



## **"Surf & Serve/Skate & Serve" Trip Application**

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Submit the following application along with a copy of your current passport by mail or email.
2. The submission of this application does not automatically mean that you will be accepted to travel on an international trip with the organization. By completing this application, you are only expressing a desire to be a part of an international trip with the Ride Nature Organization.
3. A selected committee and board will be reviewing each of the applications we receive to select a team that we believe will be most effective on our trip.
4. We will notify you through email or a phone call to let you know if you have been accepted.
5. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us any time.  
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We will be praying for each of you as we prepare for this upcoming trip. We hope to make your application process as simple as possible. Once accepted, the application process generally takes approximately two weeks to review the application and approve or deny the applicant. Please plan accordingly with the upcoming trips when submitting your application. Thank you so much!

### **Trip Description and Goals**

As a participant on an international trip with the Ride Nature organization, you will be working alongside, yet under the leadership of several individuals and staff of the organization. We believe that through this trip, most likely we will all be blessed more than we are blessing others, but we are traveling for one reason and one reason only....to share the Truth. On our trips we participate in a number of projects, activities, and outreach events. These can range from building/repair/remodeling projects at orphanages, churches, skateparks, and/or schools. We also will be hosting outreach events in the community. We may be feeding the hungry, hosting a surf contest or skate contests, providing surf/skate lessons for children in the community, showing Christian videos in the evenings, holding a vacation Bible school, or doing beach/street evangelism. Many of our days may be long, strenuous, and involve physical activity. You by no means have to be a skateboarder/surfer to come on one of our trips, but we do hope you have a desire, passion, and vision for sharing the Gospel through new and unique, innovative, and creative ways. We hope that through this trip you will be challenged, trained, inspired, and encouraged to return home and live a greater life. Giving more. Sharing more. And serving Christ and loving others through all opportunities.

**General Trip Information**

Today's Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates:\_\_\_\_\_

Trip Location:\_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information**

Full Name:\_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation:\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:\_\_\_\_\_ Will your spouse be traveling with you?: YES [  ] NO [  ]

\* If the answer is YES, we will need to receive a separate application for your spouse.

Current Occupation:\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Citizen?: YES [  ] NO [  ] Do you have a passport?: YES [  ] NO [  ]

Passport Number:\_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**Personal References**

\* (Not a family member, boyfriend/girlfriend and must have known applicant for more than 5 years)

1. (Name/Phone #/Relationship):\_\_\_\_\_

2. (Name/Phone #/Relationship):\_\_\_\_\_

## **Emergency Contact Information**

*Primary Contact:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

*Secondary Contact:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Release of Liability**

In case of emergency, I hereby agree to the performance of such treatment, including anesthesia and surgery, as the attending doctor or physician may deem necessary.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby release the Ride Nature Organization, its staff, and volunteers from any liability whatsoever arising out of an injury.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Medical Information**

Name of insurance carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy type: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Health history:** Do you now have, or have you ever had, any of the following?

Skin condition: Yes [  ] No [  ] Migraines: Yes [  ] No [  ] Cancer/Tumors: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Heart trouble: Yes [  ] No [  ] Back problems: Yes [  ] No [  ] Paralysis: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Jaundice: Yes [  ] No [  ] Kidney diseases: Yes [  ] No [  ] Other Surgeries: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Anemia: Yes [  ] No [  ] Epilepsy: Yes [  ] No [  ] Female conditions: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Eye trouble: Yes [  ] No [  ] Dislocation of joints: Yes [  ] No [  ] Diabetes: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
High BP: Yes [  ] No [  ] Low BP: Yes [  ] No [  ] Fainting spells: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Ear trouble: Yes [  ] No [  ] Appendectomy: Yes [  ] No [  ] Broken bones: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Shortness of breath: Yes [  ] No [  ] Mental disorders: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Arthritis: Yes [  ] No [  ] Hepatitis: Yes [  ] No [  ] Tonsillectomy: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Intestinal troubles: Yes [  ] No [  ] Stomach: Yes [  ] No [  ] Head injury: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Hay fever/Asthma: Yes [  ] No [  ] Hernia Ulcer: Yes [  ] No [  ] Repair: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Gall bladder: Yes [  ] No [  ] Allergies: Yes [  ] No [  ] Depression: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Now pregnant: Yes [  ] No [  ] Recurrent diarrhea: Yes [  ] No [  ] STD: Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Chickenpox: Yes [  ] No [  ] Pertussis: Yes [  ] No [  ] Measles (rubella): Yes [  ] No [  ]  
Scarlet fever: Yes [  ] No [  ] Tuberculosis: Yes [  ] No [  ] Mumps: Yes [  ] No [  ]

**Other illnesses or conditions:**

Are you presently under a doctor's care? Yes [  ] No [  ] Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently taking any medication? Yes [  ] No [  ] Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you allergic to any drugs/medications? Yes [  ] No [  ] Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical impairments, handicaps or health conditions which require special attention?

