



Peru Good Shepherd Trip

July 21-29, 2012



Welcome to Courts for Kids. Most likely, this is your first trip with our organization and we are confident that this trip will impact you in ways you cannot even imagine. We work closely with our in-country partner to make sure your basic needs are met, so we can all focus on the task at hand, creating a multi-purpose sports court with the initiative, help and support of the community.

A sports court is a great project because it requires the help of many community members, provides plenty of work for everyone, and becomes an asset that provides not only safe places for children to play, but also various other benefits. The hard work of our team will be a great bridge between us and the community and we will develop a mutual respect that will help provide inroads into a rich cross-cultural experience and first-hand insight into a developing world community.

We are looking for great cultural ambassadors, so please only sign up for this trip if you are willing to step outside of your comfort zone. You will need to work hard, you will be eating different foods, sleeping and bathing in less comfortable environments. But, as they say, if you want to live like you're in America, why leave!

Most importantly, we ask that you enter into this with a great sense of humility. We want you to be eager to learn and grow in this process as we are entering into a different culture with different values and norms. We want you be quick to listen and slow to speak.

We will not be giving you a detailed itinerary as things are very prone to change with this sort of construction project. But your time will be spent working on the court, taking part in various cultural activities and doing a camp on the court when it is all finished.

Please look through this informational packet and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

If you choose to go, I can almost guarantee you will look back on this trip as a life-changing experience. You will grow so much in a week it will make you wish you could stay for longer. In fact, you will probably say this was the best week of your year.

Hope you can come!

Derek Nesland
President
Courts for Kids

Site Details

La Conga (San Pablo, Cajamarca) is a small community of approximately 450 people in the northern sierra of the Andes Mountains in Peru. It is 90 kilometers northeast of the city of Cajamarca (90 minutes in car), 2800 meters above sea level. La Conga belongs to the Province of San Pablo and Department of Cajamarca. It is a town with ancient Pre-Incan ruins at the top of the mountain called Kuntur Wasi as well as a museum about the history of historic ruins. One primary school teaches children from ages 5-11 years old. A quiet, small town with only one main dirt road, it's no surprise that everyone loves to play outdoor sports. Unfortunately, there is not even a platform in La Conga. The children and youth play in an empty field directly next to the school and the town has limited electricity and water. Although living conditions are considered extremely poor, La Conga has incredible potential for tourism due to its timeless pre-Incan ruins at the top of Kuntur Wasi.

The whole community will benefit from this court. La Conga community members spend most of their time in an empty field directly next to the town's primary school. A court would be perfect for this location because it would promote a healthy and fun lifestyle for the families of this community. The majority of the community, especially youth, play soccer and volleyball on this empty field every day. Youth and adults are playing soccer on this land during the week and on weekends. The court will be open to any community member that wants to play a game of basketball, volleyball, soccer or any other outdoor sport. Bringing a court to La Conga will improve the quality of life the community as a whole.



Trip Costs

Total trip cost per person= \$2,300

This price is based on 12- 26 participants. Spots are reserved to the first 26 participants to turn in registration and deposit.

The price includes airfare, food, lodging, all transportation, travel insurance and special activities. It does not include- passport, immunizations, food at airports and spending money for things like souvenirs, calling cards.

In addition to the trip costs, the group as a whole will work to raise \$5,000 of the court construction costs.

**All donations are non-refundable. If you raise/donate more than the above amount, you can choose to apply the excess to your passport or immunization costs, the court construction costs, sports equipment, toward the balance of another trip participant or towards Courts for Kids in general.*

Flight Itinerary

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Date	Fl. #	Airport Code	Dep.	Code	Arrival
7/21	AS 562	PDX	8:20am	LAX	10:45am
7/21	LA 601	LAX	12:25pm	LIM	11:59pm
7/22	LA2292	LIM	5:30 am	CJA	6:45 am
7/28	LA2295	CJA	5:20 pm	LIM	6:30 pm
7/29	LA 600	LIM	1:05am	LAX	6:50 am
7/29	AS 569	LAX	12:20pm	PDX	2:35 pm

PDX= Portland

LAX= Los Angeles

LIM= Lima, Peru

CJA= Cajamarca

*You will be eligible for frequent flier miles on American Airlines. To enroll, go to www.aa.com.

Trip Checklist

1. **Passport-** Make sure you have a passport that will not expire before January 29, 2013. If you need a passport, go to the nearest post office for assistance. **In order to avoid the headache and stress, make sure you get your passport on time, do it ASAP.**

2. **Payments-** Fill out the sign-up form and turn in your *non-refundable* deposit of \$100 ASAP to reserve your spot (check payable to Courts for Kids). (The deposit will go towards the total cost).

