

All about HXP & Registration Tips

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW





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Who are we?

26 Years of Miracles



Humanitarian Experience began in 1999 with the Bingham family. Glen Bingham took his son, David to his mission in Brazil for his 16th birthday, and the rest is history.

2026 Outlook



This year we are projected to send out more than 8,000 Builders throughout the world. In 2026, we will run trips to **74** locations worldwide.

Strengthen the roots of covenant Israel

HXP.

Strengthen youth by providing meaningful service, creating a positive peer group, practicing personal devotion and learning to love God and love His people.

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there will be miracles



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2025 Statistics

65 Trip Locations

37 Countries

524,000+ Hours of Construction

36,800+ Hours of Community Outreach

22,000+ Hours of English Teaching

500 Garden Towers Built

58 Schools Expanded

5 Community Facilities Built

3 Health Centers Built

2 Soup Kitchens Built

2 Homes Built

1 Art Center Built

1 Shower Facility Built

Countless Miracles

Lasting Impact



“The Summer 2025 project was a profound blessing for our community partners and beneficiaries. **The new facilities constructed will positively impact the lives of our learners for years to come, creating a lasting legacy.** For the participants, the project was **more than just a trip; it was a transformative journey.** They not only gained new friends but also deepened their understanding of the true essence of service. While the full effect of this experience will continue to unfold, we are confident it will bless countless lives in the future.

On a personal note, it was a humbling and heartening experience to work alongside the HXP builders and leaders. Witnessing their dedication and hearing their stories of saving and sacrificing to spend their summer in our country was incredibly moving. The principle of "We are His hands" was vividly brought to life through their actions, and **this journey will remain a defining part of our life's mission.**”

-Judith Mascardo-Pua
(Local Coordinator for Philippines Cebu)



These are our people.



Builders



Parent Builders



Locals



Trip Leaders



Trip Leaders

- 10% acceptance rate
- Typically 21 - 35 years old
- Over 80% of our trip leaders are bilingual
- Marines, collegiate athletes, business owners, future doctors and current medical professionals, MTC teachers, Masters degree holders, etc.
- Each trip leader goes through 3 rounds of interviewing, then has to pass a professional 8 point background check, along with a HXP led background check (we get references from bishops, roommates, friends, previous employers etc.)
- Over 97% of our Trip Leaders are returned missionaries.

TRIP OVERVIEW

HXP Trips in a Nutshell

All HXP trips are outlined in a similar fashion, with sightseeing weekends and weekdays designated for work projects.



BUILD

Support local development efforts by contributing to infrastructure projects.

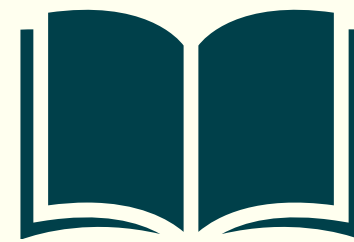
Those structures include classrooms, medical facilities, computer labs for local schools, etc.



REFUGE

Partner with organizations to help integrate refugees into new communities.

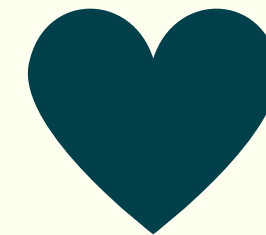
Builders will serve in projects that aim to support refugees who were displaced from their homes by war or economic hardship.



TEACH

Practice and teach conversational English skills in English teaching schools.

Builders will work in local schools to foster English language skills through conversation and activities.



LOVE

Partner with organization to help support marginalized communities.

Builders will become friends and advocates for people of diverse needs as they provide educational and social opportunities.



PRESERVE

Partner with organizations to create sustainable resources and/or protect the environment.

These projects will enhance self-reliance and sustainability in the communities.



Where are we going?

When approached the right way, service has the power to create lasting change. At HXP, we carefully select projects that address real needs and create sustainable impact, ensuring that the work truly benefits the community long after a trip ends. We partner with local leaders to confirm that each project is both meaningful and effective, so volunteers know their efforts are making a genuine difference where it matters most.

Location Criteria:

- ★ Have sufficient need (Low enough GDP)
- ★ Have local support (Strong local LDS Church membership)
- ★ Meet safety standards (Ensure participant safety)

Read more about our Sustainability Rubric [here](#)!

Our Project Criteria:

1. *Meet vetting standards*
2. *Work with local teams*
3. *Project partners in community*
4. *Available resources*
5. *No trace trips*
6. *Cultural interactions & respect*



Builder Day in the Life

Weekends (sightseeing)

Sightseeing schedules will vary based on activity type, travel time, and other factors. All of the experiences we offer have world class sightseeing opportunities!

