

MAY BREAK
SATURDAY, MAY 13TH-FRIDAY,
MAY 19TH

Orlando
Florida
Service Trip
to

GIVE KIDS THE WORLD VILLAGE



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May Trip
Saturday, May 13th – Friday, May 19th

Student Learning Outcomes

Students who participate with Office of Community Service's program will:

- Develop leadership and communication skills and strengthen self-confidence
- Develop critical thinking about social issues
- Develop a life-long sense of civic responsibility
- Work and communicate effectively across differences
- Plan and implement community-based service activities or programs
- Integrate the values of service and social justice into career and life goals
- Use reflection as a means for learning and personal growth



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Give Kids The World Service Trip

May 13-19, 2017

Service Trip Description

Give Kids The World Village is a 79-acre, nonprofit resort that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The Village is a unique resort where it provides children and their families' with accommodations in fully-furnished villas, transportation, tickets to theme parks, meals, daily entertainment and much more.

Each year 27,000 children in the United States are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. The goal of Give Kids The World Village is to provide everything these families need to make their trip the vacation of a lifetime. Since 1986, more than 150,000 children and families have had their dreams come true at the Village.

Give The Kids World begin when a little girl named Amy and the desire of one man to make that wish come true. Amy had leukemia and wished to visit Orlando's theme parks. To facilitate this wish, a respected hotelier was asked to provide a complimentary stay for Amy and her family. Although the hotelier gladly obliged, the remainder of Amy's travel plans took too long to arrange, and her wish was never granted. Time ran out, and Amy had passed away. This unfulfilled wish inspired Henri Landwirth, the hotelier in charge of Amy's travel plans, to make sure that no child in need would ever miss a chance to have their wish come true. Today the Village has grown from 31- acres to a 79-acre resort with 168 villa accommodations, unique entertainment attractions, whimsical venues, and fun activities for children of all abilities.

The Village depends on volunteers, known as Angels, to fulfill hundreds of volunteer shifts every day. Volunteering at Give Kids The World Village means being part of an organization that is truly unique and helping kids and their families create priceless memories in a time when they need it most. Make a difference and volunteer at Give Kids The World Village.

Full Website on Give Kids The World Village: <http://www.gktw.org/>

Give Kids The World Service Trip 2017 Timeline & Check List

- **Wednesday, February 15th:** Application opens on Salve Regina Webpage

- **Wednesday, March 3rd:** Application are due at noon (12pm)

- **Tuesday, March 9th:** Applicant selection/ Notification of acceptance and waitlist

- **Tuesday, March 21st:** Airline down payment of \$250 Fee due to SRU Business Office

- **Tuesday, March 30:** *Special Forms Due*
 - Volunteer form filled out and sent to Give Kids The World

- **Tuesday, April 11th:** GKTW \$350 fee due for hotel & food accommodations due to SRU Business Office

- **Tuesday, April 25th:** Group meeting with participants from 5-6pm, Wakehurst 201

- **Tuesday, May 2nd:** Group meeting Q&A with participants from 5-6pm, in Wakehurst 201

- **May 13th – May 19th:** GKTW Service Trip
 - *May 13th: 5:35pm flight from Providence to Orlando*
 - *May 19th: 8:30pm flight from Orlando to Providence*

Money Matters

Financial Information: *Please note that the following figures are estimates only. We believe them to be reasonable estimates but reserve the right to change the fees should the flight rate change.*

***All students will pay a \$250 airfare by March 21st and \$350 accommodations by April 11th to the SRU Business Office.**

The Program fee of \$600 includes:

- Round-trip air fare Providence to Orlando (\$250)
- Round trip van transportation from Salve campus to airport
- 7 nights lodging (Students and faculty will be staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Orlando, FL.)
- Includes all meals Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (not including travel days in airport and recreational day in FL).

Students outside anticipated cost:

- All recreation, cultural, and tourist activities
- Airport food on travel days (Saturday, May 13th & Friday, May 19th)
- You will also may to bring additional money of personal spending for any purchase outside the listed ones above

Financial Assistance: Students can send a letter of request and are required to meet one-on-one to request financial assistance, with the Director of Community Service. Financial assistance will only be given to cover partial cost of the flight cost. Financial Assistance will be given on a case by case basis.

