Xela AID's Global Citizen Volunteer Program

Profoundly enriching lives!

Xela AID has been working in Guatemala for more than two decades years addressing the core causes of poverty and suffering and empowering self reliance. We are proud of our outcomes, which, across our programs, have included as a *very small* sample:

• Increasing the average span children are in school by a full six years and increasing the percentage of girls attending school in our community from just 4% to 54%!

• We produced the first college graduates in two villages, celebrated our first female college graduate in 2014, and will celebrate two more in 2015!

• We participate in a region-wide de-parasiting program, protecting children against life-threatening diseases

At the same time, to coin a phrase from a past volunteer, we have "profoundly enriched" the lives of more than 1500 volunteers from all walks of lives who have chosen a Xela AID service trip. Here is what a few of our recent volunteers had to say:

- *"This service trip was exceptional and I believe we all, as a group, became better individuals and will move forward to contribute and give back." — Moonsook, 48*
- *"This trip was life changing." — Kristin, 43*
- *"The trip introduced me to a whole different world." — June Russel Glennon, 70*
- *"The trip was eye-opening. I learned a lot, and that it is possible to make a difference. I won't forget this trip, and am grateful for all the hard work that was put into it. Thank you for the opportunity. Inspirational, amazing!" —Greer, 16*
- *"All around awesome, life changing trip!" — Miles, 17*

Besides what each member of your group will experience for themselves, your support of Xela AID through participation in this volunteer trip will help fund Xela AID's many important Educational, Health Care, Clean Environment and Economic Development initiatives that are fueling dignity and self-reliance in our area of focus in the Guatemalan highlands. During our formal orientation, you will be able to give input to help shape the trip to best serve current needs in the village while taking advantage of the interests and skill sets of each person in your group.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Each Xela AID service trip is custom created, matching talent with need. Among possibilities for this trip, we may conduct art or art therapy classes with children; distribute education packets to sponsored children, evaluate children's school reports, or take children on a field trip since most rarely get to explore beyond the village. We may mentor older children who have had some English study and wish to practice. We may work on special construction projects determined by need and the talents of participants—such as installing an outhouse, or chicken coop. We may plant fruit trees or herbs in and around our green house. Working side by side with local residents, we may do light maintenance of Xela AID's clinic, preschool, and weaving cooperative building; this could include painting or repairs. We may hold an optometry or other specialty clinic. There are many other possibilities that will depend on need, and the interest/skills of our volunteer group.

Note: One-on-one private Spanish Study is available on some trips for three hours each day for an additional $150 per person for four days (requires pairs of students, 2 minimum, one AM, one PM. As your Trip Leaders!)

Xela AID Volunteer Service Trip Application 2016

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*Please select the trip you are applying for (and note deadlines and Orientation dates. Cost differences reflect differences in number of nights or subsidized educational travel. Note: **Public**, **Private**):*

[__] **March 12-20** (Restricted Registration, VOSH)

[__] **April 29-May 9 - 10 nights - $1581** - (**Open to Public** – **Trip Leaders Sue Rikalo / Steve Kent**) Apply/ Deposit by: Dec. 30, 2015 • Balance Due: Jan. 30, 2016 • Orientation: Sat., Jan. 30 (time/location TBD)

[__] **June 1-15 -14 nights - $1613** - (Restricted Registration, CSUF – **Trip Leaders Mel & Leslie Dinkel and Co-Leader Arlene Corral**) Apply by December 14, 2014 • Deposit by: Feb 14, 2016 • Balance Due: March 1, 2016 • Orientation: Tues., March 1 (CSUF - Rm H-219, 5-730pm)

[__] **July 1-9 - 8 nights - $1481** - (Restricted Registration, DUSC – **Trip Leaders Mel & Leslie Dinkel**)

[__] **July 23-31 - 8 nights - $1481** - (**Open to the Public**, Jewell College – **Trip Leaders Patrick & Lori Bunton**) Apply/Deposit by: March 15, 2016 • Balance Due: April 16, 2016 • Orientation: Sat., April 16 (time/location TBD)

[__] **August 12-21 - 8 nights - $1481** - (**Open to Public** – **Trip Leaders Mel & Leslie Dinkel and Co-Leader Tara Love**) Apply/Deposit by: April 1, 2016 • Balance Due: May 7, 2016 • Orientation: Sat., May 7 (time/location TBD)

Name_____

Address_____

Email _____ **(Note: Email required for EACH PERSON. Thank you!)**

City _____State/Zip _____ Best Phone_____

Date of Birth _____**Passport #** _____

Place Obtained _____ **Passport Expiration Date** _____**Passport Country** _____

Spanish speaker? (It is NOT required!) CIRCLE THE NUMBER that best applies:

1) *Excellente/avansado* 2) *Hablo y entiendo muy bién* 3) *Entiendo más que yo hablo*

4) Don't understand enough to know what the above says, but understand some Spanish

5) I COULD get myself to a *baño* or order myself a *cerveza* if my life depended upon it!

6) Huh? "*I no speaking espanish!*

Tell us about yourself and how you may wish to contribute to this Xela AID project (continue on back):

_____

Has someone agreed to be your roommate(s) on this trip? _____

Seeking a Roommate? – Check the box below and we'll share your name with others who've checked it. Please note that due to higher costs, if for any reason you end up rooming alone, the additional Single Room Supplement (SRS) must apply: $50 per night. If you don't have a roommate when you apply, please include the SRS in your total. If you find a roommate, we'll refund it to you! If the SRS cost might preclude you from going or you're otherwise concerned about forfeiting your non-refundable $500 deposit (a tax-deductible donation) to Xela AID, you may wish to consider a "Conditional Application" (see that option on Costs Worksheet).

