

# BELIZE MISSION TRIP

## USEFUL INFORMATION

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This document contains all the basic information you will need to know before arriving in Belize. It's not exhaustive, so please do feel free to ask questions.

## How can I help at Holy Cross?

Every volunteer comes with a unique mix of talent, passion and experience, and are many was that these can be put to excellent use at Holy Cross. Different activities are more appropriate at different times of the year, but the common ways of helping include:

- **Construction and maintenance:** There is almost always something being built, or needing repair, and help on these is always appreciated. If you have any particular skills (welding, carpentry, electrical, plumbing etc) do let us know.
- **Remedial math and English:** some kids need some extra 1:1 or small group help to improve their math, English or other subjects. Anyone with experience in these is always gratefully received.
- **Teaching:** Experienced and qualified teachers are welcome to work alongside our Belizean teachers, as both can learn from each other. Although possible during a short stay, teaching works best if you are here for several weeks.
- **Music and Theatre:** These are subjects that our teacher's sometimes struggle to teach, and the fresh energy and ideas brought by volunteers are always welcomed by both the kids and the teachers.
- **Vacation Bible School:** School holidays are a great time to run a VBS for the kids. The kids really enjoy the opportunity to interact with the volunteers, and love the crafts and sports that usually accompany a VBS.
- **Sports:** Our kids love sports, especially soccer, and will eagerly spend a morning or afternoon kicking a ball or learning new games. During term time there's opportunities to do sports during PE, and motivated kids will often hang around after school if there's a game to be played.
- **Clergy:** are always most welcome, and are invited to take part in our weekly chapel services on a Thursday. Holy Cross hopes to build a priest home on the premises, allowing members of the clergy to stay longer term.
- **Medical/Dental:** Medical and dental teams are most welcome. We have a fully equipped dental lab on site. Doctors will require a temporary license to practice, but basic check-ups, dressing wounds and offering an opinion can be done at the school without the license. Volunteering through one of the local doctors can be very rewarding too.
- **Reading:** Reading is such an important skill, that some of our kids do not get to practice often enough. Volunteers are welcome to come and read with our kids to help them practice and gain confidence.
- **Sewing:** We have a sewing centre on site, staffed by the women of San Mateo. They always appreciate a visit from an experienced sewer who can help with any questions or problems they have, or who can provide ideas and inspiration for more products to make.

Got a passion or skill interest that is not on the list? Just ask – it may be just what we're looking for!

# Mission Overview

Volunteering at Holy Cross is a very rewarding experience, and many short term teams discover it is their own lives, as much as that of the children, that are changed during the week here. The best way to get the most of your time here is to come with an open heart, take the time to get to know individuals, and be willing to be very flexible and go with the opportunities that present themselves at the time.

Here are some simple steps for planning a mission to Holy Cross:

1. Contact us, letting us know what you're interested in doing and approximately when you'd like to come. We'll get back to you and confirm the best dates, and our needs during that time.
2. Start gathering support and interest. When you know for sure you've got people interested, it's a good idea to contact me to ask about accommodation, as booking early is the key to getting the best places.
3. Think about fundraising and gathering supplies. A budget overview is attached near the end of this document and will give you an idea of how much to raise. **All teams are asked to make a donation \$3,000 donation to the school**, which covers building material and/or operating costs. Please remember, the school relies heavily on donations, and any extra you can bring will go a long way to feeding and caring for the children here.
4. Keep in touch regularly, ensuring planning goes smoothly.
5. Arrive! Have a fantastic time at the school and experiencing Belizean culture.
6. Share you experience with others, and keep in touch with the kids at the school. The encouragement can make a huge difference.

## Donating Supplies:

We are always in need to donated supplies to keep the school going. Anything from crayons, to office paper to band aids for cut fingers. These items are often much more expensive when sourced locally, assuming we can get them locally at all. So the best way to get them is asking teams to bring items. Even with occasional excess baggage fees, it's so much cheaper to bring items in suitcases than shipping.

We regularly update the wish list on our website ([www.holycrossbelize.org](http://www.holycrossbelize.org)), and expect me to come to you with a list of our most important needs.

