WHAT IS RUSTIC PATHWAYS?

Rustic Pathways provides superior travel and service programs for students and families in some of the world’s most welcoming countries. This industry pioneer demands professionalism and integrity across all of its operations, insists on quality in all aspects of its programs and places the safety of students above everything else.

WHY IS RUSTIC PATHWAYS PARTNERING WITH KEY CLUB?

Rustic Pathways’ mission is to empower students through innovative travel experiences that positively impact lives and communities around the world. Key Club International members are a perfect fit for Rustic Pathways’ vision to connect all people by a shared humanity based on a global perspective.

Founded in 1983, Rustic Pathways is a global leader in designing superior quality community service, education and adventure programs. They believe cultural and international immersion are critical components to any global education and pride themselves on creating unforgettable adventures that are safe, inspiring and educational.
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Most programs at Rustic Pathways involve community service, something Key Club members thrive on. Rustic Pathways trips are for students who are really excited to get out and get to work! From teaching to building to animal conservation, programs each have a specific service focus and provide an opportunity for students to truly make a difference in a community outside of their own.

A trip to the Dominican Republic is offered each summer for Key Club members only. Travel with like-minded Key Clubbers and get to know the rural, mountainous region of the Dominican Republic during this one-week service program. Travelers work alongside the welcoming Dominican community on infrastructure and water quality improvements while immersing themselves in island culture, swimming in turquoise water and relaxing on the white sand beaches. There are adventures, too: rafting down whitewater rapids and hiking to pristine waterfalls hidden in the mountains.

AS A KEY CLUB MEMBER, YOU ARE A LEADER IN YOUR COMMUNITY. TAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY JOINING A RUSTIC PATHWAYS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM. KEY CLUB HAS PARTNERED WITH RUSTIC PATHWAYS TO CHALLENGE YOU TO GET OUT, EXPLORE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD!

“Do it! You definitely won’t regret it. I was very nervous about traveling with all these people I didn’t know and worried that I wouldn’t make friends, but the other students were such amazing people! I made so many amazing memories and friendships, and this was definitely one of the best experiences of my life.”

—Hannah Greene, Dominican Republic 2015

“I think these experiences are truly life-changing for all who participate. And since Key Club is all about creating character and serving the community, I think it is important for students to experience something like this.”

—Cecilia Li, Fiji 2015

“Seeing how open-minded and friendly [the Costa Ricans] are changed me a lot. Having small conversations with the kids and them being friendly and not holding anything back really changed me.”

—Safa Khalil, Costa Rica 2016
YOU'RE INTERESTED. NOW WHAT?

You’ve decided to consider a program with Rustic Pathways, great! Planning for an adventure like this requires thought. Here are a few suggestions to get you started.

**Which program is for you?** Browse the 100+ programs available in 21 countries. You can sort for programs focused on service, too. Identify your top three choices.

**Make a business case.** You will need the support of your parents to travel with Rustic Pathways. Pick out some program videos to share with them. Explain why you want to travel and how the trip could be one of the best experiences of your life.

**Go with your club or other members.** Rustic Pathways offers a Key Club-only trip to the Dominican Republic. You can join Key Clubbers like you on this trip or consider creating a trip just for your Key Club. It will help to ask a local Rustic Pathways alumni/staff member to speak at an upcoming club meeting to generate enthusiasm and answer questions. Or you can join any trip on your own, like Cecilia Lee did from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District.

**Get ready to fundraise.** Whether you’re traveling solo or creating a Key Club trip, you’ll need to raise money. Check out the fundraising guide and review the robust financial aid programs. Rustic Pathways also awards competitive Service Scholarships that enable first-time travelers from any country who meet criteria to obtain financial aid for part or all of the fee on certain programs. Scholarship details are updated each October.

**Talk to your Kiwanis Club.** Your sponsoring Kiwanis club can help. Whether you travel alone or by group, you can tell them of your plans, share your dreams, paint the picture of your trip and ask them to consider helping financially. Visit the Key Club events page for the event sponsorship toolkit, which has fundraising tips and ideas. Bon voyage!

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