



## Costa Rica – Brief Overview



**About Costa Rica:** YouthWorks is privileged to partner with and serve alongside Rice & Beans Ministries, a local mission organization that serves its community through construction projects, kids ministries, and providing food to families in need. Serving internationally will allow your group an opportunity to step into an immersive cross-cultural experience. You'll work alongside local leaders to meet the physical and spiritual needs of families through food distribution, teaching and playing with children, and working on the homes of families. You'll engage in locally led worship (in both English and Spanish) and learn from local leaders about what ministry looks like in their own context. You'll also have the chance to eat authentic Costa Rican food, attend a church service and participate in optional guided tours.

### Serving in Costa Rica:

- Pack and deliver food bags to families, offering both physical as well as spiritual food through listening and prayer
- Serve through home repair or construction-based projects, such as working on churches, homes, classrooms, or other repair projects
- Plan and lead children's programming, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading activities
- Because of the relational nature of these projects, students may remain at the same service sites throughout the week or they may swap between service sites as determined by the specific needs of the week.

**2020 Dates:** Weeks run Saturday through Saturday, with Friday as an optional Tour Day

- June 20
- June 27
- July 4
- July 11
- July 18
- July 25

**Capacity:** up to 65 participants total per week. Requests of up to 100 people per week will be considered.

**Age Group:** High School & Up

### Transportation:

- Groups are responsible for their own flights to/from San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO)
- Transportation during the week will be provided and included in the cost of the trip. Groups **do not** need to plan their own transportation while in Costa Rica. Transportation includes pickup from the airport upon arrival and to the airport when departing as well as at all times during the ministry week.
- Because Friday is an optional Tour Day, transportation can be arranged upon request to get to/from tours (there is an extra cost for this).
- If groups do not want to attend a Tour on Friday, they can arrange flights to depart on Friday and transportation will be provided to the airport.

**Price:** \$809 per participant

**Cost per participant includes:** pre- and post-trip tools, lodging (Saturday to Saturday), meals (Saturday upon arrival to Friday morning), attentive YouthWorks staff, service project materials (including one ministry food bag per person), program resources, & fun activities on Sunday. This amount includes a per person rate we pay our host and housing partner.

### **Fundraising Opportunity and Additional Cost**

- Food Distribution Bags – YouthWorks groups will work directly with Rice & Beans to package food bags each afternoon and hand out to families in need. The YouthWorks per person price includes one food bag per person. However, groups have an opportunity to raise additional funds before their trip that will enable the purchasing of more food to distribute when in Costa Rica, which will increase the ministry reach to families in need. The cost to fill each bag with food is \$12.00. Money will be collected by Trip Leaders and then the food will be purchased by YouthWorks & Rice & Beans in Costa Rica.
  - Check out this video for a glimpse into this ministry: <https://vimeo.com/127397491>
- Friday Tours – as optional activities, a list of tours will be provided for groups to register for on their own. If groups desire to attend a tour, they will need to plan for additional transportation costs for busses on Friday. Rice & Beans Ministries will support Trip Leaders in identifying, registering, and facilitating the transportation needs to and from these tours.

### **Costa Rica Weekly Schedule**

#### Saturday

- Groups arrive at airport and transported to housing location
- Dinner

#### Sunday

- Breakfast
- Attend a local church service
- Tourist and cultural activities
- Dinner
- Orientation and Evening Programming

#### Monday through Thursday

- Breakfast
- Serve through Kids Programming or Construction Projects
- Lunch
- Pack food bags and distribute them throughout the community
- Dinner
- Evening Programming

#### Friday

- Optional Tour Day
- If not doing a tour, groups depart for the airport

#### Saturday

- Groups depart

### **Do you have additional questions?**

Please reach out to a Trip Consultant at [www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com) or at (800) 968-8504