# Good things to Bring:

## Group Leader should bring:

- First Aid Kit – should contain: Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, anti-itch cream, Benadryl, eye wash, aspirin/Tylenol, Pepto Bismal, sore throat drops, Excedrin PM, athlete foot medication, baby powder, etc.
- Devotional materials – Bible, Prayer Book
- Copy of everyone's passport – the picture page
- Emergency number for every member
- Emergency cash
- **Belize Phone Numbers:**
  - Lydia Brown, Volunteer Coordinator 011-501-635-1032
  - Holy Cross Anglican School: 011-501-226-3456
  - Diocesan Office (Belize City) - 011-501-227-3029

**If anyone in your group is under the age of 18, he/she MUST have a notarized permission letter signed by BOTH parents.** Letter must also contain the name of the responsible person (usually the group leader) while the minor is in Belize and the effective dates of travel. If a minor is traveling with one parent, he/she must still have a notarized letter from the absent parent. If only one parent is living, a notarized letter or copy of the death certificate must be presented. Immigration does not always ask for these documents but when they do, you need to have them or they will send you back home!! A template for this letter can be downloaded from the school website.

## Everyone should bring:

- PASSPORT
- Cash or traveler's checks – credit cards are also widely accepted in San Pedro
- Personal medication – prescription and over-the-counter (We have found that diabetics need to bring more snacks than usual).
- Sunscreen
- Sunburn medication like Solarcane or Aloe
- Insect repellent
- Bathing suit
- Extra towel
- Sunglasses (just some cheap ones you don't mind getting painted or scratched)
- Sweatbands
- Hat
- Water bottle - wide mouth for easy refill
- Sturdy shoes and socks
- Work gloves (if doing construction)
- Disposable cameras
- Address book
- Pictures of home, Church, family
- Favorite snack food
- Bible
- Appropriate clothes (see note below)

**Contact wearers – sweat and dust are hard on contacts. Bring a pair of glasses!**

### Please, DO NOT bring:

- Skimpy halter tops or tops that show midriff, or short shorts, low slung shorts or pants
- Expensive jewelry
- Electronic games, computers, iPods, DVD players, etc.
- Expensive cameras - unless you are the group photographer

## Dress Code:

Belizeans dress much more modestly than in the US and Canada, which means that clothing that is "casual" back home is seen as "inappropriately and distractingly revealing" here. Although a Belizean is unlikely to ever say anything to your face, dressing inappropriately can negatively impact your ability to work well with the local people. So here are our guidelines:

- **If you are working with our teachers** (teaching in classrooms, or delivering a workshop), then you need to have a top with a collar (polo shirt, or short sleeved shirts are ok), or a modest blouse. Also wear your choice of lightweight trousers, shorts that reach the knee or a modest skirt. Shoes can be open or closed, but should be more than flip-flops.
- **If you are working with our children** (running a VBS, or doing tutoring), then a T-shirt that covers your shoulders and belly, combined with shorts that reach about 3/4 down your thigh is fine. Wear comfortable footwear (not flip-flops). Note though, the more you dress like a person in charge, the more the children will respect you as that.
- **If you are doing construction** A T-shirt that covers your shoulders and belly, combined with shorts that reach about half way down your thigh is the minimum. T-shirts have to stay on all the time - there is plenty of time to work on your tan back at the hotel. Wear shoes that will protect your feet and not affect your balance – tennis shoes are fine.
- **Skimpy little tops and short shorts will not be tolerated.** I'm not afraid to tell you to go back to your hotel and put on something more appropriate.

Every month we sell clothes to the community. Donations of your used T-shirts, shoes, and shorts etc that are still in good condition are gratefully accepted. We don't mind washing them.

# Transport to San Pedro

There are two popular ways of getting from the International Airport to San Pedro.

- 1) **WATER TAXI.** Water taxi is the cheapest way to get to San Pedro (starting at \$27.50 round trip per person), but takes by far the longest (1.5 – 2 hours, plus 30 min. taxi ride, plus waiting for the next departure time). Last water taxi leaves at 5:30pm. Be sure to have sunscreen readily available, as some of the boats are not covered.

If taking the water taxi, I recommend pre-booking a shuttle to take you from the airport to the water taxi terminal in Belize City. We recommend Philip Elliott, past President of the Belize Tour Guide Association and a good friend of the Anglican Diocese.. Cost for the taxi ride is \$8US per person and takes about 30 minutes. I can arrange for him to meet you.

