

Trip Dates: March 17-25, 2012
May 11-22, 2012
Spring/Summer 2012 (TBD)
Program Fees: \$950-\$1250 plus airfare (7 Days)
(Ask about scholarships for college students!)

ZAMBIA

This service learning trip will explore a country where lack of water and the HIV/AIDS epidemic have taken a severe toll on communities and challenged development. Team members will learn how the YMCA of Zambia is working with youth and young adult leadership to engage children and teens in education and sports activities and build communities.

Program Duration: 10-12 days
Tentative Dates: Spring 2013
Program Fee: TBD

THAILAND

The Thailand Service Learning trip is a joint program between the Chiang Mai YMCA, the Kobe YMCA and the YMCA of Greater Seattle. Projects are arranged by the Chiang Mai YMCA, who hosts and prepares the itineraries and accommodations. Participants will have home stays in rural villages.

Program Duration: 2-3 weeks
Trip Dates: March 2013*
Program Fee: TBD

VIETNAM

This service learning opportunity is organized by the Houston YMCA. Representatives from Houston, Kentucky and Seattle travel to Vietnam to help build schools and learn about the culture and history of Vietnam since the war. Trip includes visit to local YMCAs and other historical sites.

Program Duration: 10-12 days
Dates: March 2013
Program Fee: TBD

TENTATIVE 2013 GLOBAL TEENS COUNTRIES

COLOMBIA
ECUADOR
MAINLAND CHINA
KOSOVO & CZECH REPUBLIC
(YMCA EUROPE FESTIVAL 2013 AUGUST 4-10, 2013 IN PRAGUE!)
ISRAEL
JAPAN
KOREA
SENEGAL
TAIWAN



TENTATIVE 2013 GLOBAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (ADULTS 19+)

INDIA
JAPAN DISASTER VOLUNTEER
THAILAND
VIETNAM
ZAMBIA

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WHAT IS THE GLOBAL TEENS PROGRAM? (YOUTH 13-18)

The Global Teens program is a ten month leadership, cultural competency and service learning program for teens ages 13-18. From December to January, teens from the Greater Seattle area start an application and selection process. From February until June, they participate in monthly meetings for group building and fundraising. Then from July 25-28, the teens will have an intensive week of language, etiquette, cross-cultural communication training and preparation. In July-August, they visit their assigned country for two weeks to learn, serve and meet with other youth. Upon their return, they will debrief and share their experiences with their schools and communities. The program concludes with a community celebration, where teens present and are awarded their certificates of completion.

LATIN AMERICA

GLOBAL TEENS - COLOMBIA

Teens will be hosted by the YMCAs of Bogotá and Cali. The group first travels to Cali, Colombia, where they learn about the strong Y movement lead by the youth of Colombia. Highlights include meeting host families, roasting coffee, learning the Salsa, home stays and camp programs. Our Global Teen group may be joined by the teen group from the St. Louis YMCA and visits to Medellin.

Educational Focus: Social Enterprise
Trip Dates: July 28-August 13, 2012*
Program Fee: \$3,475*

YAP/Host Family Opportunity: November 2012
Host branch: Matt Griffin YMCA



ASIA

GLOBAL TEENS - JAPAN

The Japan Global experience starts in Kobe, Japan, where the YMCA of Kobe has hosted teen groups for 45 years. The itinerary includes visits to cultural and historic sites in Kyoto, Hiroshima, Camp Yoshima and home stays in Kobe. Teens experience public travel by bullet train, ferry, bus and motor boat. They study earthquakes at the Disaster & Recovery Museum, bridges at the Bridge Museum and meet with Hiroshima survivors at the Hiroshima Peace Museum.

Educational Focus: Peace Studies and Natural Disasters
Trip Dates: July 17-August 1, 2012*
Program Fee: \$4,075*
YAP/Host Family Opportunity: July 30-Early August
Host branch: West Seattle Family YMCA

SUMMER INTENSIVE JAPANESE LANGUAGE KOBE, JAPAN

The Summer Intensive Japanese Language program is a month long program for students interested in learning Japanese. The program has daily Japanese language classes each morning and afternoons are filled with cultural studies such as Ikebana, karate, tea ceremony, kendo, calligraphy and anime. The program takes place in Kobe at the Kobe YMCA Japanese Language School and students stay with host families during the entire program. This program is open to participants from across the USA. Language and cultural classes will include college and high school students from around the world!

