

RIDE  NATURE



"Skate Mission/Skate & Serve" Trip Application

Please submit the following with your completed application:

- \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE TRIP APPLICATION FEE (PAYABLE TO CHRISTIAN SKATERS)
- CLEAR COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (COLOR COPY PREFERRED)
- CLEAR COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit the following application along with a copy of your current passport by mail or email.
2. The submission of this application does not automatically mean that you will be accepted to travel on an international trip with the organization. By completing this application, you are only expressing a desire to be a part of an international trip with the sponsoring organizations (Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW)
3. A selected committee and board will be reviewing each of the applications we receive to select a team that we believe will be most effective on our trip.
4. We will notify you through email or a phone call to let you know if you have been accepted.

We will be praying for each of you as we prepare for this upcoming trip. We hope to make your application process as simple as possible. Once accepted, the application process generally takes approximately two weeks to review the application and approve or deny the applicant. Please plan accordingly with the upcoming trips when submitting your application. Thank you so much!

Trip Description and Goals

As a participant on an international trip with the sponsoring organizations (Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW) you will be working alongside, yet under the leadership of several individuals. We believe that through this trip, most likely we will all be blessed more than we are blessing others, but we are traveling for one reason and one reason only....to share the Truth. On our trips we participate in a number of projects, activities, and outreach events. These can range from building/repair/remodeling projects at orphanages, churches, skateparks, and/or schools. We also will be hosting outreach events in the community. We may be feeding the hungry, hosting a surf contest or skate contests, providing surf/skate lessons for children in the community, showing Christian videos in the evenings, holding a vacation Bible school, or doing beach/street evangelism. Many of our days may be long, strenuous, and involve physical activity. You by no means have to be a skateboarder/surfer to come on one of our trips, but we do hope you have a desire, passion, and vision for sharing the Gospel through new and unique, innovative, and creative ways. We hope that through this trip you will be challenged, trained, inspired, and encouraged to return home and live a greater life. Giving more. Sharing more. And serving Christ and loving others through all opportunities.

General Trip Information

Today's Date: _____

Trip Date: June 9-17th, 2011 Panama Skate Mission Trip

Location: Panama

Estimated Cost from Miami: \$1500

Personal Information

Full Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Marital Status: _____

Will your spouse be traveling with you?: YES [] NO []

* If the answer is YES, we will need to receive a separate application for your spouse.

Are you a U.S. Citizen?: YES [] NO []

Do you have a passport?: YES [] NO []

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Personal References * (Not a family member, boyfriend/ girlfriend and must have known applicant for more than 5 years)

1. (Name/Phone #/Relationship): _____

2. Name/Phone #/Relationship): _____

Emergency Contact Information

Primary Contact

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Secondary Contact

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Release of Liability

In case of emergency, I hereby agree to the performance of such treatment, including anesthesia and surgery, as the attending doctor or physician may deem necessary. Applicant's signature:

Date: _____

I do hereby release the Ride Nature Organization, Christian Skaters & JSAW, their staff, and volunteers from any liability whatsoever arising out of an injury.

Applicant's signature:

Date: _____

MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We do our best to make these trips as comfortable as possible. However, mission trips may be extremely strenuous and stressful. They may include long train or bus rides of 10 to 20 hours in duration. Travelers are almost always required to carry their own luggage. Rest rooms are not always readily accessible. The food can be high in fat, carbohydrate and sodium content. Fruits and vegetables may not be available. The housing and meeting rooms may not have air conditioning or adequate heating. There can be a considerable amount of walking between locations in addition to climbing many flights of stairs. During the winter months, walking may be on snow-covered or ice-covered walkways and stairs. Conditions in much of the world can be very hot and this might affect your overall strength and energy. The air quality is poor in many locations. Each trip varies. Please speak with the team leader if you have any concerns about your suitability for a particular trip.

Name of insurance carrier:

Contact phone: _____

Policy type: _____

Policy number: _____

Expiration date: _____ Does your insurance cover you for overseas emergencies? _____

Any of these factors could aggravate certain health conditions and the medical facilities in many countries where we travel are limited. We reserve the right to request a medical release statement from your physician.