- 2) **MAYA ISLAND AIR.** This costs a little more (\$101 per person round trip if booked through the school), but at just 20 min. is much quicker. The last flight to San Pedro departs at 5:30 pm, so groups can arrive in San Pedro on the same day they fly into Belize. Check-in is just past the customs office, so there is no need to pay porters to carry your bags. Be prepared to pay the exit tax to San Pedro of 75 cents US per person - it's helpful to have exact change. You will have to check all your luggage as there is no cabin storage on the 12 seat airplanes. Any luggage that does not fit on the plane will arrive on a later flight. Maya Island Air has hourly flights from Belize International to San Pedro and will put on a second plane if more than 12 people make reservations for the same time.

**Tip:** If you can be bothered taking a 30 min \$8 per person taxi ride with Phil from the International Airport to the municipal airport, you can save a fortune on airfares. From Municipal the fares are \$60 per person round trip.

You can also charter a private water taxi, which will leave when you are ready and drop you right outside your hotel. This is convenient, but unlikely to be cheaper than the regular water taxi. Contact me for more details.

Either way, you will arrive safely in San Pedro. Your hotel can arrange to have a taxi meet you at the airport or water taxi terminal and take you to your hotel.

**Worth Knowing:** Many groups choose to take the water taxi to San Pedro and then fly back - the best of both worlds and you don't need to get on the 7am water taxi for your midday flight. Both options take you to the centre of town with easy access to hotels. Most groups hire taxis (readily available at a cost of \$5 US per vehicle) in order to transfer luggage easily.

# Arrival and Customs

Delta, American Airlines and several other airlines run flights direct from the USA to Belize International Airport. Check online or with your travel agent for prices, but be prepared for the price to vary from week to week. Once you are on the airplane bound for Belize, each member of your group will receive two forms: an Immigration Form and a Customs Declaration.

**Immigration Form** – Everyone fills out an Immigration Form.

Where it asks, “Reason for Visiting Belize” – answer is “Pleasure.”

Address in Belize is: (Name of your Hotel), San Pedro, Ambergris Caye.

IF the official asks why you are in Belize, your answer is “I’m with the Anglican Diocese of Belize and will be volunteering at Holy Cross Anglican Primary School in San Pedro.”

**Customs Declaration** – Fill out one per family. You have nothing to declare. Your personal items are not counted when filling out “Amount of Goods Brought into Belize.” Donations are not subject to customs duty.

When you land in Belize, you will walk across the tarmac into the arrival building. You will enter the building (there is a bathroom if needed) and line up for Immigration. Have your passport and Immigration Form ready.

Once your passport is stamped, you will walk straight forward to baggage claim. Put your passport away! Keep your group together until everyone has their bags. **COUNT BAGS** – including carry-on items!!! It’s incredibly easy to leave a bag in the airport, which causes all sorts of problems.

When everyone is ready, go to the “Nothing to Declare” customs line – have your customs forms ready. Everyone must pass through customs individually or as a family, but the group leader should be at the head of the line and wait until everyone has passed through. All visitors are allowed two suitcases and one carry-on. IF the customs officer asks what all you are bringing, just tell him/her that you are bringing your personal items and some donated items for Holy Cross Anglican School in San Pedro. It will help if you have a letter from your church and/or Holy Cross School confirming you are bringing donated goods. If they ask the value of your donations, name a very low amount.

You will NOT be arrested or detained for bringing donated items to the school - worst possible scenario, you pay a small customs fee or you just leave everything with the customs official and the diocese will handle the matter. (If you do leave items behind, insist on a detailed receipt)

You will not be able to take the little luggage carts past Customs, but there are airport porters (they are wonderful) who will help with your bags. I recommend you ask for Stephen who helps many of our groups. He will expect a tip of at least \$2US dollar per bag and will be a big help in transferring luggage to the vans if you are taking the water taxi to San Pedro. Well worth the small cost but certainly not necessary if everyone has a good back! If you are travelling to San Pedro via Maya Island Air, you will not need a porter unless you really have a lot of luggage, as the check-in counter is in the room just past Customs.

# Meals:

There are lots of wonderful places to eat in San Pedro. Prices vary greatly from inexpensive sub shops and pizza parlors (they deliver!) to very expensive.

**Breakfast:** Check with your hotel about breakfast, as some include this in the room rate, or will provide a caterer for teams over a certain size. For teams wanting an early start, a large, tasty breakfast is available at the school cafeteria for \$4 per person.