Educational Focus: Language and Culture
Trip Dates: July 5-August 4, 2012*
Program Fee: \$5,145*
YAP/Host Family Opportunity: End of July/Early August

GLOBAL TEENS - SOUTH KOREA

This program is hosted by the Gwangju YMCA located in the southeast region of Korea. Teens participate in a youth conference, experience a temple stay, and explore family life in home stays. They will travel to Daejeon, Pusan and visit historic sites in Seoul.

Educational Focus: History and Economic Growth
Trip Dates: 2013
Program Fee: TBD
YAP/Host Family Opportunity: July 28-August 2012
Host branch: Dale Turner Family YMCA

GLOBAL TEENS - TAIWAN

This new tri-Y program between Seattle, Kobe and the Kaohsiung YMCA will bring teens from three countries together to share interests and lifestyles. Teens will have the opportunity to explore this beautiful island with visits to temples and the Palace Museum in Taipei - home of the largest collection of Chinese art! They will

enjoy breathtaking views of Tokoro Gorge and other natural wonders and participate in numerous service projects.

Educational Focus: Culture & Service
Trip Dates: July 24-August 8, 2012*
Program Fee: \$3,575*

AFRICA

GLOBAL TEENS - SENEGAL

This program explores the roots of African American history while experiencing the lifestyle of modern Africa. Teens visit Goree Island, formerly the hub of West African slave trading, and museums that teach the history of Senegal. As an agricultural country, teen service projects include building projects for animal husbandry and learning about YMCAs in Senegal while serving with youth in their communities. Teens will participate in home stays, camp experiences and school visits.

Educational Focus: African American History
Trip Dates: July 16-August 1, 2012*
Program Fee: \$3,495*
Host Branch: Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA

*PROGRAM FEES, FINANCIAL AID AND FUNDRAISING

The subsidized programs are all inclusive (Program, meals, lodging and airfare). Fees are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as currency fluctuations and airline surcharges. Financial Aid is available to the extent possible and varies depending on need. In some cases it may be substantial. Country groups will work together to raise funds for the program. All teens will receive training in fundraising. Participants applying for Financial aid are asked to submit the Financial Aid application forms. Financial aid applicants and their parents or guardians will meet with Y staff to determine scholarship need and create a strategy to make the program possible!



WHAT IS THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM?

The Youth Ambassadors program is the reciprocal program of the Global Teens program and hosts visiting teens from different country YMCAs. Teens will learn how to provide

Seattle hospitality by giving tours of local YMCA branches and area attractions. The YMCA of Greater Seattle will receive teen groups from Korea and Japan in the summer of 2012 and from Colombia and Ecuador in the fall 2012.

WHAT IS THE HOST FAMILY EXPERIENCE?

Being a host family is a great way to expose children and youth to other cultures and learn as a family about other countries. YMCA host families will host youth for 4-7 days while the teens participate in planned activities during the weekdays. Please contact us if you are interested.

WHAT IS A GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING TRIP? (ADULTS 19+)

Global Service Learning Trips are opportunities for adults 19+ to learn while providing service to other countries that have been hit by devastating natural disasters such as Japan and Thailand or developing countries where YMCAs are working to help build or rebuild communities. Participants are provided training in cultural competency, fundraising and becoming agents of change. Typical volunteer work includes help with community centers, schools, teaching and bringing resources that will help the community deal with critical social issues.

Local YMCAs provide volunteers with a project and program itinerary, teach about the social challenges these communities face, provide a cultural immersion experience and assist with arrangements for post program sightseeing. Programs are generally 10 days to 3 weeks. Participants are responsible for arranging their own air transportation to and from the program country.

JAPAN RELIEF VOLUNTEERS

In response to the Japan tsunami disaster on March 11, 2011, the YMCA of Greater Seattle began coordinating volunteer service teams to help Japan Tsunami survivors. Tasks include providing social events at temporary housing units, distributing donated goods, and providing recreation activities for children who have lost family members.

Monthly meetings help volunteers prepare, fundraise and participate in local opportunities to help support Japan.

Program Duration: 7-21 Days