The Sabbath

Sundays on HXP trips are full of activities and many Builders' favorite days on the trip! In addition to the typical morning study/devotional, you'll attend LDS church services, spend lots of time hanging out with your group, and do other gospel-centered activities like splits with missionaries or firesides with the local ward.

Weekday (worksite project)

Morning – wake up, scripture study/devotional, eat breakfast, get ready, leave for the worksite (6:30-8:30 AM)

Day – work on the project, break for lunch, work on the project some more :) (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)

Evening – travel home, shower, dinner, ward/cultural activity, journal time, group games/downtime, go to bed (4:30-10:30 PM)



Click [here](#) to view an hour-by-hour general itinerary.

Example Itinerary

6:30- Wake up
7:00- Scripture Study
7:30- Breakfast
8:00- Drive to the work site
8:30- Work site
12:00- Lunch at the work site
1:00- Work site continued
4:30- Drive back to Lodging
5:00- Shower and clean up
6:00- Dinner
7:00- Night Activity
8:30- Drive home
9:00- Evening devotion
10:00- Get ready for bed
10:30- Lights out



Domestic vs. International

Domestic Trips at a Glance:

- Youth Builders are 14 to 16 years old on the first day of the trip
- Trips are 9 days
- Groups of 16 (12 Youth Builders, 2 Parent Builders, 2 Trip Leaders)
- Average cost: \$2,745

International Trips at a Glance:

- Youth Builders are 16 to 19 years old on the first day of the trip
- Trips are about 17 days
- Groups of 23 (19 Youth Builders, 2 Parent Builders, 2 Trip Leaders)
- Average cost: \$4,196

Trip Cost Breakdown

Your trip cost covers just about every aspect of your experience, **starting when you meet at the meet-up airport.**

Included

- Worksite project materials
- International flights & baggage
- Lodging
- Meals & clean water
- Transportation during the trip
- Sightseeing activities
- Payments for local providers
- Personalization
- Travel Guard Travel Insurance

Not Included

- Round trip domestic travel + luggage to your meet-up airport
- Airport meals/snacks
- Spending money
- Notary fees for the Notarized Authorization Form
- Visa/vaccine costs, if required
- Parent Builder background checks
- "Cancel For Any Reason" Insurance

Click [here](#) to view and more in-depth cost breakdown.

This is
how the
magic
happens.

Hard Work

Spiritual Focus

Positive Peer Groups

Digital Detox

Keeping Builders Safe

HXP Deal Breakers

Rule of Three

No Kissing

No Sneaking Off

Health Code

No Secret Phones

No Aggressive Language/Behavior

No Sexual Aggression or Abuse

For more information on HXP Dealbreakers, click [here](#).

The hardest and best summer of your life!

This trip has the potential to be truly life-changing, but remember:

Anything that is transformative requires hard work!

To make it a life changing experience, we ask a few things from you:

