

# **Ukraine 2019 World Link Trip Information & Application**



## **English Evangelism Camp for Ukrainian Youth-at-Risk**



**August 8-19, 2019**

**\$1500 plus airfare**

**with optional pre-trip Village Camp (Leaving USA on Aug 5)**

## Youth for Christ Ukraine – World Link Missions Trip August 8-19, 2019

### Purpose of the Trip

The purpose of this missions trip to Ukraine in 2019 is to assist Ukraine Youth for Christ (YFC), in conducting an English Evangelism Camp for their “Youth at Risk” Program. This is done under the leadership of YFC International missionaries, Mike & Judy Manna and YFC Louisville board members, Randy & Vickie Morris.

The team will lead an English evangelistic camp with Ukraine YFC. YFC has over 100 “Youth at Risk” centers located throughout Ukraine. These Centers are called Day Centers or DCs. We will be providing a free camp for approximately one hundred 12-16 year old youth who would not be able to afford to go to any camp. Several of the Ukrainian DCs will send teens and counselors to the camp from around the country. Most of the students will be non-Christians. We will partner with Ukraine YFC in sharing Christ’s love as we use the Bible as our English textbook.

During the camp, each of the Americans on the trip will be placed on a teaching team with a translator. Each team will teach 10 Ukrainians in a small group setting. This allows for wonderful relationship building as well as good English instruction. The American team members will be trained through online monthly meetings as well as upon arrival in Kiev, Ukraine. Training will focus on spiritual preparation as well as on how to conduct the English classes.



During the camp, each evening there will be worship services in which the Ukrainian YFC leaders will lead and the American team will assist. American testimonies, special music and skits will also enhance the ministry. English ministry evangelism for the last several years has been one of the most successful tools for building the church in Ukraine. Each year an average of 70 youth came forward to repent and commit their lives to Christ. These young people went home with their counselors where they have weekly follow-up for discipleship from their Ukrainian YFC leaders.

Before and after the English camp, we will also have time to learn about the Ukrainian culture through tours of historical sites as well as modern locations. In 2019, we are anticipating that the camp site will be located in Central Ukraine near the small town of Zolotonosha, which is 2 hours SE of Kyiv.

All in-country expenses of the trip from arrival to departure are covered in the trip costs. If you get approved to join Mike & Judy for the pre-trip Village Camp, and additional cost of \$300 per person is needed. The price of the trip also includes 100% of the costs for conducting the youth and the Ukrainian staff.

## 2019 Ukraine Missions Trip Schedule

Subject to change

Note: Each person is expected to purchase their round trip plane tickets to Kiev, but must request approval from the trip leader (Mike Manna) of their flight plan before purchase.

### Aug 8 Thursday

Various Fly out of U.S. (for those who have not left already)

### Aug 9 Friday

Various Arrive in Kiev Borispil Airport (KBP) - you will be met at the airport  
18:00 Visit Center of Kyiv, Supper  
20:00 Arrive at Lodging (Kyiv)

### Aug 10 Saturday

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Culture/History Tour in Kiev  
20:00 Lodging in Kyiv

### Aug 11

#### Sunday

6:00 Travel to Central Ukraine site  
13:00 Arrival/Lunch at Camp  
14:00 Camp Preparation  
20:00 Overnight at Camp

### Aug 12

#### Monday

9:00 Breakfast for leaders only  
**12:00 Campers Arrive - Lodging Assigned – Games**  
13:00 Lunch  
14:00 Opening Games & Activities  
18:30 Supper  
20:00 Evening Meeting (Worship, Skits and Speaker)  
22:00 Snack  
23:00 Small Groups  
24:00 Lights Out

### Aug 13-16

#### Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

7:30 Staff Prayer  
8:00 Wake Up  
8:15 Morning Exercises  
9:00 Breakfast  
10:00 English Meeting – Songs  
11:00 English Lesson 1  
12:00 Crafts  
13:00 Lunch  
14:00 English Lesson 2  
15:00 Sports / Games  
18:30 Supper

20:00	Evening Meeting (Worship, Skits and Speaker)
22:00	Snack
23:00	Small Groups (Campfire on Friday)
24:00	Lights Out