How to pay for my flight: The \$250 airfare down payment is due by March 21st through the Business Office at Salve Regina University. Students can pay the business office by VISA, MasterCard or by electronic check through their portal. If by check write in the memo line "Give Kids The World Service Trip" and the student's full name.

Refund policy: the \$250 deposit is not refundable under any circumstance. The \$350 accommodations is also non-refundable.

**To be an eligible participant on the Give Kids The World service trip all students must adhere to the timeline application process, and have all required documents submitted on time. You will receive an electronic notification of all completed requirements to confirm your place on the trip.*

Travel Tips

- Be cognizant of your surroundings.
- Do not carry large sums of money or place all of your money and credit cards in the same place. Do not place your wallet in your back pocket as this is the easiest target for pickpockets.
- In some countries, taking pictures of government, security and transportation facilities is not allowed.
- Trust your instincts, if something doesn't look or feel right, avoid it.
- Do not leave sensitive documents or equipment unattended out in the open in your room.

Especially for women:

- Research your destination to understand its customs, views and laws pertaining to women.
- Female travelers should pack feminine hygiene supplies as these can be hard to find or ill packaged in certain locations.
- Women should use a purse with an inner zippered pocket and a strap that is too thick to be easily cut. Wear the strap across the body, against the stomach.
- Use local women as a guide for appropriate dress. Avoid revealing clothing as this could bring unwanted attention or problems in more conservative countries.

Packing list for Give Kids The World

WHAT TO PACK: A backpack or duffel bag is easiest to carry. Please do not over-pack. You may also want a separate (drawstring bag) to hold an extra shirt, water bottle, camera, etc.

CLOTHES: Shorts, jeans, lightweight shirts, and a jacket or sweatshirt for layering are best. You will need clothes and shoes (closed toed shoes at all times when volunteering at GKTW.)

- 2-3 outfits
- 1-2 t-shirts
- 1 long-sleeved shirt or sweatshirt
- 1-2 pairs of shorts
- 1 pair of closed-toe shoes
- 1 pair of shower sandals
- Swimsuit & Beach Towel (pool at hotel)
- 1 Rain Jacket or Poncho

TOILETRIES (Airplane size)

- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Medications
- Contacts/case/solutions
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper

GEAR: ESSENTIAL

- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- Mosquito Repellent
- 2 Personal Water Bottles
- Sunglasses/hat
- Small \$\$\$ bills (Ex: \$1/\$5/\$10) for touring day

OPTIONAL

- Camera
- Cell phone (USE OF CELL PHONES WILL BE **VERY LIMITED**)
- 1 Flashlight

What to leave at home:

- Laptops, iPods, etc.

What to Wear & Arrival (GKTW):

▶ ***Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times during your Volunteer shift.***

▶ All clothing must be family-friendly. Please do not wear clothes that are too short, tight, or revealing. Inappropriate messages printed on clothing will not be permitted. Shorts are also permitted as long as they are an appropriate length.

▶ If you are serving food on your shift, please consider bringing a hat from home. If not, a hairnet will be provided. Volunteers are also asked to wear shirts with sleeves. Tank tops will not be permitted in food venues.

Pre-Trip Meetings

**All participants are required to attend the 2 pre-trip meetings before going on the Give Kids The World Service Trip. No exceptions will be granted.*

- Tuesday, April 25th:** Group meeting with participants from 5-6pm, Wakehurst 201

- Tuesday, May 2nd:** Group meeting Q&A with participants from 5-6pm, in Wakehurst 201

Frequently Asked Questions

Will this service trip count towards my Feinste Community Service Hours?

Due to the fact that your Feinste hours of community service have to be completed in Rhode Island, this trip will not count towards your hours.

What is Give Kids The World Village?

Give Kids The World Village is a 79-acre, nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Is Give Kids The World Village a national charity?

Give Kids The World Village welcomes families from all 50 states and 75 countries. It is our mission to never turn away a child in need, and we will partner with a wish-granting organization or children's hospital to help fulfill their wish trip to Central Florida, no matter where they call home.

Is Give Kids The World Village affiliated with or part of any other organization?

