

# Volunteer Pre-trip Checklist



We're so excited you've decided to contribute some of your time to bonding with the niños in Mexico! In order for your service trip experience to be even better, we've compiled a list of things we need YOU to do before you go and party with the kids!

- Fill out a [waiver](#) for each member of your group coming on the trip** (Parents, you will need to fill out a waiver for each child coming with you.)
- Send in a picture of your passport to [passports@achf.org](mailto:passports@achf.org)** (If you are under 16, or are bringing children under 16 who don't have passports, a birth certificate will work fine.)
- Ensure all your trip payments are completed in a timely manner** (Trip payments go towards lodging, food, and construction. On-time payments ensure that we're able to provide you with the best trip experience possible.)
- Get Mexican Car Insurance** (If you're driving your own vehicle into Mexico, you'll need insurance. One company that we've partnered with is Baja Bound. If you use [this link](#) to buy coverage, they will donate a portion of their income to A Child's Hope Foundation.)
- Attend the orientation for your trip** (You'll receive a Google Calendar invite and reminder via email. Orientations are generally held in person about a month before the trip starts.)
- Confirm That You'll Have Cell Service** (The best way to do this is to call your service provider and ask for temporary coverage while in Mexico. Make sure to find out BEFORE the trip so you don't incur unexpected charges.)
- Make sure you join the WhatsApp group for your specific service trip** (This will be your main source of communication with your group before and during your trip. The link to join will be given during your orientation and sent after via text & email, so keep an eye out!)
- Confirm that we have the correct t-shirt size for each member of your group** (We'll send you an email to double check them! Note: A youth large fits a 9-10 yr. old well)
- Read through the [Volunteer Guidebook](#) & the [Volunteer Resources](#) webpage** (If you have any questions that you can't find the answer to in either of those resources, you can reach out to our Volunteer Experience Coordinator, Maelle.)
- Review the packing list** (It should have been sent in your confirmation email and is also available on the [Volunteer Resources](#) webpage!)
- Review our [FAQ page](#) to find answers to any common questions volunteers have asked us!