



2015 Summer Orientation Logistics

Important Action Steps	
Mon., June 8, 2015	Please fill out a short survey regarding your travel plans to Orientation: http://goo.gl/forms/yG3eyzq0ao

We look forward to sharing time together in July at Summer Orientation. Below is some initial information in preparation for Summer Orientation, which is a collaboration between JVC's international program and the Rostro de Cristo volunteer program.

Additional information on the purpose/goals of orientation will be in a follow-up mailer in early June. Please remember that nearly half of the volunteers will be departing to their host country directly from Orientation (early departure sites are **Belize and Micronesia**), and the rest will be departing later (late departures are **Peru, Nicaragua, Chile and Tanzania** which depart in late November and early December).

Orientation Dates

Thursday, July 9 – Thursday, July 23, 2014

Orientation Location

The University of Scranton, in Scranton, PA (scranton.edu)

Please fill out the short survey (<http://goo.gl/forms/yG3eyzq0ao>) sent in the Ignite! #2 email from May 14 regarding your travel plans to Orientation, as well as any family or guests that may be present for the first day. It is important you fill this out by June 8th so we can confirm space for all travelers and coordinate logistics.

Travel to/from Orientation

1. Each volunteer is financially responsible for her/his own travel to (and in the case of late departures, from) Summer Orientation. Please find below listed times for your planning.

Note: For JVs departing directly to their host country, the JVC office will be coordinating travel from Summer Orientation to the host country.

2. If you are driving, please plan on arriving either on **Wednesday, July 8th by 9:00 pm or on Thursday, July 9th by 11:00 am.**
3. If you are flying, please book your flight for **Wednesday, July 8th, so that it arrives at Newark Airport BEFORE 5:00 pm EST.** The bus will pick up volunteers at Newark airport and head to the University of Scranton. We will be in touch regarding which terminal to meet at for pick up.

If you choose to fly into another airport; earlier than the 8th; or later than 5pm on the 8th, you will be responsible for your own transportation to the University of Scranton. Please make sure you arrive at orientation no later than 11AM on Thursday, July 9th.



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4. On Thursday, July 9th, there will be a welcome mass and dinner for family and/or guests. We would welcome your loved ones to join us! Family/guests are responsible for their own accommodations, if staying overnight. We ask that after dinner on the 9th volunteers say their goodbyes and that family/guests depart from Orientation.

DEPARTING: Thursday, July 23, 2014

Early Departures: Airfare for JVC Volunteers going to Micronesia and Belize will be arranged by JVC.

Late Departures: Please book your return home ticket for Thursday, July 23 from Newark Airport for after 12PM. We will provide transportation back to Newark Airport from Scranton University

For some of you, Summer Orientation occurs immediately preceding your departure for your country of service, while others you will be returning home for up to 5 months before departing. In all cases, Summer Orientation marks the official beginning of your life as a JV with JVC. Therefore, everything we ask of you and provide for you is with a purpose, as we strive to best prepare you for life in the field and to live as deeply as possible within JVC's four values. We encourage you to read the following with this intentionality in mind.

Internet Access

There will be **very limited** internet access for volunteers for the duration of orientation.

Phones

We invite you to leave your cell phone at home. We believe this will help you to fully enter into the orientation process, to begin building community with your fellow volunteers and staff, and to start preparing yourself for less contact with "home." Furthermore, in the field, you will not have many of the conveniences to which you are accustomed, cell phones being one of them. For volunteers who do choose to bring their cell phones, we will ask that they remain in the bedrooms for the duration of Orientation.

Medical/Dental Information

If you are an early departure, we will not have access to any clinics for last minute check-ups, vaccinations or vaccination boosters, so please plan in advance accordingly. In a few weeks, you will receive another packet of information about your insurance plan. We will also cover insurance and health-related issues during the Orientation. We ask that you seek dental care prior to leaving for your country with JVC. JVC does NOT provide routine dental insurance. There is some coverage for dental emergencies, but routine filling of cavities or root canals are not considered dental emergencies. Therefore, please seek the appropriate dental care, both preventative and treatment before you serve with JVC. (Also, please be sure to allow for enough time for multiple appointments). It is highly recommended to take a fluoride rinse with you to your host country.

We look forward to being with you at Summer Orientation!