Give Kids The World Village is an independent nonprofit organization. We partner with over 250 referring wish-organizations to fulfill a child's wish to Central Florida. However, we operate independently from these organizations and our corporate partners. All Give Kids The World personnel are based at the Village in Kissimmee, Florida. There is only one Give Kids The World Village in the world. Give Kids The World is a registered nonprofit in all states where required.

How many children with life-threatening illnesses wish to visit Central Florida attractions and theme parks?

Each year 27,000 children are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. We know that nearly half of those children wish to visit a Central Florida attraction or theme park. For the wish-granting organization that serve these children, fulfilling a wish is only a telephone call away. To date, Give Kids The World has welcomed more than 150,000 children and their families to the Village for their dream wish vacation.

How are children selected to visit Give Kids The World Village?

Give Kids The World Village is for children between the ages of 3 and 18, who have been diagnosed by a licensed doctor with a life-threatening illness. Children are sponsored in their local communities by one of over 250 wish-granting organizations and children's hospitals that partner with Give Kids The World to grant these children their special wish vacation to Central Florida. If the child expresses the wish to visit Central Florida, then Give Kids The World Village is contacted and arranges a joyful, week-long vacation, at no cost to the family.

(FORMSTACK ONLINE APPLICATION)
Office of Community Service - Salve Regina University
GKTW Service Trip: May 2017
Participant Application
May 13th-19th, 2017

Exact dates for departure and arrival subject to change

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Instructions: Please read and fully understand this GKTW Handbook. If you believe you match all of the criteria to participate in the program, please fill out the following forms. Application and uploaded documents are due **Wednesday, March 3rd at noon (12pm)**

Contact Information: *Please notify the Office of Community Service of any address or phone number changes so we can easily contact you.*

Full Name (As it appears on Driver's License or Passport): _____

Local Address During School (Residence Hall or Off Campus) _____

Permanent Address (Home): _____

Salve Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Major/Minor: _____

Salve ID #:

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male or Female

How did you hear about the Service Trip? _____

T- Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Emergency Contact Information

Primary Contact Name*

Relationship*

Primary Phone*

Alternative Phone*

Email*

Address*

Do you have any allergies?*

Do you have any dietary preferences?*(Vegan, vegetarian, lactose intolerant, gluten free)

Upload GKTW Service Trip free response questions below*

1. *Why do you want to spend the week volunteering? What do you hope to gain from this experience?*
2. *If you had to describe yourself in 3 words, what would they be and why?*
3. *Have you had any disciplinary problems with Salve Regina University? If so, please explain.*
4. *Have you participated in a service trip before? If so, what type of service trip and give a brief description of what you did?*

Upload your resume*

Academic Information* Upload a copy of your Academic Evaluation form to the Office of Community Service.

Please Note: *you must have a minimum 2.7 GPA or permission of Director of Community Service to be approved for the Give Kids the World Day Service Trip Program.*

Financial Assistance: Students can upload letter of request and are required to meet one-on-one to request financial assistance with the Director of Community Service. Financial assistance will only be given to cover partial cost of the flight cost. Financial Assistance will be given on a case by case basis.

Two References*

1. Reference Name
Relationship
Email
Phone
2. Reference Name
Relationship
Email
Phone

Participant Signature:

By submitting this application, I certify that the information on this application is correct. I acknowledge that acceptance into the program is subject to certain eligibility requirements and is at the discretion of Salve Regina University. I understand that students on international service trips must comply with the Student Code of Conduct and any other applicable rules, as well as with the laws of the host country. I acknowledge and agree that Salve Regina may revoke my acceptance or withdraw me from the trip at any time if:

- I am no longer a matriculating student at Salve Regina,
- I no longer meet eligibility requirements of the Program,
- I fail to pay the required non-refundable deposit and all Program fees,

- I fail to comply with all requirements of the Program including requirements pertaining to passport participation agreements and releases, and vaccinations.
- I have been found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct or any other law, rule, or regulation and/or I have engaged in unprofessional and/or inappropriate behavior that would affect my ability to preserve the high standards of the University as a student studying abroad.
- I have read the Service Trip Code of Conduct, Short Term Release, and Refund Policy and understand that I will need to submit a signed copy to the Office of Community Service.

I also authorize Salve Regina to publish for public relations purpose my photograph or photographs in which I appear.

Applicant Signature*

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