



New Jesuit Volunteer 2015 Timeline

During the next couple of months, you will receive a lot of information from JVC. In an effort to paint a broad picture of things to consider, important deadlines to remember we have put together a short timeline with approximate touch points. Be gentle with yourself and don't rush into anticipating what's next, but be present in the moment and embrace all that surrounds you. Our desire for you is that you may strive to slow down and walk in the pace of our God during this time. A prayer for you:

*God is my pace-setter, I shall not rush;
God makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals;
God provides me with images of stillness which restores my serenity.
God leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind, and God's guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for God's presence is here.
God's timelessness, God's all-importance will keep me in balance.
God prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my head with God's oils of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours.
For I shall walk in the pace of my God and dwell in God's house forever. Amen*

April 17-May 15: During this time we invite you to begin to develop ways to communicate your formation story, as you begin to prepare for this next phase of your journey. Information on the *Send Me to Serve* campaign will be communicated, resources from the International Program (IP) will be made available including a mailer with resources both practical and otherwise. We encourage you to attend to your current needs in your day-to-day environments given that many of you will be preparing to graduate from college.

May 15-June 1: JVC will provide support materials to contextualize what it means to live into the JVC mission, understand a cross-cultural context, developing awareness of self, and experiencing spaces to share your story with those that will be supporting you along the way. We encourage you to explore and research these themes on your own as well, as the preparation one engages in the pre-immersion phase is proven to be a critical indicator for one's success in the initial phase of acculturation.

June 2-June 29: Preparation for departure, preparing to fully participate and not anticipate, and engage the uncertainty that might still exist in the process. Begin to think through how to prepare your family and other relationships that will be supporting you post departure. The IP will provide additional information on expectations for orientation, materials needed to be prepared, and responding to last minute inquiries.

June 30-July 8: Saying good-bye for Early Departures, a time of "in-betweenness" for Late Departures. We encourage you to plan as little as possible during this time to focus on relationships that will continue to



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support you and to give yourself the flexibility of time, without feeling hurried, of being able to engage the unexpected things that come up.

Dates	Info
Late April	"Snail Mail" Welcome Packet Sent (with resources, logistics, loan information)
May 1	Deadline to sign up for Welcome Conference Calls
May 1	Deadline for scanned passport copies
May 12th & 13th	Welcome Conference Calls
May 27	Early Departures Updated Resumes submitted to JVC All JVs should have Send Me to Serve Pages set up.
Late May	Early Departures feel free to reach out to current JVs in the field
Late May	Second Snail Mail Packet sent (Immunization/visa information, Orientation details)
Early June	Gather Visa Documents needed (Early Departures – Micronesia/Belize)
Early June	Early Departures International Travel Booked
June	Third Snail Mail Packet Sent (packing lists, self-care plans, country specific resources)
June 5	Book Tickets for Summer Orientation by this date (booking details will be provided)
Mid-June	Country Study Groups (Crossing cultures, the history of your host community)
Mid-June	One with One Check-ins with Staff
June 28-July 8	Be present, plan as little as possible enjoy time with family/friends
July 8	Arrive at Orientation the evening of July 8 or the morning of July 9.
July 9-23	Summer Orientation (University of Scranton in Scranton, PA)
July 23rd	JVs depart for Micronesia and Belize
Mid-August	Gather Visa Documents needed (Chile, Nicaragua, Peru, Tanzania)
Early Sept	Late Departures feel free to reach out to current JVs in the field
Early Sept	Late Departures updated resumes submitted to JVC
Mid-Sept	One with One Check-ins with Staff (Late Departures)
Early November	Late Departures International Travel Booked
Late November or early December	JVs depart for Chile, Nicaragua, Peru, and Tanzania