

Meet the Costa Rica Teen Service Trip Participants

June 14-21, 2018

Francesco (Frank) Addante



11th Grade

Glenbrook South High School

I am most excited for:

Just going there, in general, I've never been there and I'm excited about what holds in Costa Rica.

I hope to take away: Acquiring sets of skills I have not acquired yet.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Cookies and cream

Julia Belian



12th Grade

New Trier High School

I am most excited

for: To meet new people.

I hope to take away: A new sense of Costa Rica culture and food.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Chocolate

Some more info about me: I am one of the Teen Leader's on the trip and I was just elected as the JeTY Membership Vice President for next year!

Jordana Bornstein



College Freshman

New York University

I am most excited for:

Learning about a new culture.

I hope to take away: I hope to take away new knowledge that I can apply in life.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Mint chocolate chip

Some more info about me: I am so excited to be one of the Teen Leader's on the trip!

Rachel Buchanan



9th Grade

Glenbrook South High School

I am most excited for: Trying out new things!

I hope to take away: New friendships and a better understanding of other places and different cultures.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Cotton candy

Parker Dubansky



9th Grade

New Trier High School

I am most excited for: Everything!

I hope to take away: I want to learn about Costa Rican culture.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Mint chocolate chip

Eli Goroff- Behel



11th Grade

New Trier High School

I am most excited for: The flight!

I hope to take away: I am excited to bond with the group while we are volunteering.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Chocolate

Brie Katz

11th Grade

Glenbrook North High School

I am most excited for: Meeting new people.

I hope to take away: New perspectives.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Salted caramel

Some more info about me: I have two cats and I was just elected to be JeTY's Religious and Cultural Vice President!



Kelsey Kaufman

12th Grade

New Trier High School

I am most excited for: Helping to build things for the village.

I hope to take away: Learning what life is like for people in Costa Rica, because it seems different than in the United States.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Black cherry



Anna Lasky

12th Grade

Maine East High School

I am most excited for: The language barrier.

I hope to take away: A sense of gratitude for what I have.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Champagne



Sloane Shabelman

9th Grade

Glenbrook South High School

I am most excited for: Interacting and talking with the locals, especially the kids!

I hope to take away: I hope to make new friends on this trip and make a difference in Costa Rica!

Favorite ice cream flavor: Phish Food from Ben and Jerry's

Some more info about me: I was just elected to be the JeTY Freshmen Representative for next year's board!



Naomi Segal, Temple Jeremiah Youth & Family Engagement Director

I am most excited for: Getting to know the incredible teens on this trip and watching them bond with each other. I have been working on this trip for over a year, and I am excited that it is finally happening!

I hope to take away: A strong sense of community and a new pet monkey.

Favorite ice cream flavor: Mint chocolate chip or anything from Jeni's Ice Cream

A special thank you: I want to thank everyone who made this trip possible! Everyone who has donated to the InterAct Fund (the fund that funds a large portion of the trip), Women of Jeremiah, the entire Temple Jeremiah staff, all of the parents who are sending their kids, our two Teen Leaders, Jordana and Julia, and the Putney staff!



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