

Champion Team in Palo Alto 2017

Daily Schedule

Refugio Pinos del Cielo, or The Pines of Heaven Retreat Center, in Palo Alto, Dominican Republic, is a place where all those seeking a time of reflection and time with God are welcome. The retreat center was started 10 years ago and is a place that is open to all groups and individuals. It is regularly used by Dominican pastors as a place to bring their leadership and sometimes their congregations for a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation. It is a place for retreats of one day to several days, during which those who come to the center can enjoy the beauty of the mountains, the sound of the wind in the pines, the views of Santiago and the ocean, hike the mountain trails, share in the fun of bonfires in the evening, and take advantage of the peace and quiet to draw closer to God. As Gregorio “Amado” Gracesqui says, “In Palo Alto, you are one step closer to heaven!”

Saturday, March 11

IMPORTANT: Pack everything you will need for the first night at Fishers and Hartsfields into your carry-on luggage as you will not have access to your checked luggage on the first night.

10:52PM Arrive at Santiago International Airport, clear customs, and pay \$10.00US/person tourist visa in cash. *Vehicles and drivers: SCS single cabin pick-up truck, Nick's SUV (Nick), Kip's SUV (Kip), Omar's SUV (Omar) and 8/28 ministry (Amaury) van with the trailer.*

Arrive at Fishers and Hartsfields residences, pack/cover checked luggage in SCS pick-up truck, snacks.

Welcome, collection of passports, notarized permissions, and US dollars for exchange

NOTE: Individuals may exchange two to four \$20US bill each. There will be little need for money. Team members may purchase snacks at the nearby colmado, coffee and possibly amber from the Gracesquis.

Team Time: Prayer (**By two or three Champion team members.**)

Lights out

Sunday, March 12

7:00 Wake-up and pack up, breakfast at Hartsfields and Fishers.

8:30 Depart for Palo Alto. *Vehicles and drivers: SCS truck with luggage, Nick, Kip, Amado pick-up trucks, Omar's SUV (Omar), Gracesqui SUV (Catherine) and one public taxi.)*

9:30 Arrive in Palo Alto – unpack and organize into Eagle’s Nest

10:30 Orientation by SCS leadership/set up the work site

12:00 Team lunch and welcome by Amado and Ramona Gracesqui

1:00 Organize church program/practice songs

2:30 Church (**Dr. Skinner has sermon and for the team to sing two songs.**)

5:00 Team hike to nearby amber mine or waterfall. (TBD)
7:00 Team dinner, announcements
8:00 Team Time: Worship **Bonfire** (devotional led by Nick or Kip)
11:00 Lights out

Monday, March 13

6:30 Rise 'n Shine
7:00 Chores (everyone out of cabin and bathrooms)/Leaders meeting
7:30 Team breakfast, announcements
8:00 Site devotions for workers (led by a Champion team member; @10 to 15 mins) and construction
10:00 Two guys and two gals to school for 1st grade Bible/PE class (taught by Champion team members)
12:00 Team lunch, announcements
1:30 Construction continues
2:45-4:30 Two guys and two gals to school for 5th grade "break" and Bible class (taught by Champion team members)
6:00 Showers
7:00 Team dinner, announcements
8:00 Team Time: Worship (devotional led by Nick or Kip)
11:00 Lights out

Tuesday March 14

6:30 Rise 'n Shine
7:00 Chores (everyone out of cabin and bathrooms)/Leaders meeting
7:30 Team breakfast, announcements
8:00 Site devotions (led by a Champion team member; @10 to 15 mins) and construction
10:00 Two guys and two gals to school for 2nd grade Bible/PE class (taught by Champion team members)
12:00 Team lunch, announcements
1:30 Construction continues
2:45-4:30 Two guys and two gals to school for 6th grade "break" and Bible class (taught by Champion team members)
6:00 Showers
7:00 Team dinner, announcements
8:00 Team Time: Worship (testimonies by Pastor Amado and Ramona)
11:00 Lights out

Wednesday, March 15

6:30 Rise 'n Shine
7:00 Chores (everyone out of cabin and bathrooms)/Leaders meeting
7:30 Team breakfast, announcements
8:00 Site devotions (led by a Champion team member; @10 to 15 mins) and construction

10:00 Two guys and two gals to school for 3rd grade Bible/PE class (taught by Champion team members)
12:00 Team lunch, announcements
1:30 Construction continues
2:45-4:30 Two guys and two gals to school for 7th grade “break” and Bible class (taught by Champion team members)
5:00 Showers
5:30 Team dinner, announcements
6:30 Leave Palo Alto
7:00 Team dinner, announcements
8:00 Team time: Worship **Bonfire** (devotional led by Omar or Seth)
9:30 Group games led by Amaury Gracesqui
11:00 Lights out (Last night in Palo Alto)

Thursday, March 16

6:00 Early Rise ‘n Shine
6:30 Chores/Leaders meeting (Eagle's Nest completely cleaned. Luggage ready to be picked up.)
7:00 Team breakfast, announcements
7:30 Down to Santiago Christian School and then leave for Sosua Beach (Pick up trucks Amado; two public cars. Bus to Sosua and back- Dionis Peralta. Beach arrangements by Omar.)
10:00- 10:30 Arrival to Sosua Beach
12:30 Lunch at Sosua
5:00 Leave Sosua
7:00 Arrival and showers at Santiago Christian School
8:00 Team dinner, announcements
9:00 Game Night; Movies?
10:00 Team Time: Worship (Led by Seth or Omar)
11:00 Lights out

Friday, March 17

6:30 Rise ‘n Shine
7:00 Chores/Leaders meeting
7:30 Team breakfast, announcements
8:00 Leave for Santiago Christian School/Tour of SCS.
Possible work with family affected by the floods. (SCS bus)
12:00 Team lunch.
12:45 Possible work with family affected by the floods.
3:15 Leave site and return to SCS. (SCS bus)
4:00 Debrief at SCS (Seth or Catherine)
6:30 Dinner at Monchy’s Pizza (8/28 ministry van- Amaury)
8:00 Visit monument (8/28 ministry van- Amaury)

8:30 Return to Santiago Christian School for showers/relax time.

10:30 Lights out

Saturday, March 18

5:00 Rise 'n Shine, pack up and clean up. Breakfast at school

5:45 Depart for the airport. **Plane scheduled to leave at 7:55am.** (Cohen SUV, SCS single cabin pick-up truck, Nick's SUV (Nick), Kip's SUV (Kip), 8/28 ministry van (Amaury) and Omar's SUV-Omar.)