**Aug 17****Saturday**

7:30	Staff Prayer
9:00	Breakfast
9:30	Camp Cleanup
10:00	Final Meeting (Worship, Skits, Speaker)
11:00	Goodbyes & Everyone Leaves
13:00	Travel to Kyiv
18:00	Lodging in Kyiv

**Aug 18****Sunday**

10:00	Attend church in Kyiv
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Visit Kyiv – Souvenir Shopping
18:00	Lodging at Airport Hotel

**Aug 19****Monday**

Various	Fly out of Kiev
Various	Arrive in America

### Expectations to be fulfilled by every individual participant

1. **APPLICATION:** Each individual must fill out all application forms with his or her testimony. The forms must be sent to Mike Manna, the trip leader, at the following address: Mike Manna, 4709 Clairmont Dr., Columbus, IN 47203. Also include a deposit check of \$150 per person made out to: Youth for Christ by **February 1, 2019**. This money will be refunded if the trip is cancelled for any reason.
2. **COSTS:** Each person will raise all the necessary funds needed to meet the final cost of the trip. The cost of this trip is **\$1500 per person PLUS airfare**. Half of the trip costs (\$750) must be raised by **April 1, 2019**, and the total amount of \$1500 for the trip must be into the YFC office by **June 1, 2019**. Every person will have their supporters send donations to the YFCI office with the appropriate designation, which will keep record of what funds have been collected by each individual. Each gift is tax deductible and the donor will receive a receipt. Make sure that all checks are sent to: **Youth for Christ International, PO Box 4555, Englewood, CO 80155** and then they must mention with the donation: **Account #95071, Ukraine English Camp Missions Trip with a comment "Credit towards \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) missions trip."** Or donors may give online at: [youthdiscipler.com/ukraine](http://youthdiscipler.com/ukraine)
3. **PLANE TICKET:** Each person will need to purchase their own round-trip plane ticket to Kiev. The trip leader, Mike Manna, can help you make this purchase. The reason that the group as a whole does not purchase the plane tickets is to give you the option of visiting countries in Europe before or after the trip. All of those expenses are your own. Another option trip members have done is to purchase round-trip tickets to Kiev as well as round-trip tickets from Kiev to Tel Aviv for approximately \$250, and visit Israel in advance or after the trip. **BEFORE purchasing your ticket, the itinerary must be approved by the trip leader, Mike Manna, to make sure that there are no mistakes.** Tickets should be purchase before **March 15, 2019**.

### Costs

The cost for this trip is \$1500 per person PLUS round-trip airfare to Kiev. The price of this ticket varies from \$1000 to \$1500 per person.

### The trip fee per participant includes the following:

- Transportation and lodging throughout the trip
- Three meals daily throughout the trip
- Bottled water for the entire trip
- All ministry-related supplies and literature
- Emergency Hospital/Medical Insurance
- **All costs for Ukrainian campers and staff to come to camp**

### The trip fee does not include the following:

- Airfare
- Passport expenses
- Personal materials and postage for fund raising
- Immunizations (optional, but recommended)
- Accident or luggage insurance

- Trip cancellation insurance (optional)
- Medical treatment not covered by the team insurance
- Personal items such as telephone calls, laundry, Incidental travel snacks
- Spending money (\$75-\$150 recommended)

### **Deposit and Application**

Youth for Christ requires a \$150 deposit per participant due by **February 1, 2019**. This deposit **must accompany** the application forms. This deposit will be refunded if the trip is cancelled.

### **Minimum Criteria for Team Member Acceptance**

A participant should be...

- An adult (18 years or older)
- A professing Christian
- Living a life that reflects a positive testimony for Christ
- Active in the church
- Recommended by a church staff member (i.e. pastor, youth pastor, etc.)

Note: This trip has a maximum number of 12 participants.

### **Scheduled Payments**

Each individual is responsible to raise the trip funds on their own. The following schedule is a suggestion, but the total amount of \$1500 per person must be in your account at Greater Louisville YFC by May 15, 2017. Your plane ticket should be purchased by March 15, 2017.

