

Pursuing God's Work- Alaska 2023



Dear prospective missionary!
Thank you for your interest in the **2023 YA Missions Trip to Tanalian Bible Camp** in Port Alsworth, AK.
We'll be working with 5-6 graders **June 23 – July 4** (Friday to the following Tuesday morning).
I'd encourage you to check out their website, <http://www.tanalianbiblecamp.org>.
This will be the 7th year we serve!



Highlights:

Where: Tanalian Bible Camp, Port Alsworth, AK

Dates: June 23-July 4

Leaving SD Friday evening, returning to San Diego Tuesday afternoon (flight info subject to change)

Inbound: We will arrive in Anchorage Friday afternoon and stay at in a hotel before traveling to Port Alsworth Saturday morning via bush plane.

Outbound: Return from Port Alsworth with Lunch at Moose's Tooth Pizza before departure! (Lord willing and the planes don't break down).

Working with: 5-6 graders.

Cost: \$1400 total

- *Covers all airfare, ground travel, food at camp, 2 travel meals in Anchorage.*
- *Confirmed attendance and Deposit due 4/1, online or in person.*
- *Final payment due prior to departure*

Due to the generous giving of SMCC members, our committed Missions dept. will contribute 40% per person towards the cost of the trip, equal to \$560. This makes the remaining **balance \$840 pp.**

There is Mandatory Online training through the Camp Website, as well as one additional team meeting prior to departure.

You must have a current background check on record with SMCC

There are a variety of roles available at the camp. They include counselor, cooks, cleanup, crafts and more. You may be asked to serve in more than one capacity if necessary. EVERY JOB MATTERS.

We have availability for **18** people. Pray diligently as the Lord leads you; while I'd love to take every person who wants to go, I understand that sometimes the Lord has other plans for us! And better to be in the Lord's will in California (or wherever!) than disobedient in Alaska!

** donated funds are non-refundable, but transferable or usable on a future trip within 1 year's time.*

Port Alsworth is a beautiful place, in the middle of Lake Clark National Park. It is unabashedly remote- we have to fly in via bush plane. There is no Walmart, and internet and cell service are pretty much non-existent. Anticipate limited use of electronic devices during camp time; after all, we don't need the distractions! We won't be completely out of touch, but don't expect to be able to update your status or communicate daily with people outside of camp.

Here are the next steps.

- Pray! For the Lord's leading and encouragement.
- Please fill out the Shadow Mountain Short Term Missions application. Return it to me in person or electronically.
- When your applications are complete, we'll follow up with you. We'll also ask you to place a deposit for the trip.
- Submit travel information- Full name as it appears on your ID, birthday, etc., so we can purchase tickets.

Deadlines for the trip: once selection is confirmed, a **deposit** is due by **April 1st**, contributed by you or a donor.

You can make payments or take donations in person or online- final balance is due prior to departure.

Donations can be made at **ShadowMountain.org/YAMissions**. Other than deposit, deadlines are guidelines for donations coming in. Travel tickets will be purchased as soon as we finalize the team.

We encourage you to raise as much as you can and not completely rely on SMCC to make up your balance, since additional funds may be needed for someone who *really* needs it. Any "Team" donations and contributions over and above the cost of the trip will be utilized for the team.

"What would keep me from going?" you might ask. We trust the Lord to guide us in our task. We assume that if you're on this trip you are a committed follower of Christ who is convinced that through their service others may know Jesus. If you're not at that place in your relationship with God, this may not be the right fit, *right now* (none of us are perfect- sometimes we're just not in a great place to serve others).

I'm excited about this opportunity, and I can't wait to see how God uses us for his purposes! Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. 619-536-9005
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Scan here for info, donation link, and support letters →

Blessings as you prepare for this exciting journey!
- George