1. Do you have any existing medical condition(s) that may require extended medical treatment or surgery in the future? Yes [] No []

2. Have you had any knee or back problems? Yes [] No []

3. Have you had any surgery or major health problems in the past 2 years? Yes [] No []

If so, please explain_____

4. Have you ever experienced any psychological or emotional conditions? (ie: eating disorders, bipolar disorder, depression, etc.) Yes [] No []

If so, please explain_____

(If you did not list any conditions in questions 1-3, please skip to question 7.)

5. In your opinion, would any of the conditions listed above limit your ability to perform the ministry for which you have applied? Yes [] No []

6. Have you discussed this trip with your physician? Yes [] No []

7. Are you currently taking or do you regularly take any medications? Yes [] No []

If so, please list the drug name(s), what each drug treats, and note which are prescription and non- prescription

8. Do you have any special dietary needs? Yes [] No []

If so, please explain_____

9. Please briefly summarize your health. Do you place any limits on yourself to avoid physical or medical problems? Any hearing, vision, mobility limitations? Yes [] No []

If so, please explain _____

10. **Health history:** Do you now have, or have you ever had, any of the following?

- Skin condition: Yes [] No []
- Migraines: Yes [] No []
- Cancer/Tumors: Yes [] No []
- Heart trouble: Yes [] No []
- Back problems: Yes [] No []
- Paralysis: Yes [] No []
- Jaundice: Yes [] No []
- Kidney diseases: Yes [] No []
- Anemia: Yes [] No []
- Epilepsy: Yes [] No []
- Female conditions: Yes [] No []
- Eye trouble: Yes [] No []
- Dislocation of joints: Yes [] No []
- Diabetes: Yes [] No []
- High BP: Yes [] No []
- Low BP: Yes [] No []
- Fainting spells: Yes [] No []
- Ear trouble: Yes [] No []
- Appendectomy: Yes [] No []
- Broken bones: Yes [] No []
- Shortness of breath: Yes [] No []
- Mental disorders: Yes [] No []
- Arthritis: Yes [] No []
- Hepatitis: Yes [] No []
- Tonsillectomy: Yes [] No []
- Intestinal troubles: Yes [] No []
- Stomach: Yes [] No []
- Head injury: Yes [] No []
- Hay fever/Asthma: Yes [] No []
- Hernia Ulcer: Yes [] No []
- HIV/AIDS: Yes [] No []
- Gall bladder: Yes [] No []
- Allergies: Yes [] No []
- Depression: Yes [] No []
- Now pregnant: Yes [] No []
- Recurrent diarrhea: Yes [] No []
- STD: Yes [] No []
- Chickenpox: Yes [] No []
- Pertussis: Yes [] No []
- Measles (rubella): Yes [] No []
- Scarlet fever: Yes [] No []
- Tuberculosis: Yes [] No []
- Mumps: Yes [] No []
- Other Surgeries/Health Issues: Yes [] No []

11. Do you have any physical impairments, handicaps or health conditions which require special attention? Yes [] No []

If so, please explain _____

12. Are you presently under a doctor's care? Yes [] No []

If so, please explain _____

13. Are you allergic to any drugs/medications? Yes [] No []

If so, please explain _____

14. How would you rate your overall health condition?

Excellent [] Good [] Fair [] Poor []

I understand that the Mission Trip Reference forms I will be using contain questions requesting personal information about me including, but not limited to, medial, health, emotional and psychological information. I consent to Christian Skaters requesting such information and by signing this form, consent to Christian Skaters's use and disclosure of my health information for purposes of evaluating my participation in a Christian Skaters Mission Trip. The information I have included in this Medical Questionnaire is complete and truthful. I understand that Christian Skaters may refuse my participation in a Missions Trip based on the information I have included, or if I failed to disclose or falsified information on this Medical Questionnaire.

APPLICANT: _____ Date: _____
(SIGNATURE)

(PRINTED NAME)

WITNESS: _____ Date: _____
(SIGNATURE)

(PRINTED NAME)

ESSAY QUESTIONS

**Describe why you are interested in traveling on this mission trip:
*500 words or less.**

**What is your interest and experience with board sports
(skateboarding, surfing etc.) *500 words or less.**

Tell us about your past involvement in your local church and previous mission trips. (Share with us your experience with other missions opportunities) *500 words or less.