Build trust and confidence within your group

Pursue spiritual growth

Fulfill worksite responsibilities

Overcome emotional challenges

Engage with the community

Practice responsible humanitarianism

REGISTRATION

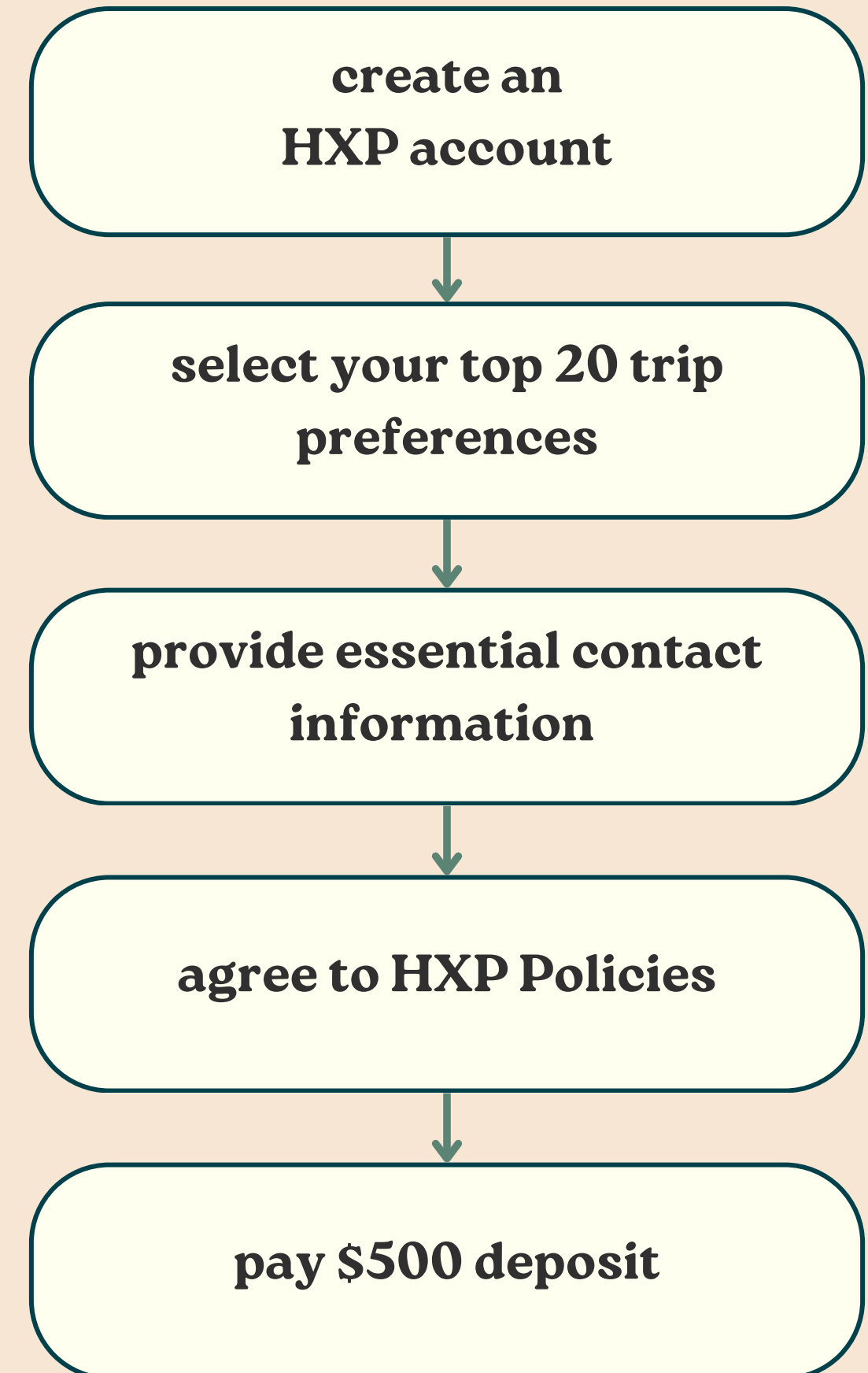
Registration Flow

Our website is now live.

Complete the steps outlined on the right prior to Registration Week, (December 1-5, 2025).

Beginning December 1, our Lottery system will run and will begin to assign Builders on trips based on their preferences.

**Once you've selected your trip preferences, the checkout process will take around 30 minutes.*



Your type of trip depends on your age the day your trip starts (14-16 yrs old domestic trips, 16-19 yrs old international trips). However, ages for registration are based on how old you will be on **September 1, 2026**. Registration Week is designed this way to ensure that Builders who are closer to aging out get priority. Parent Builders are also top priority for Registration Week.

HXP REGISTRATION WEEK

MONDAY 12/1	TUESDAY 12/2	WEDNESDAY 12/3	THURSDAY 12/4	FRIDAY 12/5
Parent Builders & 19 Year Olds	18 Year Olds	17 Year Olds	16 Year Olds	15 & 14 Year Olds

This year, until the end of Registration Week only, we're discounting international and domestic Parent Builders trip cost from \$500 - \$1,500. Check out our website for each trip discount!

How the Lottery Works

Before 8:00 PM MST on the day of your age group's registration, you need to:

1. Make sure your trip preferences are in and correctly reflect your availability (the Lottery will only place you on trips that are on your preference list).
2. Pay your \$500 deposit before 8:00 PM MST **(this is what gets you entered into the Lottery)**.
3. The next morning, check your email. By 10:00 AM MST, you should have a message letting you know if you've been placed on the waitlist, or assigned a trip!

Pro Tip: *If you've already submitted your cart, check in the day of your registration and make sure all of your preferences still have availability.*

At 8:00 PM MST, we begin the Lottery process:

Based on age, you'll be assigned a random spot in the queue. The algorithm will then try to place you on your top available preference. If all of your options are full you'll be waitlisted.

This process can take all night, but as soon as you've been booked on a trip, you'll receive an email! At that point, you can log into your Builder Portal (it will look different now) to see what trip you've been assigned!

Passports

- **Apply or renew now, if needed**
- **Upload to the Builder Portal by January 30, 2026**
- **Good through March 2027**

Common Questions

What happens if my preferences are full?

