



A Making a Difference Opportunity for Wildcat Water Polo

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WILDCAT WATER POLO INVITATION

Wildcat Water Polo has been invited to serve in Costa Rica by SCORE International and CULTURELink, Inc. SCORE International is a Christian-based ministry that utilizes sports to enhance community and youth development all over the world. Recently, SCORE heard about the Wildcat Water Polo club, and they were excited about this unusual sport being used to impact the communities in San Jose, Costa Rica.

CULTURELink Inc. partners with SCORE on numerous projects. CULTURELink is a training and coordinating ministry for international projects. Currently, they have deployed teams to over 120 nations. CULTURELink staff will train the Wildcat Water Polo Costa Rica participants and coordinate the trip. CULTURELink staff has experience in Costa Rica and has led four teams there over the last two years. Water Polo parent, Larry Ragan, is the founder and coordinator of CULTURELink.

Both organizations are Christian-based; however, being a Christian is not a requirement for this trip. All participants are expected to adhere to the ministries' behavioral guidelines and code of conduct in order to well represent and protect the reputations of both organizations and Wildcat Water Polo. Guidelines are provided with the trip application.

WILDCAT WATER POLO ACTIVITIES

Daily activities will consist of water polo training clinics with high school and/or college students, as well as potential exhibition matches with local teams. Our team will also assist SCORE in its community development and humanitarian programs to impoverished communities around San Jose. This may include construction & service projects and humanitarian aid distribution.

TEAM SIZE

Open to both male and female high school students. 15 players with 3 to 5 adults on the team.

LODGING

Our team will be staying at a secure and enclosed compound operated by SCORE International called the SCORE Villa. Students will be split into dorm-style rooms. Adults will be in their own rooms. Each room has a private bathroom.

TRIP COST - \$1800

This includes:

- Non-refundable deposit of \$125
- Airfare
- Lodging, Transportation, and Meals
- Program Supplies
- Training Materials
- Trip Insurance
- Free-day Activities

The trip cost does not include: passport and passport photos, support letters, food/drink in the Atlanta airport, or souvenirs.

HOW DO YOU JOIN THE TEAM?

1. ATTEND THE PARENT INFO MEETING on September 13, 2017 or September 20, 2017.

- 6:30 – 7:30pm
- At the Ragans: 724 Scottish Mill Run, Marietta 30068
- The meeting is not mandatory.

2. TURN IN APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT by October 1, 2017.

- Online applications will be available September 1, 2017 at culturelinkinc.org/costarica.
- A **non-refundable** \$125 deposit is due with every application. The deposit can be paid online at culturelinkinc.org/costarica or via check, made payable to CULTURELink, Inc. and mailed to: PO Box 6623, Marietta, GA 30065.

3. APPLICATION REVIEW.

Your application will be reviewed by CULTURELink staff and Chris Sweitzer. If needed, a personal interview will be scheduled.

4. COMMIT TO TRAINING PROCESS.

Every team member is required to attend four pre-field training sessions. During the training process, you will plan and prepare for your activities. You will also learn how to adapt to new cultural environments, speak through an interpreter, experience team building exercises, and more. The training sessions are as follows:

- November 4 • 9am – 12pm • Location TBA
- December 9 • 9am – 12pm • Location TBA
- January 13 • 9am – 1pm • Location TBA
- February 3 • 9am – 12pm • Location TBA
- *February 10 • Possible coordination and team packing meeting

5. RAISE THE MONEY FOR YOUR TRIP.

During the first training session, you will be guided through the “best practices” for fundraising for this trip, which includes writing a fundraising letter to your family & friends. Team fundraising events may also be scheduled. Each participant is responsible for participating in fund raising efforts and is responsible for 100% of their trip cost. 50% of the trip balance is due by December 17, 75% is due by January 17, and 100% is due before February 17.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CULTURELINK

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