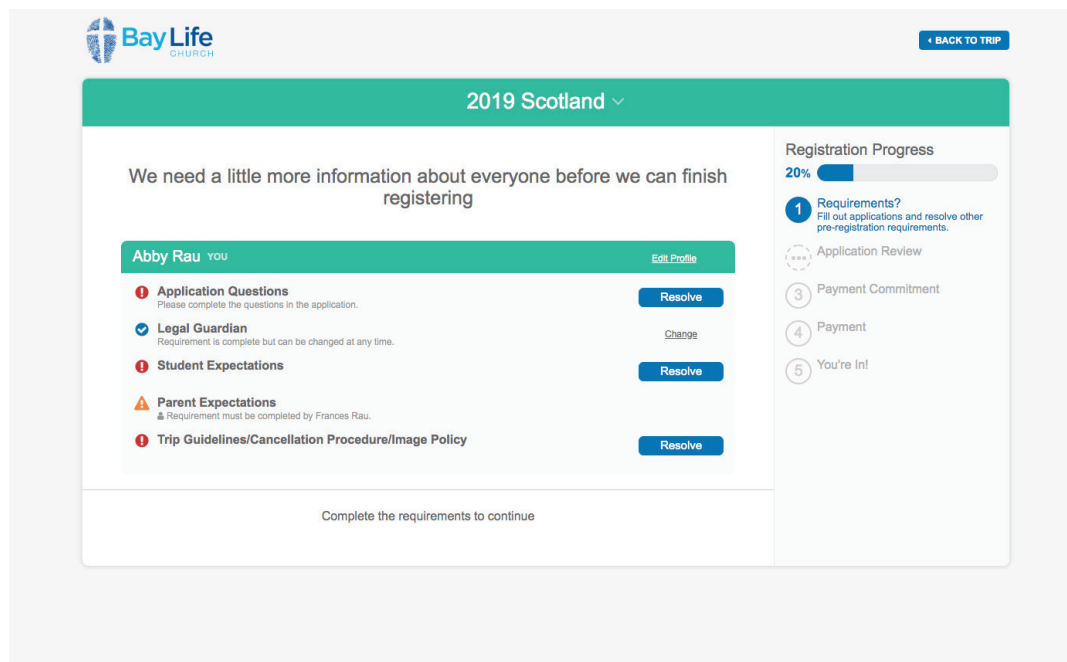
At the bottom of the 'MORE INFO' box, there is a button: 'APPLY BY OCT 2, 2019!'.

Create an Account

Once you click the **APPLY TODAY** button you'll be directed to the Focus Missions Login Screen. All student applicants must have a Focus Missions account to apply for trips. You can create an account from the Log in screen. Select **CREATE AN ACCOUNT**, to create a new Focus Missions account for the student.



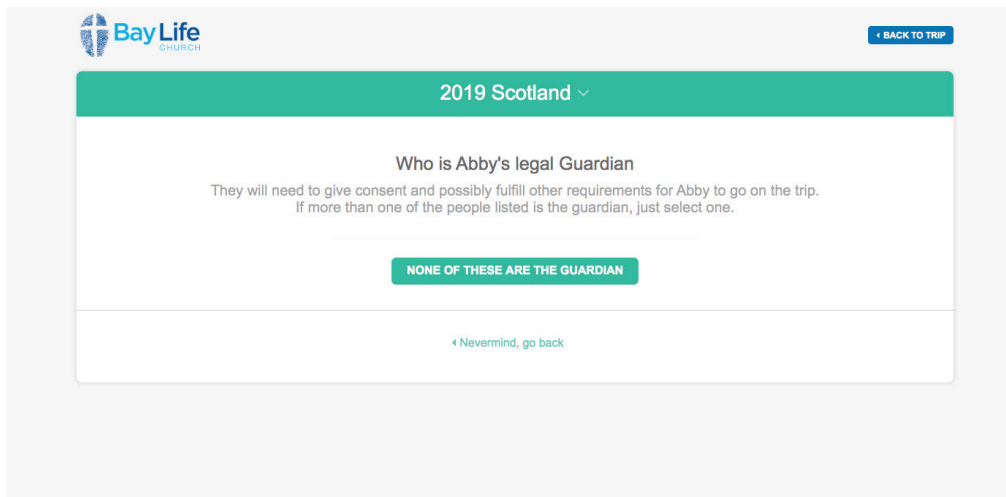
When submitted, you'll be lead back to the Trip Registration screen and you can click **JUST ME** to continue your registration.