- February 1, 2019           \$150 deposit
- April 1, 2019             \$750 total
- June 1, 2019             \$1500 total

### **Youth for Christ Leader Contact Information**

Mike Manna, Trip Leader  
Cell phone – 502-424-7939  
Email: [mike.manna@yfc.org](mailto:mike.manna@yfc.org)

### **Passports**

- You **MUST** have a passport to travel internationally and to get into Ukraine.
- If you currently have a passport, its expiration must be no earlier than 6 months to the end of our trip. **Your expiration for this trip must not be earlier than February 20, 2020.**
- Deadline for passport application sent to the U.S. Government no later than February 1, 2019. We need your correct name as it is written on your passport to purchase your trip insurance. Passport application is at your local post office. For more information go to [http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html). Allow 4-6 weeks for processing once submitted.
- **A copy of your passports must be emailed to Mike Manna ([mike.manna@icloud.com](mailto:mike.manna@icloud.com)) by February 1, 2019.**

## Seeking Partners in Ministry (aka: Fundraising)

The following are suggestions on how to raise support for a short-term trip. They were developed from, Sam and Melissa Hughes, Ukraine missionaries in how they raised their support.

Here are some scripture passages that have been helpful and encouraging in support raising: Luke 8:1-3, Romans 15:20-24, 3 John 5-8, 1 Kings 17:8-16, Philippians 4:10-20 (especially v. 10 and 17). When you read the scripture ask yourself: Who is the Provider/ Receiver? What is the relationship between the two? Was the need made known? Did the person ask? Who benefited?

Paul said to the Philippians, "*You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity*" (Phil 4:10). In fundraising, our task is to love people and give them the opportunity to join God's work through us. Here some the practical steps to give people that opportunity:

**First**, before anything, PRAY as you are making a decision about the trip. If God wants you to come then, He will provide the money. Pray for the right heart and motivation as you trust in his provision. Pray for diligence in seeking partner. To the best of your knowledge, God wants you to come, so go get the funds he has prepared you to use.

**Second**, pay the \$150 deposit by the deadline out of you own pocket. This shows yourself and others that you have invested and sacrificed yourself for this ministry.

**Third**, go to God's word and think about what Scripture says about how God funds ministry and ask God to give you the heart He wants (see passages above). As we see from Scripture, we should pray, ask, ask specifically, ask personally, and ask expectantly. God is honored when we ask others. Just like when we express our dependence on Him in prayer, we show our dependence on the body of Christ when we ask others.

**Fourth**, compile two lists:

List #1 - 10-15 people you can ask personally, face-to-face to partner with you. Could be friends, family, etc. You probably know some whom you think could give a lot, but don't count out others whom you think cannot give (think of the widow God told Elijah to go to). Pray about these people and for God to bring others to mind.

List #2 - Everyone you would normally send a Christmas card too (around 50-100 people). These will be people you will send a letter to asking to partner with you. (See Sample Letter)

**Fifth**, work with List #1:

In the first month of fundraising, call or talk to those on List #1 to find 10 minutes when you can talk to them about the trip. Say something like, "I am going on a mission trip this summer and would like you to be a part. Can you meet for ten minutes after church or at Starbucks or so I can share what we will be doing and the need **financially** for me to get there?" Let them know that money will be talked about. No surprises. If they say no, tell them they have no obligation but would still like to share what is on your heart.

At the time scheduled, excitedly share what you are doing and your *vision* for the trip, your deadlines for money, and how much you need and already have. And most importantly **ask** them to help **financially**. Be specific and ask only about the financial need. Assume they are going to help in prayer. Then, very important, be quiet and let them respond, as someone told me "zip the lip." It is an awkward moment, but it is good for them to think hard about it, and it is good for you to feel vulnerable. You can do this after church or in Starbucks, at work, or wherever. You

probably will only need about 10 minutes (depends on time and person). The more personal the better.

Respond to the decision. Most people would have already made a tentative decision before the meeting.

- If they decide to give to you then ask if they are able to give now so you can go on and send it in for them.

- If they say they can give in the future, find out when and follow up at that time to get the check. Tell them you are excited they will be a part of the trip and for investing in you and Ukraine.

- If they say no, thank them for their time and ask them to pray for God's work in and through you during the trip. Don't take it personally, you are just there to give opportunity for them. They may have other avenues through which they are giving to missions.

Send in the money for your partners. That way you know what you have and, even with best intentions, people will forget about your deadlines. Details of how to collect and send the money to our organization for your trip are on the next page.

