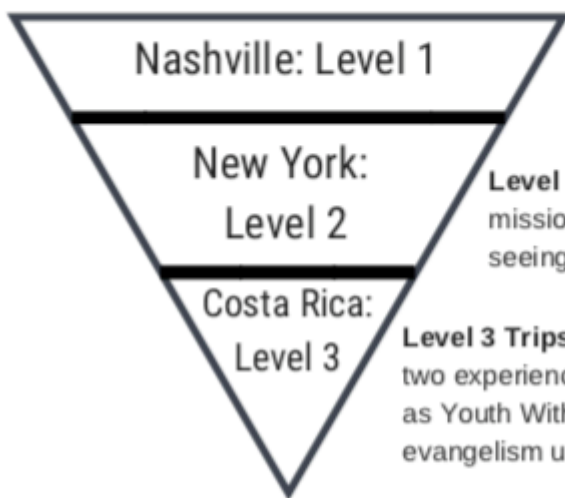


# LEVELS OF MISSION TRIPS

At Celebration Church we want to make sure each trip we offer is geared specifically to the age group it is being offered to. Mission trips are not one-size-fits-all. We understand that students from 6th grade through 12 grade are at vastly different stages of life, maturity, and experiences. We realize taking a group of middle school students to serve and share their testimonies for ten days in a foreign country would be a very challenging and difficult task, whereas taking a group of seniors on a five-day service project would not be challenging enough to push them to grow. This approach would have adverse effects for both the students and the communities we are serving. For these reasons, we offer different levels of mission trips for different age groups of students. Each level of trips is at a difficulty which we believe will challenge that group of students but will not overwhelm them. We want to make sure we serve with excellence and not do more harm than good.



**Level 1 Trips** are for students in 6th and 7th grade. Most likely a physical service or light construction-based mission trip somewhere in the southeast lasting 5 days.

**Level 2 Trips** are for students currently in 8th through 12 grade. Most likely an inner-city mission trip or border-town construction trip. Activities include feeding the homeless, seeing the need, some verbal sharing, but mostly "presence" ministry lasting 7 days.

**Level 3 Trips** are for students currently in 10th through 12 grade and who have previous level two experience. Most likely an overseas mission trip in Latin America with an organization such as Youth With a Mission, Highlands Missions, etc. Ministry would most likely be service, evangelism using dramas, music, and testimonies. Lasting 10 days.

## MISSION MEETINGS

One of the most important aspects of a successful mission trip is the preparation that goes into the trip. When signing up for a Celebration Student mission trip, you are joining a team of people who will be serving Christ together. As with any other team, it's important that you are committed to the team and to the preparation involved for this trip — we are only as strong as our weakest member. For this reason, we will have mandatory team meetings for each of our mission trips. At these meetings, we'll bond together as a team, plan our ministry, and prepare our hearts for what God has in store for us. This is a crucial part of our success while on the mission field. You will also be responsible for various assignments to help prepare yourself for this mission trip experience. Each participant will be allowed one excused absence from these meetings (which means you must tell your team leader in advance). If you miss more than one team meeting or if you fail to do the required assignments, you will be required to meet with your team leader to evaluate if you will be allowed to stay on the team and continue to be part of the trip. If you become ineligible to attend mission trip because of failure to meet expectations, you will still be responsible for any payments that Celebration Church is unable to recover. Please make these meetings and the necessary preparations a priority.