Complete Your Application

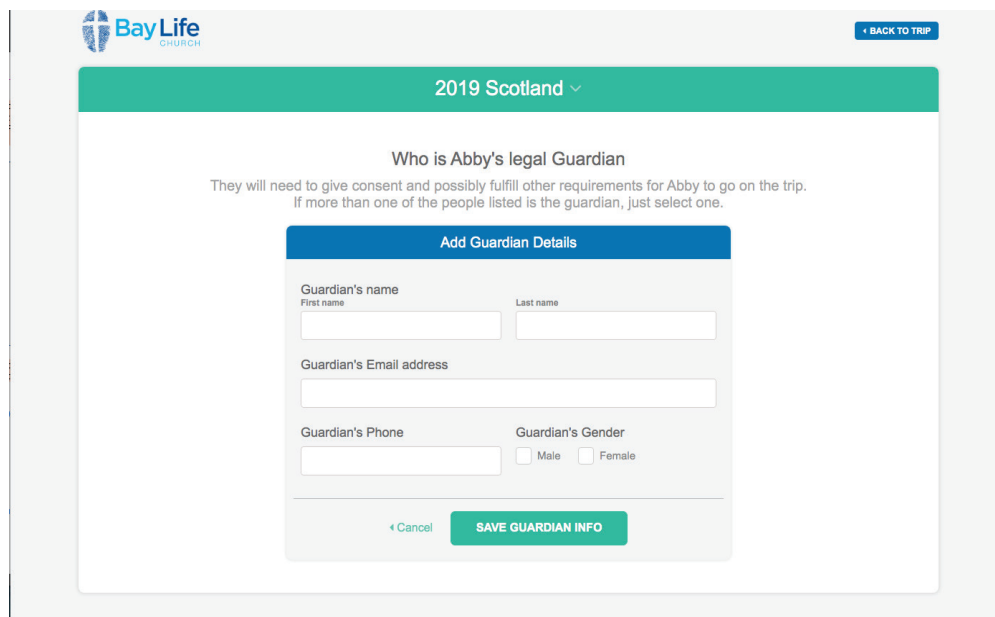
Students must complete the application questions and pre-registration requirements for the trip. Certain requirements will need a parent to sign off on.

Parents will need to have a separate login to complete these requirements for the student's application and they will be prompted to log in. Email must be different from student. If student is under the age of 13, they do not need a separate email address from parents.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Who is Abby's legal Guardian" with a green header bar containing "2019 Scotland" and a dropdown arrow. The BayLife Church logo is in the top left, and a "BACK TO TRIP" button is in the top right. The main text reads: "Who is Abby's legal Guardian" followed by "They will need to give consent and possibly fulfill other requirements for Abby to go on the trip. If more than one of the people listed is the guardian, just select one." A green button labeled "NONE OF THESE ARE THE GUARDIAN" is centered below the text. At the bottom, there is a link that says "← Nevermind, go back".

Parents can create a log in at this point by selecting **NONE OF THESE ARE THE GUARDIAN**. This will lead you to the page to enter the student's guardian information.



The screenshot shows the "Add Guardian Details" form, which is a modal window with a blue header bar. The BayLife Church logo and "BACK TO TRIP" button are visible at the top. The title is "Who is Abby's legal Guardian" with the same explanatory text as the previous form. The form contains several input fields: "Guardian's name" with sub-fields for "First name" and "Last name", "Guardian's Email address", "Guardian's Phone", and "Guardian's Gender" with radio buttons for "Male" and "Female". At the bottom, there are "Cancel" and "SAVE GUARDIAN INFO" buttons.

Application is auto saved as you go, so if you need to step away you won't lose your work. When you're ready, click the **SUBMIT APPLICATION** button.

Application Submission Confirmation

When you've successfully submitted your application, you'll see a confirmation screen.

Questions

If you have questions or need assistance, you can contact Frances at 813.661.3696 ext. 247 or by email at frau@baylife.org



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