If there isn't a spot on any of your top 20 trips, you will be added to the waitlist. The Lottery will continue to run every weekday until we fill every spot. If a spot opens up on a trip from your preferences, you have a chance of being placed there the next time the Lottery runs, but you can also rearrange your preferences to trips that have availability. If you stay on the waitlist and a spot never opens up, you can request a refund of your \$500 deposit by 8/31/26.

What if I miss registration week?

Because the Lottery will continue to run until every spot is full (often this continues through the summer due to last-minute drop-outs), there's still a chance you can register for a trip even after Registration Week.

However, we will fill most of our spots from December 1-5 and our trips often have higher demand than availability, so if you have a specific place you want to go make sure you don't miss Registration Week!

What if I change my mind after booking?

Your \$500 deposit is refundable until Jan. 16, 2026, or 48 hours after you're placed on a trip. After that, it becomes non-refundable for any reason! Builders can switch their trips until Jan. 15, 2026. After Jan. 15, Builders can call the office/email us to change their trip for an additional cost of \$500 and any additional flight accommodation fees. We highly recommend Cancel-for-Any-Reason insurance to protect your investment if YOU need to cancel your trip before the start date. Check out our [Insurance page](#) for more info.

The operation of trips requires extensive long-term planning, and costs are incurred long before the actual departure date, including non-refundable deposits paid to suppliers. Humanitarian Experience therefore retains the original \$500 non-refundable deposit.

You can read our entire refund policy [here](#).

What's the "best" trip?

There really isn't a "best" trip, there's just the trip that feels right for you! All the trips are set up with a very similar structure, so wherever you go, you'll make lifelong friendships, be led by world-class Trip Leaders, have opportunities for spiritual growth, experience a [Digital Detox](#), and participate in sustainable service.

If you're having a hard time choosing, pick something that's most important to you (dates, region, language, service type, sightseeing, etc.) and go from there! Our ["How to Pick a Trip"](#) blog post has more great insights as well.

Can I go with a friend?

We encourage every Builder to come on their trip alone—so much so that we built our registration system in a way that doesn't allow you to connect your account to anyone else's. We've found this not only helps with group dynamics, but it's also a great way to prepare for future solo endeavors like college and missions. When everyone puts themselves out there, groups bond in really powerful ways! Click [here](#) to read more.

What is the lodging like?

While we don't stay in 5-star hotels, all of our lodging options are suitable, safe, and comparable to what typical tourists would live in during a trip to the location. All participants will have their own beds and sleep in rooms of 3 or more with Builders of the same gender. They will have access to running water, flushing toilets, heat/air conditioning (based on location climate), power outlets, and areas for the group to gather. We typically look for hostels so the groups can be alone, but other types of lodging will still have a separate space for just our groups.

Will I get a detailed trip itinerary so I know more about the day-to-day/what to pack?

For safety reasons, we don't give our specific itinerary details for any trip, but trips are structured very similarly with sightseeing/activities during the weekend, work at the project during the weekday with cultural/ward activities at night, and Sundays reserved for church and other spiritual activities. You can view a general itinerary [here](#) or look at location-specific Instagram pages (@hxp.tripname) for more information.

Location-specific packing lists will be sent out after you're placed on a trip and once we get closer to the summer. These will include details on what you will need based on weather, sightseeing activities, and suggestions from past Builders.

Should I come as a Parent Builder?

As a Parent Builder, you will have the opportunity to not only have a life-changing experience, but also to share it with your child and the other amazing Builders in your group. Each year hundreds of parents experience these life changing trips ALONG WITH their kids. There isn't another opportunity quite like this. Your child can witness you serve in a way they've never seen and watch as you love, mentor and develop lifelong friendship with their peers.

Parents of Builders aren't the only ones that can sign up as Parent Builders—aunts/uncles, grandparents, cousins, and family friends can come too (35 age minimum). **This year we're offering a discount to Parent Builders until the end of Registration Week (\$500-\$1,500 discount based on trip).**

If you're interested, come to our Parent Builder Info Night on November 18 at 7:00 PM MST to learn more!

I need special accommodations (dietary, recent injury, mental health), can I still come?

We do our best to accommodate restrictions, but it is ultimately your job to make sure you can keep up with the bounds and rigor of an HXP trip. If you have questions about a specific need, please call us at (801-900-4111) or email us at (info@hxp.org) so we can talk about your options and what trips may fit your situation. If you don't feel confident coming on a trip alone, bring a parent!

Can I put more/less than 20 trips on my preference list?

While you're browsing trips, you can add up to 20 trips in your cart! Make sure to reorder them so your choices are in order of your preference! **Make sure to only list trips that you'd be excited to go on/can actually attend!**

You can put less than 20 preferences on your list, but you'll have the best odds of getting on a trip if you use all 20 choices. The Lottery can only place you on trips in this preference list of 20 trips.

