



Short Term Mission Trip Application

We are excited that you are praying about going with us.

We know that God has amazing things in store for this mission. We want nothing more than for you to be exactly where He wants you to be and for us to have the team that He desires for us.

To apply:

*Carefully fill out the following application and email it back to info@thegraingame.org

If this is for a "TREK"

1. Make sure ALL pages filled out (TREKKER pages are for TREKKERS only)
2. Submit a \$25 application fee to
P.O. Box 1435, Northport, Alabama 35476
or online at www.thegraingame.org on the "donate" page.
3. List 2 mentors/adults and their email addresses so we can send them a reference form.

Which Grain Game Mission Trip are you applying for?
Trek _____ Other Mission Trip _____

Your Full Legal Name

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Preferred First Name _____

Current Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country _____

Will this address change before the mission trip starts? Yes No

What is the easiest way to communicate with you?

Phone Text Email Facebook

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Facebook Display Name _____

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact's Full Name _____

Relationship to you _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Country _____

Primary Telephone Number _____

Secondary Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Personal Information

Gender M F Birthdate _____

Biographical and Spiritual Info

Describe how you became a Christian and what being a Christian means.

What has your spiritual journey been like since becoming a Christian?

What has God been teaching you recently?

How did you hear about this mission project?

What is your understanding of the purpose of this project?

Why would you like to go on this mission project?

Describe any cross-cultural living and/or travel experiences. What did you learn?

Health/Medical Information

Why are we asking health/medical questions? It is important for you to understand that the challenges of your own pre-existing conditions (physical, psychological, emotional) along with the specific environment on a project may present difficulties for you.

You may encounter the following on our short-term mission trip:

- *Extended air-travel
- *Housing without elevators or air-conditioning
- *Extensive walking, or taking public transportation while carrying luggage
- *Full and demanding schedule
- *Food that is prepared for the whole mission team (and thus you don't have control what is offered)
- *Spending the summer with others who are new to you
- *Sharing cramped living quarters
- *Not having your own space most of the time, and limited free time

Please Note: A pre-existing medical condition does not necessarily disqualify you from being accepted but it is a necessary part of the application process.

In light of the situations above, do you have any significant health issues, physical limitations, or disabilities that may affect your ability to participate fully in the mission trip or would require special arrangements in order to take part?

Yes No

If you take any medications, will you be able to have enough for the duration of the trip?

Yes No

Do you have any allergies?

Yes No

Do you receive any on-going medical treatments?

Yes No

Do you have any psychological/emotional conditions or struggles? (Examples: depression, phobia, suicidal thoughts, significant anxiety, bipolar disorder, etc.)

Yes No

TREKKER--Moral Conviction Information

We know the following are sensitive questions. This information will be treated confidentially and will only be seen by individuals directly involved in the application decision and by appropriate mission team leadership. Your honest answers will not necessarily disqualify you for acceptance. The environment on a particular project may not be a good place for you. We are concerned about your growth. We may need to phone you to discuss the questions further.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor?

Yes No

In the last 12 months have you...

been intoxicated with alcohol?

Yes No

used narcotics, hallucinogens, drugs products not prescribed by a physician?

Yes No

used tobacco products?

Yes No

struggled with an eating disorder?

Yes No

had any incidents of intentional self-injury or cutting yourself?

Yes No

struggled with or participated in same-sex relationships/practice?

Yes No

struggled with or participated in sexual practices with the opposite sex?

Yes No

Briefly explain your understanding of what the Bible teaches about sexual purity (principles). What have you done to pursue this standard (both in convictions and practice)?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above and want to share more information regarding this, please do so here. Please realize that a "Yes" to one of these doesn't necessarily mean a "No" to a Grain Game Short Term Mission Trip but we will carefully consider each aspect of this application. When we are serving God, the enemy works overtime so we must take precautions to protect you, help you in your struggles, as well as protect the mission team and the ministry that we are doing so that God is glorified in all.

Additional TREKKER Info

In your opinion, what are your strengths? (character traits, abilities, skills)? If known, what spiritual gifts do you have?

In what areas do you need to grow?

Engaging in mission overseas can create stress due to cultural adjustments. How do you respond in stressful circumstances? Are you aware of any coping mechanisms you gravitate towards when you are stressed (i.e. sleep, food, detach relationally, etc.)?

How do your parents feel about you going on this mission trip?

If you choose an answer other than "supportive", how do you intend to talk with them further about it?

If asked, can you commit to reading 1-2 preparatory books and writing a one-page summary of each? Yes No

If you live in Tuscaloosa, can you commit to attending the training sessions/weekend in Tuscaloosa? If you live in Alabama, please explain any possible hindrances to attending any training sessions/team building times.

Ministry Experience and Involvement

How often and where do you attend church at home and at school?

Do you hold a regular position in your local ministry/church? Yes No

If so, what ministry do you have right now in your local ministry/church? Describe your ministry.

Indicate any relevant outreaches/ministries you have been involved with in the last few years. Include location, year, and with what ministry/church

TREKKER Project Guidelines Information

Since we are representing the Lord in a different culture, the mission trip may have standards of dress, conduct, and accountability. Are you willing to follow the mission trip guidelines and leadership even though you might not totally agree with them in every situation? (We are speaking of a difference of opinion, not something unbiblical or immoral) Yes No

Are you dating someone or are you interested in someone who is applying for this mission trip? Please note that depending on the nature of the trip you may be put on a different ministry team than this individual.
Yes No

What is your personal conviction regarding alcohol consumption for those over 21?

