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SERVE AND LEARN: COLOMBIA

December 7th-14th, 2019

The YMCA of Bogotá Colombia

Partners together in this mission, the YMCA of the Twin Cities and the YMCA of Bogotá collaborate, sharing practices and perspective on youth work, social services, camping, and organizational development. The relationship benefits both parties profoundly.

The Invitation

In December 2019 the YMCA of the Twin Cities will facilitate an immersive travel experience in partnership with the YMCA of Bogotá. It will be a once in a lifetime trip focused on challenges facing youth, families, and vulnerable adults. With two pre-trip sessions and on-trip debriefs, participants will return to the United States with a deep knowledge of Bogotá's history, culture, and society, and bring back new eyes through which to understand their home environment.

We would be honored if you would join us.

Itinerary

Day 1-3: After arriving and spending a night in a Bogotá hotel we will visit YMCA social service programs, see amazing work being done to train young women for work and have meaningful interactions with underserved youth.

Day 4-5 we'll head to YMCA Camp Bochica, just south of the city. We'll spend the days constructing new team building elements and our evenings visiting nearby wilderness areas and wildlife reserves.

Day 5-7: As we head back to Bogotá we will get a chance to visit youth and family focused programs in the Southern part of the city in Bosa.

We will also have the chance to visit a school during the trip to learn about the education systems in Bogota.

Day 7: Not to say that there won't be plenty of fun every day, but the last day in Colombia we will make sure to visit incredible locations like the Gold Museum, the colonial city center, the Salt Cathedral, and Monserrate overlook. We'll enjoy a final celebration at a delicious traditional Colombian restaurant.

Fundraising for the cause

Each participant is asked to raise (or independently pay) \$1500 to support their participation on the trip. That fee covers all transportation, hotel housing, meals, entrance fees, and all other imperative costs while in Colombia.

That \$1500 does not cover transportation to Colombia, for which participants can expect to pay roughly an additional \$800- \$1,000.

Trip Coordinator

Alyson Gagner, Beacons Program Executive for the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities and Joe Cottew, YMCA Recruiter, will be the main contacts in preparation for the trip.

Once in Colombia, the experience will be facilitated primarily by YMCA of Bogotá staff.

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Frequently Asked Questions

An FAQ document that covers questions like "do I need to speak Spanish," and "are there any pre-trip information sessions?" has been created.