*Sixth*, work with List #2:

You should also send letters as soon as possible. The purpose of the letters is to ask them to support you on the trip. Try to send them out no later than February 15th. We have included a sample letter you can use as a template, but the more personal you make it the better. For example, sign it and make and put a personal note handwritten on each one. It's best if you can put another envelope in the letter addressed to Youth for Christ with your name and "World Link Ukraine" on the outside.

Keep good records of who you interact with and who gives to you. Make sure when you return from the trip you send a thank you note and a report of how God worked to all who gave to you.

### **Collecting Funds**

All funds need to be sent to:

**Youth for Christ International  
PO Box 4555, Englewood, CO 80155**

Each person must mention with the donation:

**Account #95071, Ukraine English Camp Missions Trip with a comment  
"Credit towards \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) missions trip."**

Or donors may give online at: [youthdiscipler.com/ukraine](http://youthdiscipler.com/ukraine)



**Sample Letter:**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

A lot has been happening in my life lately. God has been working on my heart to be more involved in sharing Christ with others. The Lord has opened up a great opportunity to serve Him this summer in Ukraine with Youth for Christ (YFC). I will have the opportunity to use something I know, English (ok, maybe not as well as I should), to make disciples of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20).

We will go to Ukraine in June and assist Ukraine Youth for Christ to reach teenagers for Christ from their regions through an English ministry. Younger Ukrainians want to learn English and especially hear native speakers, like me! There are over 100 “Youth at Risk” centers established in churches around Ukraine. Their leaders have been trained by Ukraine YFC. We are inviting 100 teenagers, counselors, and translators from the “Youth at Risk” centers to come to this camp. Most of these teens attending will be non-Christians. These students could never afford to go to camp, but we will offer this camp for free to these teens.

The needs in Ukraine are very great due to the continuing war in the Eastern part of the country. Our group will be safe and we will ministering in the Western part of the country. Opportunities for sharing the gospel are clearly present now, and we want to take advantage of this time.

As you can tell I am very passionate about this. The team is asking God to do a mighty work through us, but we must start with partnering with others to provide the means for travel, camp costs, and expenses. The camp will be free for the Ukrainian teens. My portion to provide is \$1500 (which includes helping with the camp fees) plus airfare. I have already paid the deposit out of my own personal funds.

I am wondering if you would consider partnering with me for \$50, \$100 or even \$200. If 30 people gave \$100, I would have enough to pay for everything including my airfare. I have no idea what you might be able to do, but it would be a tremendous honor to have you investing in me and our ministry in Ukraine.

You can send the money to the Youth for Christ office, which is organizing this trip. The address is: **Youth for Christ International, PO Box 4555, Englewood, CO 80155**. You must also mention with the donation that it should be designated to Account **#95071, Ukraine English Camp Missions Trip with a comment “Credit towards \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) missions trip.”**

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Thank you so much for considering to send me as a short-term missionary to Ukraine.

In Him,  
Your Name

## Information About Ukraine

The country is a crossroad of places and cultures. Europe meets Asia and European west meets Russian East. The people are divided whether they should continue towards further Western integration or rejoin their Russian brothers. But Ukraine remains to be one of the most “open” countries for the Gospel in this part of the world.

### *Ukraine's History*

Ukraine means “borderland” and has truly been between the East and the West in its entire existence. People having been living on Ukrainian soil since the time of the Flood. The Scythians from the New Testament and probably the apostle Andrew visited here. Russian Orthodox Christianity is over 1000 years old and found its birthplace in Kiev. But the country has only had independence twice for a total of 20 years in the past 800 years. Ukraine gained its final independence from the USSR in 1991 and is currently a democracy similar to Britain. During World War II over 10 million people died on Ukrainian soil. In order to understand Ukrainian culture, you need to understand its history.

### *Ukraine Today*

The culture change since 1991 in Ukraine is astronomical. Ukraine is a very modern country in many respects with high speed cell phones, computer programmers that are world famous, and a space industry that exports to other countries. At the same time, you can travel just one hour out of the capital city of Kiev and find third-world villages where there are homes with no running water and limited electricity. The contrast is huge! The normal school system is often at a low level of education, but several universities could compete with the best of those around the world. Even the youth culture has a Postmodern and Modern hybrid view of life. Materialism is the new god, yet many people still have a desire to have some form of religion.