Amounts Due:

- Turn in your deposit of \$100 ASAP
- Turn in the first amount of \$750 by **April 1, 2012**
- Turn in the second amount of \$750 by **May 15, 2012.**
- Turn in the final amount of \$700 by **June 30, 2012.**

** All donations are non-refundable unless the entire project is canceled.*

3. **Vaccinations-** The recommended vaccinations for travel to Peru according to the Center for Disease Control are the following (**keep in mind these are recommended, not required. Check with your local doctor and make the decision best for you**):

- a. Hepatitis A
- b. Hepatitis B
- c. Typhoid
- d. Routine (DPT, MMR, Polio)

** The passport and immunization costs will be your own responsibility. If you raise more than the total cost, however, you can use the surplus to apply to these extra expenses. Just make sure to keep your receipts and turn them in to Selene.*

Additional Info

- **Team meeting(s)-** There will be at least two mandatory meetings prior to the trip. Meeting dates TBA.
- **Social Guidelines-** Each participant will agree to abide by Courts for Kids behavioral policy which includes: 1. No drugs/alcohol, 2. No inappropriate relationships, 3. No violent behavior.
- **Courts for Kids Representative-** A representative from Courts for Kids will accompany the team and facilitate trip logistics.
- **Questions/concerns-** Please do not hesitate to contact Selene with any questions regarding the trip. Contact information is found on the cover page.

Sign-up form

To ensure your spot on our Peru Good Shepherd trip, please return this form with a \$100 non-refundable deposit made out to Courts for Kids that will go towards your trip costs to:

Courts for Kids
Attn: Selene Nesland
PO Box 873786
Vancouver, WA 98687
360-909-0684
selene@courtsforkids.org

Name (IMPORTANT... spelling must match your passport including middle name(s))

Email _____

Secondary Email (Parent's if a minor) _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Number _____

Beneficiary name and relationship (for insurance) _____

Fundraising Help

Support Letters– Best proven method

- Come up with a list of friends and family members who might support you on this trip. Don't rule people out too quickly. You will be very surprised at who will support you. Get their addresses.
- Type up a support letter for people to make a tax-deductible donation on your behalf. (use the sample on the next page for an idea)
- Send the letter, pledge card and a return-addressed envelope (to your house) to everyone on your list.
IMPORTANT- Get this letter out ASAP to make sure you get your support raised in time.

Please note: That as a group we have agreed to only send letters to those outside of the Good Shepherd community, in order to ensure fairness to everyone and use any resources within the church towards court costs. Please talk to Selene if you have any questions regarding this.

Online Appeal

- Send an email or facebook appeal to friends and family members.
- Option 1- Direct people to www.courtsforkids.org/donate.htm. . A 3% charge will be deducted from the transaction. 97% will go towards your trip.
- Option 2- Create a personalized Givamajig through *SignMeUp* that you can post online or on a facebook page. This will track your donations so you and your friends and family can stay up to date with your latest donations. Go to <https://www.signmeup.com/site/services/campaign/give2.aspx>. (4.5% + 50 cents will be charged per transaction).

Other ideas

- Sign up for ClickBuyHelp where you can get donations for your trip when people shop online.
- If applicable, schedule a meeting to see if your home church, service club, or other organization will sponsor you.
- Pursue grant opportunities at local businesses. Some grocery stores regularly give grants
- Ask people for donations you can sell in a garage sale or on e-bay.
- Make a craft, shirt, or food item that you can sell.
- Sell first aid kits and get 50% of sales. Contact Selene for more info.
- Time share fundraiser– get people to attend a time share presentation and receive \$100 for your trip while they receive a gift worth \$50. (Only valid in various parts of West Coast– contact Selene for more info).
- Sell Christmas poinsettias and receive 50% of the money (Only valid in the Portland/Vancouver area).
- Make sure people give you checks made out to Courts for Kids. When you receive a check, put the name and address of the donor onto the worksheet provided. (This page is for your records, so you can send a thank you note when you receive the check as well as a summary afterwards).
- Be creative, go online– there are many fundraising ideas out there.

When you have checks to turn in, send them to the address below. If the donors included their email address, please send that so we can save printing and mailing costs.

(IT IS BEST TO REWRITE THIS LETTER ADDING YOUR OWN WORDS TO GIVE IT A PERSONAL TOUCH. USE THE FOLLOWING AS A GUIDE)

November 1, 2011

Dear _____,

I am excited to share with you about an upcoming service project I will be doing in Peru through Courts for Kids in partnership with Church of the Good Shepherd. I need to raise \$2,300 in order to make this a reality so I am asking friends and family members to consider helping out with a tax-deductible contribution.

We will head to Peru on July 21st and make our way to a rural community in the northern sierra of the Andes mountains called La Conga , where we will build a soccer/basketball/volleyball court for a community with great need for a safe place for their kids to play.

This community has poor living conditions with limited access to running water and electricity, but are interested in partnering with us create a safe place for their kids and they are helping in sacrificing as well to make this dream a reality.

Our primary project will be to build this court, but we will also take part in other service and cultural learning activities as well. Our primary purpose for going is to serve the Peruvians, but also to grow and learn as we get out of our comfort zone. I am excited for the change I am sure will happen in my life and the impact we can have.

Would you consider supporting me as well as the Peruvian community in this project? I need to raise **\$2,300** for this trip to be possible. If you are interested, please make a check out to **Courts for Kids** and return it in the enclosed envelope. Could you please return this envelope as soon as possible in order to make sure I hand everything in with enough time to spare? Your donation is **tax-deductible** and **100%** of what you give will go directly to this trip.

Sincerely,

o Yes, I would like to support _____ on the
Courts for Kids project in the amount of:

- _____ \$500
- _____ \$200
- _____ \$100
- _____ \$50
- _____ \$25
- _____ other amount

Please check this circle and write
your email to the right if you want
your donation receipt e-mailed to
you to help us save costs and re-
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Name _____
Address _____

City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
Email _____



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