

Keene State College

2012 International Service Trip to Jamaica

January 3th – January 13th, 2012*



Thank you for your interest in the Keene State College International Service Trip to Jamaica. This program provides a significant leadership opportunity, the opportunity to give back and serve others, and a memorable learning experience for all involved. The program exposes students to complex social and cultural issues through direct service, experiential learning, discussion and reflection. The program allows students to apply classroom learning to real world topics.

While completing this application, please keep in mind that it is an important component to the entire selection process. Because there are only fourteen available spots for this trip, this application serves as a tool to properly select the most eligible applicants. With that being said, we urge you to put the required time and effort into completing this application.

Applications are due **Wednesday, October 5, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.** to the 3rd Floor Student Center Front Desk. When handing in your application, please sign up for a twenty-minute interview (also at the 3rd Floor Front Desk). **Trip participants will be required to pay \$700.00 per person**, through two separate payments. This price includes travel, lodging, meals and transportation for the trip. Students will also be responsible for paying for their own personal passport fees for their travels to Jamaica, if they do not currently have a passport. The estimated cost of the passport is \$135.00 (additional \$60.00 for expedited service).

Throughout the school year there is much to be done in preparation for the International Service Trip to Jamaica. As part of this experience, you will participate in training sessions, group meetings and fundraising events. Due to the amount of planning involved, all meetings and events are mandatory. Failure to attend meetings can result in losing your spot on the service trip. We encourage you to contact the Coordinator of Greek Life and Student Leadership (abrown9@keene.edu) or our Student Trip Leaders (Kristin Powers- kpowers3@ksc.mailcruiser.com; Ryan Robtoy- rrobtoy@ksc.mailcruiser.com) anytime to get more information on the program.

After all applications are submitted, they will be reviewed by the International Service Trip Leadership Team. You will be notified of your acceptance through e-mail by 6:00 PM on October 17th, 2011. **Please Note:** Only students who are of good academic and judicial standing with the college will be accepted on this trip. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application.

***Please note that dates of travel are subject to change.**

2012 International Service Trip Background Information

What is Amizade?

Amizade Global Service-Learning has been empowering individuals and communities through worldwide service and learning since 1994. Over 4,500 individuals have served with local community leaders in 9 countries on 4 continents with 11 partnerships. From working with women and girls on rainwater harvesting initiatives in rural Tanzania to running at-risk youth camps in Jamaica, Amizade volunteers have transformed and been transformed.

Amizade volunteers come in many forms; as students, as faculty, as activists, adventurers, philanthropists, and leaders. Young and old, volunteers have set out in partnership with Amizade and the communities we work with to serve, explore, and understand.

Mission and Values

Amizade empowers individuals and communities through worldwide service and learning. Amizade's values are present and interconnected on any program. They include:

- Community-Driven Service
- Deliberate Learning
- Intercultural Immersion and Exchange
- Consideration of Global Citizenship
- Reflective Inquiry

Program Overview

Amizade volunteers have the opportunity to learn about local history and culture; explore the beauty of Jamaica's urban, rural, and coastal areas; and serve with the Association of Clubs (AOC), a well-established community organization. Volunteers tutor local students, provide computer instruction, and participate in construction, maintenance and repair initiatives, and much more. Volunteers do not need prior experience in tutoring or construction as all projects are supervised by a very knowledgeable site director.

Amizade volunteers in Petersfield stay with local families in "homestays," designed to give an opportunity for both further cultural learning and deeper personal relationships.

2012 International Service Trip Important Dates

Wednesday, October 5, 2011	Participant Applications Due
Monday, October 10, 2011– Friday, October 14, 2011	Participant Interviews
Monday, October 17, 2011	Applicants notified by 6:00 PM
Friday, October 21, 2011	First Team meeting
Friday, October 28, 2011	Team Meeting
Friday, November 4, 2011, 4:30 PM	Team Meeting *First Payment of \$400.00 due by 4:30 PM
Friday, November 18, 2011, 4:30 PM	Team Meeting
Friday, December 2, 2011, 4:30 PM	Team Meeting *Second Payment of \$300.00 due by 4:30 PM
Friday, December 9, 2011, 4:30 PM	Last Team Meeting
January 3 – 13, 2012	Travel Dates to Jamaica
Date/Time to be determined	Reflection meeting(s)

Upon acceptance, participants are required to submit their first payment of \$400.00 no later than November 4, 2011 by 4:30 p.m. to Deb Edwards on the third floor of the Student Center. Only cash or check will be accepted. **Please make checks payable to Keene State College. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.** The second payment will be due no later than December 2, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.

2012 International Service Trip Participant Application

Deadline: Monday, October 3rd, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.
L.P. Young Student Center
Student Center Administrative Suite Front Desk (3rd Floor)
229 Main Street Keene, NH 03435-3003
Phone: 603-358-2018
Email: abrown9@keene.edu

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Campus Address: _____ Mail Stop: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Student ID #: _____

Major (s): _____ Minor (s) _____

Expected Graduation month/yr: _____ Date of Birth mm/dd/yy: _____

Do you have a current passport? : _____

(Current possession of a passport is not required for application. If you currently have a passport, please note that it must be valid six months after January 15, 2012.)

*A valid passport is required for international travel. If you do not currently have a passport, the application process will be discussed at our first meeting.

2012 International Service Trip Application Essay

As a part of the selection process, all applicants are to submit an essay answering the following questions:

1. What do you hope to learn by participating in the International Service Trip?
2. What is your definition of service learning and what does it mean to you?
3. How will participation in the International Service Trip enhance your educational and personal goals?

This essay is a valuable part of the selection process, and along with your interview, will factor into the selection process. Please keep essay responses to two pages.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please remember to sign up for an individual interview when you submit your International Service Trip application to the 3rd Floor Student Center Front Desk.