



# ALASKA MISSION

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ ALL OF THE DETAILS IN THIS PACKET CAREFULLY**

## WHAT IS THE ALASKA MISSION TRIP?

The majority of our serving will be done in Nome Alaska. We will be hosted by our partners Alaska Missions headed by Brenda Crim. Our team's task is two-fold: reach the local musher sub-culture as well as the local indigenous populations of the Bering Straits Region. Mushing Community: Cheer on mushers crossing the finish line, permeate the volunteer force of the Iditarod, and help care for dropped dogs and race finishers. We function as the race's volunteer infrastructure for the Iditarod Trail Committee and enjoy a longstanding relationship of mutual trust and respect with the leadership of the Iditarod. Nome Community: We will also serve the local indigenous populations on several fronts. Varying from concessions at a large village basketball tourney, children's home, women's shelter, half-way house, and homeless shelter.

## DETAILS

**WHO:** Men and women of The Bayou Church ages 18+

**WHERE:** Nome, Alaska

**WHEN:** March 10, 2022- March 18, 2022

**APPLICATION:** All applications must be submitted by November 7, 2021

**COST:** \$925.00 + the pricing of individual airfare

## COVID POLICY

Covid vaccine and negative covid test required to travel to Alaska and participate in the mission activities. While in Alaska please follow all CDC guidelines, wear your mask, wash your hands, maintain social distance and do not travel if you are feeling sick.

## APPLICATION & ACCEPTANCE

Each person considering serving on our Alaska Mission Trip must complete a Mission Trip Application found at <https://thebayouchurch.org/connect/missions/alaska>. After the application deadline, November 7, 2021, all applicants will receive an email indicating whether or not their applications have been accepted. If accepted, each applicant must turn a \$100 non-refundable deposit by the first team meeting, December 5, 2021. The methods in which you can submit the deposit are listed below:

- **MAIL** - Cash or check made out to "The Bayou Church" and mailed to Maddie Wells at The Bayou Church 2234 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508. Please leave the memo line blank.
- **GENEROSITY BOX** - Cash or check made out to "The Bayou Church" and placed in a generosity box on campus in an envelope with the applicant's name and "Alaska Mission Trip" written on it.
- **ONLINE** - Card payment online by going to [thebayouchurch.org/missions](https://thebayouchurch.org/missions) and clicking the button "give to mission trips." You can designate which trip you are making a donation towards and even include your name.

## TEAM TRAINING DATES

Each team meeting plays an important part in communicating information about the trip, developing a bond as a

team, creating and shaping the activities/lessons we will be doing while on the trip, developing discipline, growing leadership skills, and answering questions about the trip.

<b>NOVEMBER 14</b>	Team Meet and Greet
<b>DECEMBER 5</b>	Team Training #1
<b>DECEMBER 19`</b>	Team Training #2
<b>JANUARY 9</b>	Team Training #3
<b>JANUARY 23</b>	Team Training #4
<b>FEBRUARY 6</b>	Team Training #5
<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>	Team Training #6
<b>MARCH 6</b>	Team Training #7
<b>MARCH 6</b>	Team Dinner (Time and location TBD)

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>NOVEMBER 7</b>	Deposit due - \$100 (applies to overall balance)
<b>DECEMBER 5</b>	Deadline for passport/real ID to be ordered
<b>DECEMBER 19</b>	Flight money due - Cost varies
<b>JANUARY 9</b>	Final balance due - \$925
<b>JANUARY 9</b>	The Bayou Church and Alaska Mission paperwork due to <a href="#">Maddie Wells</a>
<b>MARCH 10</b>	Depart from Lafayette Airport
<b>MARCH 18/19</b>	Return to New Lafayette Airport

### **COST BREAKDOWN**

The total cost of the trip is \$925 plus the price of your airline tickets. Tickets can range between \$650-\$850 depending on what is available at the time of booking. The team has the option to book through our trusted travel agency or book together on an agreed upon flight. The Alaska Mission fees are \$725 (after \$100 deposit) and include ground transportation, lodging, meals during the trip, and ministry supplies. \$200 is allocated to mission expenses such as a hotel in Anchorage during layover, baggage fees, and print supplies for team training materials.

### **SUPPORT LETTERS**

We will provide each applicant with an example support letter that they can use to write their own letters to send to family, friends, and local businesses to request spiritual and financial assistance for this trip. Many of our past team members were able to pay for their mission trip in full with the support they received in these letters. We want to encourage you to trust in God's plan for your mission experience by using support letters to help with the cost of the trip.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our mission trips qualify as charitable travel, therefore, all contributions that are given to this mission trip are considered a tax-deductible contribution to the Make a Difference Fund of The Bayou Church. Anyone who contributes financially to this trip will receive a Contribution Statement at the end of the year listing all donations.

There are no refunds for any contributions. If more funds are raised than are needed for this trip, excess funds will be used for future mission trips. If the trip is cancelled or a team member is no longer able to go on the trip for any reason, the funds received will also be used for future mission trips.

### **POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS**

- Passport or REAL ID - \$100 (Required)
- Spending money \$100 (Optional)
- Snow gear \$200-\$300 (Required)

## GENERAL SCHEDULE

We will fly into Anchorage where the team will spend their overlay time in a hotel. Upon arrival in Nome the team will sleep at local churches or in the Volunteer Center. Below is a general schedule of planned activities, however, sometimes God opens up opportunities for things that we didn't originally plan to do and therefore this schedule is subject to change.

<b>THURSDAY</b>	Depart from Lafayette - Arrive in Anchorage
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Depart from Anchorage - Arrive in Nome
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Ministry
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Ministry
<b>MONDAY</b>	Ministry
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Ministry
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Ministry
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Depart from Nome
<b>FRI./SAT.</b>	Return to Lafayette

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Upon acceptance, applicants will receive a training manual from The Bayou Church at our first meeting on December 5, 2021. Additional information such as rules, packing lists, training materials, trip details, etc. can be found in the Mission Trip Training Manual.

If you have any further questions about the Alaska Mission Trip, please feel free to contact us!

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