

So you want to lead a Chi Alpha U.S. Expedition...

- ✓ **Leading:** Team leaders must be approved by their campus pastor/primary leader and the national office. Many times the team leader is the campus pastor. All team members must be approved by the campus pastor and go through the application process. The application process is outlined below.
- ✓ **Where:** Decide on a city, state, or people group that you feel led to serve. Don't just pick the most convenient, or the vacation spot, pray and ask the Lord where it would be best for you to travel and take a team. If you don't feel like you have a leading contact the XA Expeditions office and we'll provide you with a list of the most immediate need. These are requests from AG U.S. missionaries, churches & host sites who are asking for Chi Alpha Teams.
- ✓ **Contact:** After you have an idea where you'd like to travel contact the XA Expeditions office. We'll put you in contact with an AG U.S. Missionary who will host your team, if you haven't already made the connection. We'll do our best to accommodate your requests and if we cannot accommodate the request we'll get you as close as possible. **Please plan for this, it may take a few weeks for the missionary to get back to us based on their location and area of service.**
- ✓ **Host Missionary:** After we make contact and connect you with a host missionary they will help you to prepare for your expedition and leading the team. Ask your Host Missionary:
 - How many people would you prefer to have on the team?
 - What is the cost per day? Average plane ticket? Misc. expenses?
 - What climate, weather conditions, should we plan for?
 - What clothing would be best for what we're going to be doing?
 - What is the culture like? Social setting, food, spiritual influences (new age, buddist, etc.)?
 - What are the do's and don'ts? (hand gestures, visible tattoos, make up, etc.)
 - How should we bring funds for the group?
 - What airport should we fly into?
 - What types of ministry are we going to be doing? Do we need to bring anything to adequately fulfill those responsibilities?
 - Ask them if there is anything else that they think you should know for the planning at the moment. Your host missionary may have a list for you as well.
- ✓ **Application Process:** After you have made contact with your host missionary you need to follow the application process. The application process is a little different for teams traveling in the United States. We DO NOT need an application from each individual student for U.S. expeditions. The TEAM LEADER will fill out one "Team Sheet" and send it to the office. Ideally at least 2 weeks prior to departure for the expedition. For U.S. Expeditions, students are not required to pay an application fee or to use the A.G. Insurance program although it is available to you upon request.

PLEASE SEND:

- **Team Sheet**

- ✓ **Airplane Tickets:** Each team is responsible to book their own flights. Your host missionary may be able to answer questions regarding specific airlines, or airports to navigate.
- ✓ **Preparing:** Before going on your expedition we want you to do some preliminary preparation. **Take time to invest in Fasting and Prayer:** for wisdom, spiritual guidance, health, divine appointments, for each team member, your host missionary and family, travel mercies, increased faith, a move of God, spiritual hindrances, anything your host missionary asks you to pray about as well as specific leading from the Lord. If you are in need to training resources, or ideas please contact the XA Expeditions office and we'll send you some site specific recommendations as they become available.
- ✓ **Expectations:** When going to a different field, not only do participants and leaders represent themselves but they represent Jesus and Chi Alpha but also the U.S. Missions office and The Assemblies of God as a whole. We ask that all participants act accordingly. Below is a list of a few things that need to be talked through as a team prior to departure. Please review the list and if you have any questions feel free to contact the XA Expeditions office.
 - What do I do when a new and interesting food is presented to me?
 - How can I seek to bless my host missionary and family?
 - When something isn't the way I like it, how do I yield?
 - How can I be flexible when plans change?
 - How to go with an "It's not about me" spirit?
 - No complaining—this is not an option.
 - Be willing to do whatever your told.
 - Read and do a teaching on 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 - Have a great attitude and be ready to see God do great things!
- ✓ **Additional Training Option:**
 - If you have training materials either acquired or assigned from your host missionary excellent! If you need some reading or training materials specific to your region, email our office and we will be happy get some recommendations for you.
 - Feel free to contact our office if you would like to schedule a team training skype call. Expeditions Mobile can also be scheduled for team training.
 - (Send additional questions to go@XAexpeditions.com)