What am I agreeing to in the policies?

Dealbreakers – a quick look at the main things that get Builders sent home from a trip

Refund Policy – payment schedule, financial agreement, waitlist refund policies

Contingency Plan – what happens if HXP has to cancel a trip for any reason

Vaccine Agreement – if a vaccine is required for travel to a certain location, you agree to get it

Builder/Parent Builder Agreement – all other terms and conditions (this is long but worth reviewing in depth!)

- HXP Code of Honor
- General Terms & Conditions
- A sneak peek at the Notarized Authorization (you'll complete this later)

All of these agreements will be available to review after you've been booked on a trip, so you can reference them later. You can also view them under the "Policies" section of our website [here](#).

Do I get priority if I get things done faster than everyone else?

No! Because of the randomized trip assignment process, there is **no need to speed through** the registration process—this is not a race! As long as everything is done before 8:00 PM MST the day of age group, you'll be included in the Lottery.

That being said, our office staff will stop working every night at 8:00 PM MST, so be sure to finalize your preparations before then if you are worried about running into problems that you may need our help getting through.

Is it a good idea to do everything before my registration day?

Beginning Wednesday, November 5, you'll be able to get through the entire registration process and enter yourself into the Lottery waiting pool. This gives you several weeks to sign up, submit your preferences, and pay the \$500 deposit.

Make sure to check in on your preferences before 8:00 PM MST on your age group day to adjust your trip choices (some of your 20 options may have already filled up). Putting a trip that's already completely full on your preference list is like only using 19 of your 20 chances to get a spot!

Why do I have to pay the \$500 deposit to enter the Lottery?

Your \$500 deposit is the final step of the registration process and is the trigger for our system to place you in the lottery.

This payment also lets us know that you're serious about going on a trip and are committed from the beginning. We don't want you to take up a spot that could go to someone else if you're not bought into it already.

What about the other payments?

Future payments are due on a payment schedule and become non-refundable after that day:

- Midway Payment – an additional \$1,500 for international trips or \$500 for domestic trips, *due January 23rd*
- Final Payment – the remaining trip balance, *due February 20th*

Upon Registration, you will agree to several policies, including our [Refund Policy](#). Please thoroughly review these terms so you don't have any surprises later in the year. We encourage all Builders to explore ["Cancel for Any Reason" insurance options](#) to protect your financial investment if YOU have to pull out of the trip at the last minute.

How many people get waitlisted?

Most people will be able to find a trip that works for them within a few weeks of registration! People that never get off the waitlist are those that are only willing to go on one specific trip (ex: Fiji Nadi 2). If you are looking for trips that are like your top choice, contact our office and we can help you find some other options so you have a higher chance of placement.

How does the waitlist work?

When you are "waitlisted" the Lottery will continue to try and place you on one of your preferences each time we run it. However, if all of the trips on your preference list are full, you will stay there. You aren't in a certain spot on a specific trip's waitlist, you're just in the general queue.

The best way to be placed on a trip is to continue to switch you preferences to trips with availability until you're placed.

Can I be booked on a trip and stay on the waitlist at the same time?

No. A participant is either registered on a trip or on the waiting list, it isn't possible to be on both. If a participant is registered for a trip and applies for the waiting list, he/she will lose the spot on the trip.

I'm not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, can I still come?

Of course! We would love to have you. While worksite service is central to an HXP trip, one of our main objectives is helping Builders come to know God, so throughout the trip, expect to do daily scripture reading, participate in and lead daily devotionals, attend Church services on Sunday, and visit the LDS temple and going inside to do baptisms for the dead (if they don't have an active temple recommend, they'll do an alternative spiritual experience on the grounds).

We also require that you sign a code of conduct that follows general LDS standards and includes our HXP “Deal Breakers”. For those “Deal Breakers” explained, click [here](#).

What if something goes wrong while I'm registering?

We have a staff of office members that will be working around the clock to make sure all of your questions are answered! During Registration Week, we'll have phones on from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM MST and we'll have a team answering questions that we receive via email. **If you run into any problems, don't hesitate to reach out—(801) 900-4111 or info@hxp.org.**

Any Questions?

Helpful Links and Resources

2026 Registration Info

2026 Trip locations & prices

Registration Tips

Builder Day in the Life

Parent Builder Info

Trip Cost Breakdown

FAQ Page

Use any of the following links to get helpful information on Registration, Summer 2026, and other frequently asked questions.

*Call or email us at **(801) 900-4111** and **info@hxp.org** with any questions or concerns!*

