

Your Mission Trip Kit



Hello, Kind Human.

We're thrilled you're thinking about going on a trip... with a mission. It warms our heart when we see members volunteer for a cause that is dear to their heart. That's why we've created this Mission Trip Kit to make it even easier for you to get started.

Inside, you'll find...

- **A Handy Checklist... Just For You!**
- **5 Tips for Taking Instagram-Worthy Photos**
- **Awesome Mission Trip Resources**
- **Post-Event: Things to Consider**

A Handy Checklist... Just for you

Choose a country

- Decide where in the world you would like to travel, or pick a province or territory right here in Canada!

Decide on a cause

- Choose which registered Canadian charity you'd like to support.

Apply for funding

- Visit our website to apply for \$200 to help fund your trip.
(And don't forget, we'll donate another \$50 to the charity you're supporting once you've completed your post-event survey. That's a \$250 value!).

Get organized

- Make sure to pack clothes and footwear that are comfortable, weather-appropriate, and respectful of your host country's customs.
And don't forget to pack your Serenia Life T-shirt – a little going away gift from us!
- Check that your passport and all other required travel documentation are up to date.
- Talk to your doctor about the need for any travel vaccinations, and be sure you're clear on COVID regulations at your destination.

Use your tracking guide

- Mark down your accumulated planning and volunteer hours.
- Record personal funds raised to go on the trip.
- Make sure everyone signs the Volunteer Sign-In & Photo Release.

Take Photos

- Bring your smartphone so you can snap some shots of yourself in your fancy T-shirt volunteering away from home.
- Be sure to take high-quality photos so we can use them later.
For tips on taking an Instagram-worthy photo, see page 2.

Have fun!

Five Tips for Taking Instagram-Worthy Photos

We absolutely love sharing your good deeds with the larger community – whether that be on one of our social platforms, in a blog spotlight, or in our annual newsletter. That's why we ask you to sign the Photo Release when you apply for this benefit. But even more importantly, we want to make sure your pictures are high-enough quality to get published.

When it comes to taking a good photo, your smartphone is your friend. Just follow these tips to ensure you aren't submitting fuzzy, out-of-focus pics.



Consider using the filter tool on your smartphone.



Make sure your hand is steady before snapping a shot.



For people pics, zoom in. If you want to capture your surroundings, zoom out.



Never ever crop or edit your photos before submitting. Each change you make diminishes the quality of the photo. Originals only please!



Make sure the sun is behind you when you're taking a photo.

Awesome Resources

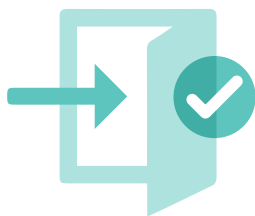
Click an image to access the resource you need!



Online Application Form



Fillable Tracking Guide



Volunteer Sign-In Sheet



Mission Trip Guide
6 Volunteer Away From Home Opportunities

Post Event: Things to Consider

You might not realize it, but it's just as important to track your trip as it is to pack for it. Why? Because your post-event survey answers help us measure the success of our program (and make improvements, if necessary).

Plus, it's your key to unlocking an extra \$50 donation to the registered Canadian charity you're supporting.

Tracking Guide Facts

Q: What do I need to track?

A: Good question. We'd like you to track your individual: (1) planning hours, (2) volunteer hours, and (3) funds you personally raised to go on your mission trip.

Q: Why is it important to track my planning hours?

A: You'll spend quite a bit of time planning your upcoming trip. These planning hours are important to ensure you've covered everything needed to have a successful time away. Not only that, but they are added to your final impact numbers.

Q: Who is the \$200 cheque made payable to?

A: The cheque is made payable to the registered Canadian charity you are travelling with to help cover the cost of your trip... just in a roundabout way! Please note that the cheque will be mailed to you, so that you can personally deliver it to the organization you are supporting.

Questions to consider while you're away on your trip

Keep these in the back of your mind while you're volunteering away from home. It will help you answer your post-event survey questions later.

- 1 Describe your experience participating in a Mission Trip.
- 2 How did volunteering away from home impact you personally?
- 3 Do you think this is a good member benefit, and would you encourage others to organize a Mission Trip? Why or why not?