**Lunch:** A large, filling lunch is available at the school cafeteria for \$7 per person, or you can discuss options for having something delivered. The food served at the school is some of the best on the island, and it's much more convenient than trying to find a restaurant in the middle of a hot day.

**Dinner:** There are abundant options for dinner, ranging from local street food to fine restaurant cuisine. You can find a place to suit any taste or budget. I'm happy to email a list of restaurants that our previous teams have recommended. Most teams budget \$12 - \$25 per person for evening meals at a restaurant, but you can eat much more cheaply by buying from local eateries (\$5 can get a full plate), or by cooking at your hotel.

**Desserts:** By far the best dessert is the \$2.50 homemade ice cream at DandE's on Middle Street next to Caramba's. Many a volunteer has come back craving this ice cream, and who can blame them! Try the soursop for something adventurous.

**Tips:** are always appreciated. 10% is usual, 15 – 20% for something special. Do check your bill, as many places will automatically add a 10-15% tip for groups over a certain size.

## Worth Knowing:

- Vegetarian food is available, but there is not a lot of variety.
- If possible, avoid splitting the bill too many ways, as it really slows things down. Many groups put aside a certain amount of cash for each night, and members can order whatever they like up to the value of X dollars.
- Some restaurants will do a limited buffet for groups.
- Be prepared that not all your food will come out at once – inevitably someone will be last, and it may be a full 5 – 20 min after the person who was served first. Your large group can easily overwhelm a small kitchen, so be patient. A fun way to remove the frustration is to offer a free ice cream to the person who is served last each day.

# Sightseeing Options:

There are many opportunities for wonderful water activities in Belize – Mayan ruins, natural features, bird watching, snorkeling, diving, wind surfing, fishing, etc.

San Pedro is the perfect base for any sea-based activities. The most popular options include:

- **Half-day snorkeling tours.** There are many snorkel spots, but by far the most famous is Hol Chan and Shark Ray Alley, always done as a combined trip. Depending on your group size and preference, you can do this in just a couple of hours by speedboat, or you can relax and take out a catamaran and do it in style.
- **Full-day options.** Full-day tours give you the option to go further afield and do more, see more and relax more. You can take speedboats and explore unspoilt reefs to the north while enjoying a beach BBQ, or take a spacious catamaran and enjoy a more leisurely pace. Some charter options allow your qualified scuba divers to dive for the same price and at the same time as your snorkelers.
- Seeing **Mayan ruins** is a great way to get a sense of the rich history of this country. All the ruins are on the mainland, but are still accessible from the island (though they cost a bit more). To make the most of these ruins, consider an overnight stop in Belize City.

**Where possible, please book all tours through the school.** Not only do I know the best guides, I can get you some great rates. Plus, every tour you book through the school earns the school a valuable commission, which in turn helps us to keep operating.

## Good to know:

**Cell Phones:** Not all cell phones work in San Pedro, and those that do cost a small fortune every time you use them. You can rent cell phones here for \$5 per day, plus the costs of calls. For a small fee, they will also reserve a number for you (so you can give this number to all your concerned parents).

**Internet Access:** is available at the school.

**Currency:** The official currency is Belize Dollars, but US Dollars spend just fine, so no need to change any dollars before you come. The conversion is very easy – \$1US = \$2 Belize. In general, hotels, and tour operators give prices in \$US, while restaurants, shops and locals give prices in \$BZ. Taxi's and beach hustlers may use either, so always double check before paying. A common scam is to let you assume you're talking in Belize Dollars, then when it's time to pay claim that it was negotiated in \$US.

**What should I wear?** Belizeans dress much more modestly than Americans and Canadians, so what is seen as “comfortable” back home is often “inappropriately revealing” here. You will be much more effective if you dress in a way that is not distracting to our students and staff. Shorts or skirts should come at least midway down your thigh (to the knee is better), and shirts/t-shirts should cover the shoulder and the midriff. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times on school property.

**Vaccinations:** Not specifically required, but it's a good idea to be up-to-date on your tetanus and hepatitis A/B. If you've never had chicken pox, get the vaccination, and make sure you've also had all



your standard childhood shots – measles/mumps/rubella (MMR), and diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT), as well as a polio vaccination.