The name of your church if you are currently attending:

Pastor/Youth Pastor's name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

STATEMENT OF FAITH

As non-denominational ministries, we each have made the claim to be Christ centered...the focus of our message; ...the purpose of our ministry; Kingdom minded... desire to share the TRUTH with the opportunities the Lord gives us; Bible based...source of our authority, the answer to questions, ...ministering to students and other individuals; spiritually nurturing... helping people to know and grow in Christ; fellowship oriented... connecting people through the love of Christ; volunteer intensive; culturally adaptive...meeting the diverse needs of people; and faith financed...funded through individuals moved by God to give.

Because of the nature of our work, it is important that you have beliefs in accordance with our purpose. Answering the following questions will help us evaluate such a relationship.

Explain briefly your testimony and when you began a relationship with Christ? *

How is your Christian faith and commitment lived out and demonstrated daily? *

Do you know for sure you are going to heaven and why? *

Have you had the opportunity to share the Truth with someone else and how did it go? *

Sexual Purity Statement

We believe that God desires His children to live pure lives of holiness. The Bible is clear in teaching on sexual sin including sex outside of marriage and homosexual acts. Neither heterosexual sex outside of marriage nor any homosexual act constitute an alternate lifestyle acceptable to God. While upholding God's standard of holiness, we strongly affirm God's love and redemptive power in the individual who chooses to follow Him. Our desire is to encourage individuals to trust in Jesus and His direction and turn away from any impure lifestyle.

Do you agree with this Sexual Purity Policy? Yes [] No []

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree to comply with the above mentioned agreement for the time I serving with Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

DRUG/ALCOHOL AGREEMENT

Almost all Christians will agree that the Bible has made it clear that we should obey the laws of the land and avoid things that break those commandments, especially drugs. But many believers will argue and defend the use of alcohol and whether or not it is ok. We as an organization do not condemn anyone who drinks alcohol nor do we directly believe that the Bible is clear on this issue. We do however believe it is a personal decision and one that is very important for every Christian to take a stand one side or the other. We believe that in a position of leadership, when you are setting an example for unbelievers and reaching out to those who are not saved, that it is better to be above reproach and to always be on guard protecting your reputation. For this reason, we have made the decision to abstain from the use of alcohol during this mission.

Do you agree to abstain from the use of alcohol during this mission?
Yes [] No []

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree to comply with the above mentioned agreement for the time I serving with Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW.

Applicant's signature: _____
Date: _____

OTHER NON-PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

While traveling with the Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW these activities are non- permissible: Smoking, Tobacco products, Alcoholic/ liquor beverages, Illegal drugs, Weapons, Immoral sexual conduct, Vulgar language, Internet pornography or related materials

Do you agree to also abstain from the activities listed above?
Yes [] No []

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree to comply with the above mentioned agreement for the time I serving with Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

STATEMENT OF FAITH

What we believe:

1. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.

2. The Bible is God's written revelation and it is uniquely, verbally, and fully-inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error (inerrant) in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters in which it speaks.

3. Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. Hence, He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.

4. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone.

5. Jesus Christ rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died.

6. Jesus Christ ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own.

7. Man was originally created in the image of God. He sinned by disobeying God; thus, he was alienated from his Creator. That historical fall brought all mankind under divine condemnation.

8. Man's nature is corrupted, and he is thus totally unable to please God. Every man is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

9. The salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put

their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight.

The Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & Jsaw present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by evangelism through fellowship and outreach. Our organizations focus on our relationship with Christ and others rather than promoting any particular denominational issue. Certain doctrinal issues (such as speaking in tongues, healing, prophesying and baptism) are a part of the Christian experience for many; however, we as an organization have decided not to focus on these but on the Gospel of Christ.

Do you agree to all of the statements of Faith listed above?

Yes [] No []

A Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

Please answer each of the following questions. You need not disclose information that is contained in sealed or expunged records.

1. As a representative of the Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW, do you agree to observe all guidelines and policies regarding working with youth or children?
Yes [] No []
2. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense (felony or misdemeanor, except for minor traffic violations)? You will need to answer "yes" if you have entered into a plea agreement, including a deferred sentence or deferred judgment arrangement, in connection with a criminal charge.
Yes [] No []
If you have been convicted of such an offense, please explain and include the nature of offense, date, court where conviction occurred, and any other relevant information in the background check section.
3. Have you ever been reported to a social services agency, law enforcement authority, child abuse registry, or similar organization regarding abuse or misconduct involving children?
Yes [] No []
4. Have you ever been disciplined or dismissed from employment or a volunteer position by any employer, including charitable and religious organizations, following an allegation of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or other immoral or inappropriate behavior or conduct?
Yes [] No []
5. Have you ever been the subject of a civil lawsuit involving, or an investigation or allegation

of, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or other immoral behavior or conduct, involving adults or children?