[__] – **Please Help Me Try to Find a Roommate** - *Thanks for your help Xela AID!*

In Case of an Emergency Notify (name and phone): _____

Best Phone Numbers to reach you at: _____

Costs Worksheet

***INCLUDED**:* All chartered ground transportation, in-country project coordination, hotel accommodations (double or triple occupancy – a Single Supplement must be charged for any single room) entrance/honorariums to sights/special activities, tips for Xela AID-paid expenses, international medical/evac insurance. MEALS: In Antigua - First breakfast is hosted. Continental breakfast is included at the Hotel Aurora. In Xela - Breakfasts, lunches in the village. At the Lake - Dinners. Travel day meals are not included. We suggest budgeting at least $20 per day for food, and more if you enjoy liquor!

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: 1) Airfare. You'll need to purchase your tickets to and from Guatemala and arrive with the group or prior if you are not traveling on the group schedule. 2) Meals not mentioned above. 3) Trip Cancellation Insurance (recommended!). 4) Single Supplement if for any reason you room alone. 5) Costs resulting from late arrival, personal other.

REFUND POLICY**:* Your $500 deposit is integral to our planning since it is used to book hotels, purchase supplies, and to pay our caring staff who expend considerable time and effort planning a wonderful experience for you. Your deposit is therefore non-refundable if for any reason your plans should change. For this reason, **we strongly advise that you purchase trip cancellation insurance**. The balance of fees are refundable as follows: 100% within 91 days of travel; 50% within 61 days of travel, and 25% within 31 days of travel. We regret that we cannot refund monies within 30 days of travel. ***Thank you for your support and understanding. Please note that as a volunteer, 100% of your contribution and in-country expenses are generally tax deductible (please consult your tax professional). A tax receipt for the full amount contributed through is provided by January 31 of the year following your participation.

***CONDITIONAL APPLICATION*:** If you feel your plans could change or that you may cancel for any reason, may we suggest a Conditional Application. A Conditional Application secures you a number on our waiting list while you are finalizing your plans. Out of fairness Xela AID fills spots on a first-come first-served basis when an application is received with a deposit, so when you're ready to submit your deposit, there may not be space left on the trip you were considering. Please note that because we must release excess reservations, conditional applications expire 91 days prior to leave date.

[__] - **Please Accept My Conditional Application**. I'll remit my deposit at a later date. If I get bumped, I'd like to try again on your future trip planned for _____(date).

Note: Each team member must have a Xela AID T-shirt. If you have one from a previous trip, feel free to substitute a swag item that will be included. Extra swag is $20 per item.

1) Your Trip Price (see previous page):		$_____ (Double or triple occupancy)
2) Single Room Supplement (+$50 per night)		$_____ (If for any reason you room alone)
3) Study Spanish, four days 3-hours per day (+$150)		$_____
4) New Subtotal (1+2+3)		$_____
5) Round-Up Total/Additional Donation (optional, *thank you!)*		$_____
6) New Subtotal (4+5)		$_____
7) Minus Your Non Refundable Project Donation/Deposit $500		$ 500 (Guarantees your spot)
8) Additional Swag Item(s) (+$20/ea)		$_____
9) **Your Balance Due (see date related to trip):**	(6 minus 7, plus 8)	$_____

10) A Xela AID **Shirt** (required), **Vest**, **Stonewash Cap** or **Tote** is included. If you don't already have a Xela AID shirt, please select your shirt size. If you **already have** a Xela AID shirt and want a swag item instead of another one, please check an item on the following page:

Check One:

[__] Male Pocket T **[__] Female V T-Shirt** **[__] Stonewash Cap** **[__] Tote Bag** **[__] Vest (M or F)** **[__] Male Quick Dry (+$20)**

> If you selected our Shirt or Vest: CIRCLE STYLE: Male or Female CIRCLE SIZE: sm m l xl xxl xxxl

> If you have a T-shirt and selected our Tote, please CIRCLE ONE: Black, Natural, Pink, Yellow, Green

***Submit all three pages of this application* with your $500 deposit to "Xela AID", with your trip date in check memo field (you must include "4th Floor"), to:**

Xela AID • 111 W. Ocean Blvd. 4th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802

1) Our Trip Leaders will review all applications within a week of receipt (unless we are out of the country!) and deposit checks upon acceptance. They may call you with questions. Your Trip Leader will send you flight information upon acceptance.

2) Note: If you not traveling with the main group, you will need to arrive PRIOR to the main group's inbound flight.

3) Need to Spend the Night Prior to Group Arrival? May we recommend the following clean, simple accommodation. We advise booking MONTHS early to assure you get a room:

- Petit Mariana Hotel – (Normally $30-$40 per night) – Family B&B. Airport pick-up and drop off provided.
  - Booking: marianaspetithotel.com Phone: 011 - 502 – 2261 - 4144

Questions? Please write or call or write your Trip Director:

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- Patrick Bunton • buntonp@william.jewell.edu
- Leslie Baer Dinkel • leslie@xelaaid.org • (951) 733-2588
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Thank you!

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