**Malaria:** Malaria is not present in Belize City or San Pedro. The only time you might come into contact with malarial mosquitos is if you go to the jungle to see animals or Mayan ruins. As this is just for a few hours, using generous amounts of a good quality insect repellent is sufficient (as long as you put it on BEFORE the bugs start biting...).

**Sex and drugs:** Both are available, neither are safe. Belize has a very high rate of HIV and other STDs, so the chances of an unwanted reminder of a summer fling are very high and may have lifelong consequences. Drugs are illegal here, and despite what the pusher is trying to tell you, the police take a very dim view to tourists using drugs. You can be arrested for being in the same room as someone with drugs, whether or not you knew they had any, so pick your company wisely. Stay out of the night-clubs, especially Jaguars and Big Daddy's, as the police will raid these for drugs from time to time, and are not shy about arresting tourists in the process.

**Alcohol:** The drinking age in Belize is 18. While a cold beer enjoyed at a beachfront bar is fine, getting drunk and obnoxious is not only seriously un-cool, it gives the school a bad reputation. It's worth knowing that wandering around with alcohol in your hand is illegal (ie no street drinking).

**Medical Services:** There are a couple of good doctors on the island. Should you need it, we recommend Dr Danny Gonzales at the Ambergris Hope Clinic (your hotel or any taxi driver can tell you how to get there. It's next to the fire station on Middle Street). Hospitals are only available on the mainland.

**School Rules:** Here are the basic school rules you will need to know about:

- Shoes, shirt and modest clothing must be worn at all times.
- We have a no junkfood policy at the school. This extends to soda's, so if you must have a mid-afternoon coca-cola to get you through the day, please put it in an opaque drinking containers.
- The computer lab is available to volunteers, but ONLY when the computer teacher is present in the lab. Individuals may use the computers throughout the school day, but groups should wait until school is out before using computers, so as not to disturb classes. Please leave all food and water outside the computer lab. The computer lab is closed during school holidays. Wifi internet is available throughout the school.
- Please do not give cash/presents/sunglasses etc directly to the children, as this encourages begging behavior. Should you wish to help an individual child or family, please talk to me about the best way to do this.
- You are welcome to use the school's toilets. But know they are on a septic system, and cannot cope with foreign materials being flushed down them. Toilet paper is OK, anything else should be put in the rubbish bins provided.

I hope this information helps you plan a great trip. If you have any information, please do not hesitate to contact me on [volunteerbelize@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerbelize@gmail.com) or 011-501-653-1032 (cell).

Lydia Brown, Volunteer Coordinator

# Annex 1: Accommodations:

**Important:** For the school to earn the commission from your stay, you need to first contact me ([volunteerbelize@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerbelize@gmail.com)), telling me the dates you hope to come, the size of your group and any other important information that may affect your booking (such as married couples wanting private rooms). I'll get the initial quote for and make your booking. You will need to pay the hotel direct.

The commission earned from accommodation referrals helps us to pay important costs at the school, so we really appreciate you taking a moment to do it this way.

- **The Blue Tang** is a lovely hotel on the beach with a small swimming pool and a peaceful shaded garden. Rooms are spacious and include AC, TV, private bathrooms, ceiling fans and wifi internet. It takes about 15 minutes to walk to the school. Breakfast is included in the room rate, and laundry is available on request. Two grocery stores are close by. \$30 - \$70 per person
- **The Conch Shell** is located in the heart of San Pedro, on the beach, about a 15 minute walk to Holy Cross. It has ten rooms - all front on the beach. Each room has one double and one single bed. All rooms have cable TV, tempurpedic beds, refrigerator, free wireless internet, private bath, floor and ceiling fans. Air conditioning is available for an additional fee. Upper veranda offers additional kitchenette and fantastic reef views. \$20 - \$40 per person.
- **Hotel Del Rio:** With just a 5 min walk to the school, this is the closest to school. The rooms are all done in traditional island style, with thatched roofs and natural wood walls. They are right on the beachfront, and have a pier for swimming. They have two large open plan rooms with cooking facilities and 4-5 beds, as well as rooms with one bed for group leaders. Great value, but a much simpler style. Most rooms are fan only, but the high thatched roofs keep the rooms naturally cool. From \$25 per person.
- **Paradise Villas:** These are beautiful condos located just north of town and a 15 minute walk from the school. Each condo is fully self-contained with a kitchen, sitting area, TV, and bathroom. They have 2, 3 and 4 room condos, with ocean or garden views. The condos are situated in an enclosed garden area, which includes a great swimming pool. Close to supermarkets and restaurants. From \$40 per person
- **Exotic Caye Beach Resort:** Exotic Caye Beach Resort: A little further south from the school (30 minute walk), but a fantastic place to stay. Each condo comes complete with a full kitchenette, dining room and lounge area, air-conditioning in the bedroom, ceiling fans, cable TV, and wireless high speed internet. The resort has a freshwater pool on site, a full service restaurant, café, adventure centre, and beach bar. Close to supermarkets. Guests at Exotic Caye have complimentary use of the nearby air-conditioned fitness centre, which comes complete with pool, tennis courts and gym. Conference room & meeting room facilities are available. From \$50 per person.
- **Ak'Bol Yoga Retreat:** Located a 30 minute walk north of the school, this retreat is the ideal choice for a team wanting to get away from the noise and distraction of town. The resort is built to accommodate groups of up to 60 people in their comfortable, spacious barracks. These have secure rooms with two single beds, secure storage space, fans, great view and breeze. There is a large communal bathroom, with enough showers and toilets to get everyone through quickly. An