Yes [] No []

If yes, please describe the circumstances and provide the name and address of the employer, educational institution, church, or other organization where the lawsuit, investigation, or allegation arose or occurred in the section with the background check.

6. Have you ever been the subject of a complaint or disciplinary proceeding against a professional license or other license held by you, including but not limited to a license to provide child care or similar services?

Yes [] No []

7. Have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary action, transfer, dismissal, resigned from a job, or been named as a defendant in a civil or criminal lawsuit, as a result of an accident or mishap involving children?

Yes [] No []

If yes, please describe the circumstances in the section with the background check, and provide the name and address of the employer, church, or organization with which you and/or the children were associated at the time of the incident.

8. Do you have any investigation, review, or disciplinary action pending by an employer, organization in which you volunteered, licensing authority, or professional association for sexual misconduct, violence, or misconduct involving children?

Yes [] No []

BEHAVIOR POLICY: Any abuse (whether sexual, physical, emotional or neglect) will not be tolerated. Abusive conduct or allegation will lead to immediate removal from any position held and all responsibilities. To assist and protect your integrity and leadership responsibilities, we ask that you...

- not put yourself in a compromising situation.
- not to rely on your good reputation or put yourself in a position where it's your word against another individual's.
- be aware that some activities could be opportunities for an abusive situation.
- focus on the spiritual guidelines while working with others.

REPORTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

- Any abusive situations you observe or become aware of must be reported immediately to one of the board members for the organization.
- Stabilize the immediate abusive situation by stopping the abuse.
Do you agree with the Youth Protection Policy? Yes [] No []
My responses above are truthful and accurate. I understand and agree that if they are not truthful or accurate, the organizations may determine that I am no longer qualified to be associated with its programs, in any capacity.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

RELEASE AGREEMENT

I hereby authorize all employers, organizations, churches, and other entities and persons identified in this form to release any information contained in their files or records concerning me. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by the sponsoring organizations (Ride Nature Organization, Christian Skaters & JSAW). I hereby release to them and any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. I understand and agree that it is critical to the mission and ministry of the sponsoring organizations (Ride Nature Organization, Christian Skaters & JSAW) that all employees and volunteers conform to the highest standards of safety, interpersonal conduct, and sexual morality. I affirm that I will strictly comply with these policies and procedures, including those concerning child safety and protection, sexual abuse and misconduct, and interpersonal relationships. I understand and agree that failure by me to abide by such policies and procedures may result in my immediate dismissal, or disciplinary action, all in the discretion of the sponsoring organizations (Ride Nature Organization, Christian Skaters & JSAW). My responses above are truthful and accurate. I understand and agree that if they are not truthful or accurate, the sponsoring organizations (Ride Nature Organization, Christian Skaters & JSAW) may determine that I am no longer qualified to be associated with its programs, in any capacity.

Name: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____

LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT

The undersigned wishes to participate in a short-term mission trip (herein the "Activity") with Ride Nature, Christian Skaters, and JSAW who are providing assistance in arranging this trip. Ride Nature Organization, Christian Skaters, JSAW and the undersigned agree that the Activity poses risks including the following specific risks: sickness, crime, political instability, governmental opposition to missions activities, as well as similar and dissimilar risks (herein the "Risks").

For and in consideration of Ride Nature, Christian Skaters, and JSAW assisting the participant in the Activity, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned for himself/herself and his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, distributees, guardians and next of kin (herein the "Releasers"), hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue Christian Skaters and its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, members, directors, officers, employees and agents (herein the "Releasees"), for and from all claims of any nature now or hereafter existing whether known or unknown, including but not limited to, all liability to the Releasers, on account of injury to the undersigned or death to the undersigned or injury to the property of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise, while the undersigned is participating in the Activity.