Yes [  ] No [  ] Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate your overall health condition? Excellent [  ] Good [  ] Fair [  ] Poor [  ]

## Essay Questions

**Describe why you are interested in traveling with the Ride Nature Organization:**

**\*500 words or less.**

**What is your interest and experience with board sports (skateboarding, surfing etc.)**

**\*500 words or less.**

**Tell us about your past involvement in your local church and previous mission trips.  
(Share with us your experience with other missions opportunities) \*500 words or less.**

The name of your church if you are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Youth Pastor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **STATEMENT OF APPLICANT'S CHRISTIAN FAITH**

As an non-denominational ministry, Ride Nature has made the claim to be Christ centered...the focus of our message; ...the purpose of our ministry; Kingdom minded... desire to share the TRUTH with the opportunities the Lord gives us; Bible based...source of our authority, the answer to questions, ...ministering to students and other individuals; spiritually nurturing... helping people to know and grow in Christ; fellowship oriented... connecting people through the love of Christ; volunteer intensive; culturally adaptive...meeting the diverse needs of people; and faith financed...funded through individuals moved by God to give. Our purpose as an organization is "to bring board sports and the TRUTH to children living in poverty."

Because of the nature of our work, it is important that you have beliefs in accordance with the organization's purpose. Answering the following questions will help us evaluate such a relationship.

**Explain briefly your testimony and when you began a relationship with Christ? \***

**How is your Christian faith and commitment lived out and demonstrated daily? \***

**Do you know for sure you are going to heaven and why? \***

**Have you had the opportunity to share the Truth with someone else and how did it go? \***

## **SEXUAL PURITY STATEMENT**

We believe that God desires His children to live pure lives of holiness. The Bible is clear in teaching on sexual sin including sex outside of marriage and homosexual acts. Neither heterosexual sex outside of marriage nor any homosexual act constitute an alternate lifestyle acceptable to God. While upholding God's standard of holiness, Ride Nature strongly affirms God's love and redemptive power in the individual who chooses to follow Him. Ride Nature's desire is to encourage individuals to trust in Jesus and His direction and turn away from any impure lifestyle.

Do you agree with this Sexual Purity Policy? Yes [  ] No [  ]

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree to comply with the above mentioned agreement for the time I am connected with the Ride Nature Organization.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DRUG/ALCOHOL AGREEMENT**

Almost all Christians will agree that the Bible has made it clear that we should obey the laws of the land and avoid things that break those commandments, especially drugs. But many believers will argue and defend the use of alcohol and whether or not it is ok. We as an organization do not condemn anyone who drinks alcohol nor do we directly believe that the Bible is clear on this issue. We do however believe it is a personal decision and one that is very important for every Christian to take a stand one side or the other. We believe that in a position of leadership, when you are setting an example for unbelievers and reaching out to those who are not saved, that it is better to be above reproach and to always be on guard protecting your reputation. For this reason, we have made the decision to avoid alcohol and we encourage those involved with the organization to do the same.

Do you agree to also avoid the use of alcohol? Yes [  ] No [  ]

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree to comply with the above mentioned agreement for the time I am connected with the Ride Nature Organization.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER NONPERMISSABLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

While traveling with the Ride Nature Organization, these activities are non-permissible.

- Smoking
- Tobacco products
- Alcoholic/liquor beverages
- Illegal drugs
- Weapons
- Immoral sexual conduct
- Vulgar language
- Internet pornography or related materials

Do you agree to also avoid the activities listed above? Yes [  ] No [  ]

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree to comply with the above mentioned policy and conditions for the time I am connected with the Ride Nature Organization.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **RIDE NATURE'S STATEMENT OF FAITH**

What we believe:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative and perfect Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. We believe that there is only one God, who eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
3. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (Deity-John 1:1) (Atonement-Hebrews 9:15-22) (Virgin Birth-Matthew 1:18, 25) (Bodily Resurrection-1 Corinthians 15:1-8) (Sinless Life-Hebrews 4:15) (Personal Return-Hebrews 9:27-28)
4. We believe that for the salvation for unbelievers is only found through Jesus Christ and forgiveness is absolutely essential. (John 3:16; John 5:24; Titus 3:3-7)
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (John 14:15-26; John 16:5-16; Ephesians 1:13,14)
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternity without Christ in darkness. (Matthew 25:31-46, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:1-4)

The Ride Nature organization presents Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by evangelism through fellowship and outreach. Our organization focuses on our relationship with Christ and others rather than promoting any particular denominational issue. Certain doctrinal issues (such as speaking in tongues, healing, prophesying and baptism) are a part of the Christian experience for many; however, we as an organization have decided not to focus on these but on the Gospel of Christ.