If you feel that it is permissible to consume alcohol, will you refrain from the use of it while on your Grain Game *Trek* (if applying for a *Trek*)?
Yes No

If you currently practice the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues, are you willing to refrain for the duration of the project? (Leave this question blank if you don't practice this gift).

TREKKER Application Reference Forms

Please list two references and their email address. One should be a spiritual mentor (Pastor/Youth Pastor/Sunday School Teacher, etc.) and one from another adult in authority (Spiritual Mentor, Relative, Teacher). Both should have known you at least 3 years.

We will send them a link for a reference form that they can fill out online. If you have done a Grain Game Mission Trip before, you will not need to list references.

- 1. Name _____ Email _____
- 2. Name _____ Email _____

If you live outside of Tuscaloosa, do you have the ability to Skype if we wanted you to be a part of 3-4 team building/Bible Study sessions with others going on the mission trip? Yes No If so, what is your Skype name?

If you have any other comments please write them here:

THE GRAIN GAME (For ALL Mission Trips)
Information Agreement & Background Check Authorization

Dates, travel arrangements and schedules are subject to change. Team members may be switched in the event of any crisis—political, natural, mission-related or for disciplinary reasons. All registrations and contributions are non-refundable, non-transferable and not carried over for another year or other individuals based on IRS guidelines. Note: Your participation on a Grain Game team constitutes permission for your name and picture to be used in any Grain Game publications. In the event of any cancellation after April 1, team member may be held liable for airline penalty or entire cost of airfare and administration fee. In the event of political unrest, natural disaster or a problem with the hosting mission, The Grain Game will decide if and where to send a team. In the event that a team is cancelled for any reason or does not fill, team members will be assigned by The Grain Game to another team.

Contributions are not refunded. The Grain Game has policies regarding conduct, dress and testimony. These are explained in the “Covenant” and in other information to members, leaders, and staff. Any member involved in something that goes against our policies may be sent home at the team member’s expense. Dating couples may or may not go on the same team as team members or leaders. Team members, leaders and staff serve at their own risk and The Grain Game is not liable in the event of sickness, accident, death, terrorist acts or for transportation or any other expense beyond that of the normal team involvement.

I Understand and Agree By checking the “I agree” line I recognize this is equivalent to my legal signature.

Authorization

I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that, if chosen to join The Grain Game short-term trip, falsified statements on this application shall be grounds for dismissal without reimbursement of any finances. I authorize the use of any information in this application to verify my statements, and I authorize all references and any other persons to answer all questions asked concerning my ability, character, and reputation. I release all such persons from any liability or damages on account of having furnished such information. I also release the information in this application to the trip Team Leader. Confidentiality is maintained in these contacts.

Background Check Authorization

I Authorize The Grain Game and its designated agents and representatives to conduct a comprehensive review of my background to be generated for employment/volunteer purposes. I understand that it may include but is not limited to: verification of social security number; current and previous residences; employment history, education background, character references, drug county jurisdictions, driving records, birth records, and any other public records. I further authorize any individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency (including the Social Security Administration and law enforcement agencies) to divulge any and all information, verbal or written, pertaining to me, to The Grain Game or its agents. I further authorized the complete release of any records or data pertaining to me which the individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency may have, to include information or data received from other sources. I hereby release The Grain Game, the Social Security Administration, and its agents, officials, representative, or assigned agencies, including officers, employees, or related personnel both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may, at any time, result to me, my heirs, family, or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release.

I agree (Please check here and sign below if you agree to the above stated background check)

Signature:

(typing in your name is the equivalent)

Date:

By typing my name above I hereby agree without reservations to all that is stated on this form.

The Grain Game Team Covenant-For All GG Mission Trips

While on this trip I agree to:

1. Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ. I will model Jesus in my conduct, speech, and attitude. I will be positive and encouraging, and refrain from complaining, negative talk, or gossip.
2. Abide by decisions made by the Grain Game trip leader and the host missionary who are the recognized authorities on the trip. I will respect these authorities and his or her decisions, being supportive and trusting positive intentions. Any defiance toward the trip leader or host missionary is unacceptable.
3. Follow the trip schedule and participate in all group functions. I know that permission to deviate from scheduled activities or separate from the group for any reason must be obtained from the trip leader.
4. Follow the dress code guidelines and dress appropriately. My appearance is important for both the missionary's reputation and in the way the local people perceive me and Christianity. I may have to submit to certain restrictions regarding appearance, clothing, and body piercing. (No undergarments showing, modest fingertip length shorts, one-piece bathing suits or tankini covering midriff for girls, and no tank tops or spaghetti straps for girls or guys). The trip leader reserves the right to make judgment calls per #2 of this covenant.
5. Be flexible. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of overcoming such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative and supportive and adopt the attitude, "We don't have problems--we have opportunities."
6. I will not begin romantic relationships. In order to follow this I will not even spend any alone time with members of the opposite sex. If my boyfriend/girlfriend is on the team, we will adhere to this rule appropriately. I will refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest in a national or teammate. A public display of affection is not appropriate. (again #2 of this document allows the team leader to make decisions on this matter).
7. Refrain from smoking or tobacco of any form, illegal drugs, or alcoholic beverages at all times during this trip. This includes drinking alcohol even if it is permissible for me to do so under other circumstances.
8. Attend team meetings before the trip as well as any follow-up meetings.
9. Remember that I can be sent home at my own expense if I do not adhere to this Covenant or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or in the best interest of the team.
10. I will make it a priority to spend time with God daily as well as journal daily. I realize there may or may not be a set "quiet time" but I will be steadfast in finding time to be with Him and to be in His word.

I have read the Mission Trip Covenant above and agree to abide by the trip guidelines and expectations within.

Signature_____Date_____