The undersigned is fully aware of the Risks and other hazards inherent in the Activity, and voluntarily assumes the Risks and all other risks of loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by the undersigned while participating in the Activity. The undersigned also agrees that he/she bears the sole responsibility for any and all medical expenses which he/she incurs while participating in the Activity, whether for injury or illness, and whether required as a result of the undersigned's participation in the Activity or not.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she bears the sole responsibility for any and all travel expenses which he/she incurs in the event that his/her team leader or other trip leadership finds it necessary to send the participant home prior to the scheduled departure date, whether for health or physical limitations or inappropriate or immoral behavior, and whether required during the undersigned's participation in the Activity or not. The undersigned acknowledges Releasees are under no obligation to, and do not cover travel expenses for the undersigned.

The undersigned warrants that he or she has fully read and understands this Liability Release Agreement and voluntarily signs the same, and that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made to the undersigned. No waiver, change, or modification to this Liability Release Agreement will be effective unless in writing signed by both parties. In the event that any provision of this Liability Release Agreement shall be determined to be illegal or unenforceable, that provision will be limited or eliminated so that this Liability Release Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect and enforceable.

CAUTION: PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

APPLICANT: _____ Date: _____
(SIGNATURE)

(PRINTED NAME)

WITNESS: _____ Date: _____
(SIGNATURE)

BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

For the protection of the organization and the individuals that we work with the sponsoring organizations (Ride Nature, Christian Skaters & JSAW), we conduct Criminal and Sex Offender background checks against all applicants. To conduct these checks, we need your Social Security Number, prior names (if the last name is different than the one listed), and all addresses for the previous 5 years.

Name (Previous names as well): _____

Address (Previous addresses for the past 5 years): _____

Social Security Number (Will remain confidential): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

* If you would like to include any additional comments about previous crimes, misdemeanors, or offenses please do so here. Your honesty will be greatly appreciated.

MISSION TRIP REFERENCE

- Please give this to two difference references to fill out.
- References may not be family, spouse, girlfriend or boyfriend.
- References must have known you for a period of 5 years or more.
- References can be sent to:

Christian Skaters
2401 W Cypress Creek Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33064

_____ has applied to take part in a two-week cross-cultural Mission Trip to Panama. This mission trip takes a small team to an unreached people group for personal ministry. The participant will likely confront stressful situations because of cross-cultural transition, team dynamics, and harsh climate/environment. For this reason, your honest evaluation will help us accurately assess this applicant.

Do not return completed form to applicant.
Please mail or fax this reference within 7 days to the location listed above.

Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Your Name: _____ Church Position (If any): _____
Church address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Church Phone Number(s): _____

Your Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Your Phone Number(s): _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what type of relationship?
2. On the mission field we are involved in spiritual battle and are vulnerable to spiritual attack. Because of this we need to ask if the applicant has struggled in the area of emotional stability (ie: eating disorders, bipolar disorder, depression, etc.) or sexual immorality during the last 12 months? Yes No I don't know (If yes, please explain.)
3. How have you seen the applicant grow and mature spiritually during the last year?

4. Comment on the applicant's ability to relate with people and make friends.

5. How does the applicant relate to people in leadership over him or her? Is he or she teachable and willing to follow instructions?

6. How have you seen the applicant demonstrate a positive or negative influence on a group?

7. Christian Skaters Mission Trips may be extremely strenuous and stressful, including long train or bus rides, carrying one's luggage, eating different foods, and a lot of walking and/or climbing stairs. Conditions in much of the world are also very hot, and many places do not have air conditioning. Participation in a short-term mission trip can also be emotionally demanding. Do you have any reservations about the applicant's physical or emotional ability to participate? Please clarify.

8. Please indicate your evaluation of the applicant in the following areas, one being the lowest rating, three being average, and five the highest: Lowest "1" Average "3" Highest "5"

Consistency of Christian walk and witness: _____

Ability to put needs of others ahead of own: _____

Physical health (i.e. walking, vision, hearing, etc.): _____

Adaptability to change: _____

Ability to resolve conflict: _____

Cooperation in a team setting: _____

Servant spirit: _____

Positive attitude in challenging circumstances: _____

Responsible: _____

Expresses thoughts/feelings well: _____

Emotional stability: _____

Punctuality: _____

9. If you were leading this trip, would you want this person on your team? Why or why not?

10. Please give any further information about the applicant that we should know.

_____ Signature _____ Date