

# MISSION TRIP SUPPORT LETTER TEMPLATE

**Header: SUPPORT LETTER for [YOUR NAME]**

**Dear Friends and Family,**

*(Feel free to personalize this line with the name of whom you're sending the letter to)*

**1<sup>st</sup> PARAGRAPH** *(PERSONAL UPDATE)*

*(Greet your reader, and write 2-3 personal sentences about what's going on in your life right now: school, activities, challenges, family, etc. Whatever will give them insight into who you are right now.)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> PARAGRAPH** *(INTRODUCTION)*

Example: As for this summer, I feel that God is leading me to go on a unique opportunity to lead and serve on an Leadership Development Trip to Colorado in Pagosa Springs within the San Juan National Forest. We will be partnering with an organization called Voice of Wilderness and will be gone from July 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup>. Voice of Wilderness backcountry trips take place in real wilderness locations that are rugged, remote, and beautiful. Participants are able to unplug from society, allowing them to see and hear God in new ways. The wilderness provides an opportunity to revive your soul, wake up your senses, and put other's needs before your own.

**3<sup>rd</sup> PARAGRAPH** *(INFO - A little about the trip, and what you'll be doing)*

Example: On a Voice of Wilderness Adventure Mission Trip, students will explore and discover things for themselves in God's amazing creation while backpacking scenic trails, sleeping in tents, and cooking over an open fire for several days. Students will also be responsible in leading one another on a service project for a needy family in Pagosa Springs.

Each day on a wilderness expedition, students will have real opportunities to lead and make decisions that have real consequences attached to them that they must live with. They will learn to navigate obstacles as a team. They will have to plan a route and chart the course. This is experiential education at its finest!

**4<sup>th</sup> PARAGRAPH** *(REQUEST PRAYER)*

Example: I would like to extend an invitation for you to join our team in praying for this trip. Please pray for the people we will come into contact with. Pray that we will be an encouragement to the believers we will be with, and that God would begin to prepare the hearts of those who do not know Him personally. Pray that many people will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Also, please pray for our group. Pray that God would stir our affections for Him, that we would rely completely upon Him for our strength, and that He would guide us while we are away. Most importantly, pray for the Lord's will to be done, and that He receives all the glory for this trip.

**5<sup>th</sup> PARAGRAPH** *(ASKING FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS)*

Example: I would also like to ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with me through a financial contribution. It may not be possible for you to personally go on a mission and discipleship trip this year, but this gives you the opportunity of serving as a sender. The cost of this trip is \$800. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.

**CLOSING PARAGRAPH** *(THANK YOU)*

Example: Thank you so much for partnering with me and The WoodsEdge Student Ministry.

Sincerely,

*(Your Name Here)*

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## **INFORMATION FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTORS:**

Checks need to be made out to: “*WoodsEdge Community Church*”

**On the memo line, please write: Name of Trip**

**DO NOT** write the name of any participant on the check.

Please mail your contributions to: *(Your name and address here)*

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your potential contributor.

## **INFORMATION FOR YOU:**

Remember that missionary work is a **TEAM** effort. We're all doing this together. So don't shy away from asking others to get involved. Do not be afraid to ask for financial support. God said that we are to support our missionaries, and by asking for financial support you are affording a wide range of people a powerful opportunity to contribute to the advancement of God's Kingdom.

**Please note:**

Haiti is our only tax deductible trip this year. All other contributions will not be tax deductible.