onsite bar/restaurant provides very tasty and affordable meals, and swimming is easy in either the fresh water pool or off the dock. There are several spaces to meet as a group around the resort. Bicycles can be hired nearby, turning the 30 minute walk into a very pleasant 5 minute bike ride. and also allowing easy access to town. Yoga classes are available every morning. (Just in case you were concerned – although it is a yoga retreat, there is no eastern symbolism anywhere, and the retreat is used by various types of groups). From \$25 per person.

- **The Holiday Hotel:** is located in the heart of San Pedro Town, right on the beach. Fantastic access to local shops, restaurants, tours and town atmosphere, while still being just a 20 minute walk to the school. All rooms are air-conditioned and have ocean views. They are very comfortable and clean, and wireless internet is available from the lobby. There is one apartment, offering a kitchenette, should your group wish to cook their own meals.
- **The Tides** went out of business ☹. We're very sorry to have lost them.
- **BELIZE CITY:** Accommodations can be arranged at the Diocesan Guest House in Belize City at \$25US per person per night. Many groups choose to spend either their first or last night at the Guest House in order to attend Cathedral services on Sunday or to have recreational opportunities, as all land-based tours are much cheaper from Belize City – e.g. the Zoo, Old Belize, Altun Ha, cave tubing, etc. If you spend the first night in Belize City, you can either fly to San Pedro from Municipal Airport or take the water taxi.

# Annex 2: Budget Calculations

This is a rough budget that will give you a good idea of costs. All prices are in US dollars. Last updated September 2011.

## Getting Here:

- Return Airfares – see your travel agent. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Transport from Belize City to San Pedro, either:
  - By Air – Maya Island air is approx **\$55** per person one way or **\$101** return. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - By Water Taxi – This costs **\$15** per person per trip and takes about 1.5hrs. You'll need taxis from the Airport to the water taxi - cost **\$9** per person.
  - Also, tips for airport baggage handlers - **\$2** per piece.
- Transport from San Pedro Airport/Water Taxi to hotel - **\$3-5** per person. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel to school – Free! (It's a very pleasant 10-20 minute walk) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## While You're Here

- **Project fee:** \$3,000 but we recognize this is tough for small teams and large teams may give more – talk to us if you have any concerns about it. This pays for materials and helps feed our kids every day. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Accommodation:** Ranges from \$40 to \$100 plus per night. (Please arrange accommodation via the school) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Meals:**
  - Breakfasts (**\$4**) and Lunches (**\$7**) per person per day at school cafeteria. (best and most convenient way to eat) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Street food ranges from **\$3** to **\$6** and is safe to eat but gets monotonous very quickly. Restaurants range from **\$8** to **\$40** depending on what you like to eat and where.
- **Water:** Provided by the school for **\$5** per person per week. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **Recreation:** Half day snorkeling starts around **\$40**. Day tours are around **\$80-150**. Book through the volunteer coordinator. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **Souvenirs:** Allow \$50 - \$100 per person. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Going Home**

- Airport Exit Tax – **This must be paid in US Cash** (an ATM vending US cash is now available at the airport) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - From San Pedro it is **75c** per person
  - From Belize City it is **\$40** per person.

### **Total (estimated) Budget**

- Total Estimated budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_