Do you agree to all of the statements of Faith listed above? Yes [  ] No [  ]

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **RIDE NATURE'S YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY**

Please answer each of the following questions. You need not disclose information that is contained in sealed or expunged records.

- \*1. As a representative of the Ride Nature Organization, do you agree to observe all guidelines and policies regarding working with youth or children?
- \*2. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense (felony or misdemeanor, except for minor traffic violations)? You will need to answer "yes" if you have entered into a plea agreement, including a deferred sentence or deferred judgment arrangement, in connection with a criminal charge. If you have been convicted of such an offense, please explain and include the nature of offense, date, court where conviction occurred, and any other relevant information in the background check section.
- \*3. Have you ever been reported to a social services agency, law enforcement authority, child abuse registry, or similar organization regarding abuse or misconduct involving children?
- \*4. Have you ever been disciplined or dismissed from employment or a volunteer position by any employer, including charitable and religious organizations, following an allegation of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or other immoral or inappropriate behavior or conduct?
- \*5. Have you ever been the subject of a civil lawsuit involving, or an investigation or allegation of, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or other immoral behavior or conduct, involving adults or children? If yes, please describe the circumstances and provide the name and address of the employer, educational institution, church, or other organization where the lawsuit, investigation, or allegation arose or occurred in the section with the background check.
- \*6. Have you ever been the subject of a complaint or disciplinary proceeding against a professional license or other license held by you, including but not limited to a license to provide child care or similar services?
- \*7. Have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary action, transfer, dismissal, resigned from a job, or been named as a defendant in a civil or criminal lawsuit, as a result of an accident or mishap involving children? If yes, please describe the circumstances in the section with the background check, and provide the name and address of the employer, church, or organization with which you and/or the children were associated at the time of the incident.
- \*8. Do you have any investigation, review, or disciplinary action pending by an employer, organization in which you volunteered, licensing authority, or professional association for sexual misconduct, violence, or misconduct involving children?

BEHAVIOR POLICY: Any abuse (whether sexual, physical, emotional or neglect) will not be tolerated. Abusive conduct or allegation will lead to immediate removal from any position held and all responsibilities. To assist and protect your integrity and leadership responsibilities, we ask that you...

- not put yourself in a compromising situation.
- not to rely on your good reputation or put yourself in a position where it's your word against another individual's.
- be aware that some activities could be opportunities for an abusive situation.
- focus on the spiritual guidelines while working with others.

REPORTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

- Any abusive situations you observe or become aware of must be reported immediately to one of the board members for the organization.
- Stabilize the immediate abusive situation by stopping the abuse.

Do you agree with Ride Nature's Youth Protection Policy? Yes [  ] No [  ]

My responses above are truthful and accurate. I understand and agree that if they are not truthful or accurate, Ride Nature may determine that I am no longer qualified to be associated with its programs as an employee, or volunteer, in any capacity.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Applicant's Release**

I hereby authorize all employers, organizations, churches, and other entities and persons identified in this form to release any information contained in their files or records concerning me.

In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by the Ride Nature organization, I hereby release to them and any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT.

I understand and agree that it is critical to the mission and ministry of the Ride Nature Organization that all employees and volunteers conform to the highest standards of safety, interpersonal conduct, and sexual morality. I affirm that I will strictly comply with these policies and procedures, including those concerning child safety and protection, sexual abuse and misconduct, and interpersonal relationships. I understand and agree that failure by me to abide by such policies and procedures may result in my immediate dismissal, or disciplinary action, all in the discretion of the Ride Nature organization.

My responses above are truthful and accurate. I understand and agree that if they are not truthful or accurate, Ride Nature may determine that I am no longer qualified to be associated with its programs as an employee, or volunteer, in any capacity.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION**

For the protection of the organization and the individuals that we work with Ride Nature conducts Criminal and Sex Offender background checks against all applicants. To conduct these checks, the Ride Nature organization needs your Social Security Number, prior names (if the last name is different than the one listed), and all addresses for the previous 5 years.

Name (Previous names as well): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Previous addresses for the past 5 years): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (Will remain confidential): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* (If you are returning this application via please initial beside the signature. Your initial will signify that you are agreeing to allow us to complete a background check and sex offender check.)

\* If you would like to include any additional comments about previous crimes, misdemeanors, or offenses please do so here. Your honesty will be greatly appreciated.