

**UTSS Tanzania 2019 Kids Camp  
Trip Prospectus  
As at Oct 12, 2018**



### **Overview**

In 2013, Under The Same Sun (UTSS) hosted the first-ever summer camp for children with albinism in Tanzania, East Africa. It was deemed a strong success and so in the summer of 2016, UTSS sent volunteers to invest two weeks in July serving and learning alongside UTSS Tanzania staff, local university students and a local church (BMCC) in Mwanza, Tanzania. One of the primary goals of camp is to let the children who are in the Education Scholarship Fund (ESF) program know that they are loved. Another important goal of our visit will be to share our lives and to share hope with the students. As our student cohort grows up, the content will deepen to focus on things like career and personal development, healthy relationship education and spiritual formation.

### **Why a Kids Camp?**

Since beginning work in Tanzania in 2008, UTSS has sought to provide not only safety and a high quality educational experience for those students with albinism, but also a sense of hope and belonging and purpose. Since many of the ESF children in the private, high-quality English medium schools in the lake zone region are functionally orphaned, the summer break provides an especially long and poignant reminder that they are alone. By sending a team from North America, we desire to provide inspirational input into their lives (through chapel times, songs, stories and games) and also to hopefully continue to build our partnership with local Tanzanians who will carry on the work of visiting and care for the children when the UTSS staff and the team from North America are not present. As a Christian charity, UTSS anticipates that the content and emphasis of the camp will be Christian in nature but the team will have a broad emphasis and thus is not limited only to persons of faith.

### **Travel Schedule**

Our departure from North America is planned for Thursday, June 27, 2019 and our return date is Friday, July 12. Since flights from the West Coast usually take 2 days, we anticipate arrival in Dar Es Salaam on Friday, July 28 and then flying up to the Mwanza where we will be based for the remainder of our time in-country. The camp will run for 9 days beginning on the morning of Monday, July 1 with volunteer training and concluding on Wednesday, July 11. We will fly back to Dar on either Wed, July 11 or Thursday, July 12 and board flights back to North America with an anticipated arrival back of either Thursday, July 12 or Friday, July 13, 2019.

### **Accommodations & Transport**

The flights heading there are overnight flights so a capacity to sleep on the plane is helpful. In Tanzania, the hotel is very western offers basic comforts of approximately a 2.5 star hotel in North America. Travel is in buses & cars.

### **Meals**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided throughout the trip. The usual pattern is a buffet breakfast prior to departure for the school, a bagged lunch on-site at the school (provided by the hotel), and then dinner back at the hotel after camp concludes. The hotel we will be staying at has been carefully selected for its ability to minimize the risk of food-borne illness and serve western-style cuisine but this risk can never be fully avoided. Any questions around dietary concerns or limitations should be directed to the team leaders in advance.

### **Cost**

**\$3,900.00 CDN or \$3,000 USD** per person includes flight, accommodation, transportation, security, food, & visa.

- 1. This cost framework is built upon flight costs as at Oct 2018 of \$1,650 CDN for an economy class of service from a major gateway city. Costs for other classes of service or booking at a later date resulting in an increased fare are not accounted for in in this quote and would be the responsibility of the individual. Note also that UTSS will be responsible for managing flight bookings to achieve the balance between the best rates and the necessity of the group arriving and travelling together in country for security reasons.*
- 2. Passport & immunization costs as well as all alcoholic beverages in country are the responsibility of trip participants.*

### **Spending Money**

In the past, \$100 - \$200 has been more than adequate. You can change your currency in Tanzania or in advance.

### **Application Process & Fundraising**

Interested individuals are requested to fill out an application form and enclose a cheque for \$350. All individuals will be assessed by UTSS staff and the project leaders and will be advised of their acceptance onto the summer camp team. After approval, your \$350 will be deposited and is non-refundable. This is due no later than January 15, 2019. Fundraising monies are all due by June 15, 2019. Please fundraise in accordance with the UTSS team guidelines, understanding that once donations have been deposited toward the project, they are non-refundable.

### **Commitments**

Monthly training meetings (in-person & online) will start in February 2019. It is expected that individuals on the team will learn camp songs, participate in activities, pray for camp, and be actively involved in project fundraising.

### **Team Composition / Age Requirement**

Due to the unique history of persons with albinism in Tanzania, having a background or skill set in any of the following fields is considered an asset: counseling & therapy; nursing & health care; work with children & youth; previous cross-cultural experiences. Those who have previously been to Tanzania and are proven leaders within the UTSS community can most adequately anticipate the unique conditions and so will be permitted to fundraise for and bring their families & children (no infants or toddlers, however) along with them.

### **Physical challenges**

Participants must be prepared for challenging conditions. (examples may include but are not limited to variable temperature conditions, no (or very little) heat or air-conditioning in buildings, no elevators, toilets not being to American standards, etc.) Don't expect luxuries but do expect that we will do our best to attend to your wellbeing.

### **Passports and Visas**

Both are mandatory for entering Tanzania. You must have a valid passport before leaving North America. (Do not leave this until the last minute). Specific visas are required to enter Tanzania and will be processed by the UTSS office as a part of the trip costs. Your passport will need to be available to physically send to Ottawa or Washington for approximately three weeks in the late spring of 2019 for this approval process.

Thank you for your interest in this trip. For more information, or to apply, please contact

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Mail your completed application to **Under The Same Sun**

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### **Summer Camp Plan** (Please note these are estimations; plans are always subject to change; this is Africa, friends):

Thursday, June 27 – Depart North America via various gateway cities

Friday, June 28 – Travel day, Arrive in Dar

Saturday, June 29 – Jet lag recovery morning, transit flights up to Mwanza

Sunday, June 30 – Visit BMCC Church for morning worship

Monday, July 1 – Volunteer Training

Tuesday, July 2 – Camp begins

Wednesday, July 3 – Camp

Thursday, July 4 – Camp

Friday, July 5 – Camp

Saturday, July 6 – Rest day (may include shopping in Mwanza; meetings with various partner agencies & pastors)

Sunday, July 7 – Camp “Road Trip” to BMCC (BMCC team, volunteers & kids enjoy lunch together at BMCC)

Monday, July 8 – Camp

Tuesday, July 9 – Camp

Wednesday, July 10 - Camp Wraps up (ESF academic awards ceremony and press conference; done by lunchtime)

Thursday, July 11 – Travel to DAR; board outbound flights late evening (Friday = travel day back to North America)