### *The Ukrainian Church and Youth Ministry*

Evangelical Christianity is not new to Ukraine. Catherine the Great invited thousands of Germans to settle in Ukraine in the early 1800s, and they brought their religion with them. Most of them were Mennonites, in other words Anabaptists. From these German missionaries, we have today the Ukrainian Baptists. This denomination makes up the majority of Protestants in the country which counts for 2% of the population compared to 40% in the USA. The church which survived Communism and its persecutions is older in age, thus, it tends to be more traditional. These churches have had a hard time changing to reach the current generation of young people in Ukraine. Youth for Christ has been helping train youth workers to meet this need. Today, many youth leaders have been trained through Ukraine Youth for Christ. Mike Manna, the trip leader, and his family lived in Ukraine for 10 years where Mike trained over 100 youth leaders through Kiev Theological Seminary. Mike, as a missionary with Youth for Christ International, is uniquely qualified to lead this trip. Judy Manna, his wife, Katya Manna, their adopted daughter, as well as Randy & Vickie Morris will also be leaders on this trip.



**Ukraine World Link Missions Trip**  
**Youth for Christ International**  
**Trip Leader: Mike Manna**  
 502-424-7939 or mike.manna@yfici.org



Mail this application **with your 1-page salvation testimony**, the notarized liability release form, and \$150 deposit (made out to Youth for Christ) by **February 1, 2019** to: Mike Manna, 4709 Clairmont Dr., Columbus, IN 47203

### **Personal Information**

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

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

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

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Faith Background**

Do you attend church regularly? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Attach to this application a 1-page testimony sharing your personal salvation experience.

Explain why you want to go on this missions trip and what you are expecting: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Personal References:**

1. Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. Additional Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. Additional Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Medical Information concerning \_\_\_\_\_ (participant)**

Please list all allergies, medications, illnesses, special needs or disabilities of the participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Last Tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Secondary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Youth for Christ International Release Form

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Leadership: Michael Manna, Youth for Christ International (herein "agent")

### Release of Liability

By signing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of trip participant) acknowledge that participating in the Youth for Christ activities is a privilege. I understand that there are certain risks of physical injury or illness associated with these activities. In addition, I understand that there may be other risks associated with these activities of which I may not be presently aware. In consideration of your accepting me for participation in the above named program, I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages that I may have against Youth for Christ and its affiliates, volunteers, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me that arise out of the subject program, sponsored by Youth for Christ.

I further agree that in the event that myself or an agent on my behalf should make any claim in the future against Youth for Christ, I will personally indemnify, defend and hold harmless Youth for Christ and its affiliates, agents, employees, representatives, volunteers, successors and assigns against any and all loss and damage, including attorney's fees, arising directly or indirectly from my actions.

### Consent for Treatment

By signing this form I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize the staff members of Youth for Christ, acting as the Participant's agent, to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or other emergency medical treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is rendered under the general or special supervision of any licensed physician or surgeon; or to consent to an X-ray examination, anesthetic, dental or surgical diagnosis or emergency treatment to be rendered to the Participant by any licensed dentist.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any condition which might occur necessitating treatment, but it is given to provide authority and power on the part of the Agent to give specific consent to any such examination, anesthetic, diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned surgeon, physician and/or dentist, in the exercise of his/her best judgment, may deem advisable. It is also understood that since licensing standards vary between states and nations, the aforementioned surgeon, physician and/or dentist meet only those qualifications required for licensing in the state or nation where he/she practices.

I hereby authorize any hospital, which has provided treatment to the Participant to surrender physical custody of the Participant to the Agent upon completion of treatment. I hereby agree to pay all costs of medical and dental care incurred by the Agent on behalf of the Participant if said costs are in excess of those covered by any insurance provided to the Participant by the Sponsor Organization.

### Effective dates: August 5-20, 2019

By signing below the Participant is stating that they have read and are in agreement with all the contents of this Consent and Release form.

_____	_____	<i>Notary Stamp</i>
Signature of Participant	Signature of Notary Public	<i>Here</i>
_____	State of _____ County of _____	
Date	This instrument was acknowledged before me on this ____ day	
	Of _____, 20 _____	
	Notary Public, in and for the State of _____	
	My commission expires: _____	