

Cambodia Project Week Global Service Trip 2017-2018

Program Overview:

In 2001, Overlake started raising funds through a number of student-led initiatives to finance the construction of a new school in Pailin, Cambodia. Since it's opening in 2003, we have sent six delegations to Pailin to strengthen our relationship with our friends across the water. Our commitment is to return every two years, providing student led classes, a cultural exchange, and take on a major improvement project in local area of Pailin.

In 2006, our students raised funds to install electricity, a computer lab, and satellite dish. To this day our students interact with our friends in Pailin through the internet. A student from our 2006 delegation was so inspired, that she raised money to purchase and transport a playground to Cambodia. The 2008 delegation constructed that playground and provided one of the few safe places for kids to play. In addition, they raised the funds for school supplies and a water filtration system. The 2013 delegation raised funds for faculty housing. The 2016 delegation help to finance a English teacher.

These projects exemplify the concept of service as a mutually-rewarding endeavor. While the Pailin School benefits from our efforts, our students return home changed. Many students write about the trip in their college essays, talking about the lasting impact it has on their lives. Returning inspired, students have volunteered at micro-lending organizations, explored philanthropic professions as a career, or majored in related fields in college. Others continue to spread the spirit of the work long after high school.

What will we do: Students will go through an intensive yearlong training session that includes aspects of Cambodian history, culture, and preparation for traveling overseas. Students will shape and implement innovative projects, create and teach lessons in the classroom, raise funds for improvement initiatives, and return to share their experience with our community at the Cambodia Banquet. This trip includes travel to the ancient temples of Siem Reap, home of the famous Angkor Wat. The trip will span the two weeks, including spring break.

Questions or Concerns: If you have questions or concerns regarding this trip please reach out to Kent Renno (krenno@overlake.org) or Meghan Waddle (mwaddle@overlake.org). Please note that we will have a Parent & Student Information Night in late winter to review all trip details.

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Application:

*****Please note that the Cambodia Team will meet
during club time on day H.*****

Please respond to each of the prompts (1 page max). Answers do not need to be exhaustive; quality is more important than quantity. Please return to Meghan Waddle, Rhonda Andres, and Joey Pauley by **September 19th**.

- Name (Please include full name as it appears on your passport), Grade, Email Address, Date of Birth
- Why are you interested in this Project Week trip?
- Describe what will make you a strong contributor to the Cambodia team. Also, describe areas of growth that you would like to focus on in preparation for the trip.
- What skills or characteristics do you have that will make you an engaging teacher in the classroom? Also, please share what experience do you have working with young people, teaching, and doing community service?
- What do you think are creative subjects to teach at Overlake, Pailin?
- You will be required to give many **extra** hours to prepare for this trip and other related projects. Are you willing and able to put in the time and effort? How will you balance this project with class and other academic, co-curricular, and outside of school commitments, you participate in?

Tentative Dates: Mar 23, 2018 - Apr 6, 2018 (*subject to change*)

Timeline:

- Applications Due – September 19th
- Group Selections Announced – Late-September

Cost

Around \$3000

Please note that limited financial aid is available. For more information, please contact Lou Sabino at lsabino@overlake.org.