

Brothers Without Borders

2020 Trip Information



Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in joining Brothers Without Borders to the Dominican Republic in 2020! This will contain important trip information, fundraising information, as well as basic FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions). Should you have any further questions, please email Brandon at bvizzi@brotherswithoutborders.org. There are many exciting updates, so even if you have traveled with us before, take a look through this packet. We look forward to having you on this life-changing trip!

Brandon Vizzi
Co-Founder/Director

Trip Information

When: February 1-8, 2020

Cost: \$1,700 (\$200 non-refundable deposit required to hold your spot)
Please see the Trip Cost Analysis to see what's included in this cost.

Where: Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic

Trip will be capped at 20 members on a first come/first served basis, so get your applications and deposits in quick! Your spot will **not** be held until we have received both your deposit and application.

Fundraising FAQ's

How does the fundraising work?

Each member is responsible for his or her own fundraising. Once you submit your \$200 deposit, you will be given access to a webpage that is password protected. This webpage contains trip updates, a sample fundraising letter, and the account updates. The account updates are refreshed every two weeks.

Are there deadlines for the fundraising?

Yes. You need to have at least \$750 in your account by December 1, 2019 to cover airfare. All funds are due one month prior to departure (January 1, 2020), so start fundraising early!

What if I am not traveling out of Buffalo, NY?

No problem! We welcome friends from all over the United States. When you submit your trip application, Brandon will reach out to you and discuss your options.

Who can I ask for a donation from?

Anyone! Once you download the sample fundraising letter off the webpage, use it as a template, but make it your own. Send it out to anyone and everyone! You will be surprised at the return you get!

Is the donation Tax-Exempt?

Yes! Brothers Without Borders is a 501(c)(3), and is Tax Exempt under State and Federal laws.

How do I submit my deposit/donate?

We are pleased to announce that **ALL** fundraising is now taking place in house. Donations can be made through our website, or by check.
www.brotherswithoutborders.org/donate

Trip FAQ's

Do I need to have experience as a First Responder?

No. You can join us with any background! Understand that our trip primarily works with Fire Departments/EMS agencies in the Dominican, and there are plenty of ways to help out!

Do I need a passport?

Yes. Your passport will be required to enter/exit the Dominican Republic and the US. The passport must not expire within 6 months of the trip.

Do I need to be affiliated with a Church or be "Religious"?

No. Brothers Without Borders welcomes people from all walks of life to join us, but know that we are a faith-based group. Everywhere we go in the Dominican Republic, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Am I going to be asked to share something publicly?

No. We will not put you on the spot to share anything that you are not comfortable with.

Is tobacco or alcohol allowed?

No. The purchase and/or consumption of alcohol or tobacco is not allowed during the trip.

Is there going to be downtime after the typical workday?

Yes. Our days are packed because we want to accomplish many things, but only have a week to do so. There will be a few hours each night for downtime activities.

Do I need to attend the Church service on Sunday?

Yes. If you agree to join us on the trip, you will be expected to be with the group.

Trip FAQ's (cont.)

What does a typical week with the group look like?

The team will arrive Saturday, and unpack. Wednesday and Thursday will be training days, with Tuesday also being a train the trainer day. Sunday will consist of a morning at church, and an afternoon at an orphanage. Monday will be another training day, Friday a day of rest, and Saturday returning to the U.S.

How is the food/lodging?

You will be in a room with 3-5 other people in a bunk-bed type setup. The room has Air Conditioning, a shower, and a flushing toilet. The food is excellent! We eat breakfast before leaving for the day, lunch either on the road or back at the complex, and dinner once we return for the day. The food consists of a variety of American and Dominican cuisine.

What language is spoken in the Dominican, and what if I don't know it?

Spanish is the primary language, and we have translators with us everywhere we go.

Trip Cost Analysis

What's included in the \$1500?

Cost for housing, transportation, tips, trip insurance, ministry, and food in country per person	\$750.00
Airfare (<i>average</i>) per person	\$750.00
Baggage fees.....	\$40.00
Misc. cost per person for training material & shirts.....	\$40.00
Leisure day	\$100.00
Celebration meal last night.....	\$20.00
Total:	\$1700

Optional Additional Cost per person:

Passport.....	\$120.00
Souvenirs & misc. expenses.....	\$100.00 approx.

OK, I'm In! What's next?

Get your deposit and application in ASAP! The application is located at:
www.brotherswithoutborders.org/partner

Submit your deposit at
www.brotherswithoutborders.org/donate

You ***MUST*** attend a mandatory training. In lieu of monthly meetings, we have decided it best to do one training day. If you are going on the trip, you are expected to be at the meeting. If you are outside the Buffalo area, you will be expected to Skype in for a portion of the training.

Mandatory training date: Saturday, January 25, 2020
9am-3pm. Location will be announced in Fall of 2019.
If you are outside the area, you'll be expected to video chat in for the training via Zoom video (www.zoom.us)

Once your application ***AND*** deposit have been received, you will get an email from Brandon with a login to the trip website.

We hope you join us on this life-changing trip, and look forward to hearing back from you!