

# GO METHOD TEAM CAPTAIN BLURB EXAMPLES

HIGHLIGHT WHAT'S TO COME

## WHY IT MATTERS

The Go Method "Blurb" will be featured on your team page and is one of the first things potential participants read. This is where potential Team Members learn about you, their Team Captains. It gives them insight into who you are, what your leadership style might be like, and it may affect the trip they decide to participate on! Having an engaging Go Method Blurb can be a great aid in your recruiting process. Please see a few examples of past blurbs below.

## HOW IT HAPPENS

When writing your blurb remember to include:

- Brief bio
  - Where you're from
  - Prior experience with service trips
  - What you're hoping this experience will be for your team members
- Why you chose to lead a team
- What makes your trip/team unique (why sign up for yours vs. others)

## NEXT STEPS

1. Reflect on WHY you're leading this team and what's motivating you to serve.
2. Write out your blurb in collaboration with your Co Team Captain.
3. Send your blurb to our Community Development department.

Questions? Email us at: [info@hereforkids.org](mailto:info@hereforkids.org).

**↓ Go Method Team Captain Blurb Examples Below ↓**



## EXAMPLES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

The team captains for this year's trip are Marisol and Frank Valencia. They are excited to lead this trip!

"Hi! We are Frank & Marisol Valencia the team captains for the Semana Santa Monte Plata 2022 trip! We have been leading this trip together for the past 6 years and cannot wait to have you join us at this very unique site. We currently live in Valley Center, CA with our dog Willow, a small mountainous town in San Diego, which is one of the reasons we feel like the small rural town of Monte Plata is a second home. After the challenging past two years our world has encountered, we feel it is so important to reconnect with the things we are passionate about which is serving others. We invite you to be a part of this life-changing experience and get to know the amazing community that is Casa Monte Plata. We firmly believe in the value of relationships that HFK teams develop and we can't wait to see how those evolve throughout this week.

Semana Santa is special, it is the week of Easter so children get a break from school to spend time as a family. It is an honor that we are invited to join this special time and we know the kiddos will absolutely love getting to know you all. We have been praying for this team, and hope that God puts it on your heart to serve with us!"

1.



The team captains for this year's trip are Kristen and Hayes Linn. They are excited to lead this trip!

"I am Kristen Linn and I will be leading this trip with my husband, Hayes.

Hayes and I currently live in Syracuse, Utah with our two dogs and one cat. We are both retired athletes from the United States Air Force Academy and have a passion for traveling, service and sports.

At the age of 16, I traveled to Peru on my very first mission trip and I was hooked. Fast forward to now, I have been on a total of 7 service trips to 5 different countries and have no plans on slowing down. It is a passion of mine to be able to share my love of travel and service to others and it was extremely special when I took my husband out of the country for the first time to Monte Plata, Dominican Republic on a Here for Kids trip in 2017 and to Lima, Peru in 2018.

Since the pandemic hit, we have been itching to lead a service trip and are excited for the opportunity to once again travel and serve. We are looking forward to exploring a new location with you in Pucallpa, Peru. Pucallpa is a city of Eastern Peru, located on the banks of the Ucayali River, a major tributary of the Amazon River. We are eager to meet the children and families there and to create new bonds similar to the ones we have made in Monte Plata and Lima.

As two retired athletes, we have been on teams our whole lives. In leading a team, our goal is to bring a group together that creates a positive impact in Pucallpa through hard work and having a ton of fun in the short time we have. As we have experienced, you often go into service trips thinking about the impact you can have on other people, only to walk away feeling the people there had way more of an impact on you. We want to provide the opportunity for our team to experience this because it has changed both our lives and fuels our passion for international service.

We look forward to serving with you soon!"

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The team captains for this year's trip are Zach Silva and Marcelino Perez. Here is a message from them!

Hi everyone my name is Marcelino Perez and I'm from the San Francisco Bay Area and currently live in San Carlos, California. I've been serving with Here For Kids since 2015 and have gotten the privilege of serving at many of our partner sites. These trips have become an incredibly special part of my life and my goal is to share with everyone who participates on these experiences just how special they are. My hope is that by deciding to join our team you will learn the joy of serving, push your comfort zone and grow as a person through learning from your teammates and from the people you will serve. We will have the unique chance to be in Constanza, Dominican Republic, a beautiful farming community near the mountains and be serving during Semana Santa (Holy Week) which is a special time because it is near Easter and the children we will be spending time with will be out of school!

Hey everyone. My name is Zach Silva and I am from the Bay Area. I currently live in San Ramon, CA while working at COPA Soccer Training Center in Walnut Creek. I have been serving with Here For Kids International since my first trip in 2012 (leading since 2013). Constanza and all of the people in it have become a second home to me. I look forward to seeing how each one of you has a unique experience during our trip. They say we are the ones who serve on the trips; however, it feels like the other way around. I hope you join our team as it will be an open, challenging, and immersive experience mixed with some fun in between. :) Come down and enjoy a week filled with sports, service, and fellowship. Plus, Holy Week is the best time to attend as we combine with multiple other Kids Alive sites for the first part of our trip.

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The team captains for this year's trip are Mario Diaz and Vicki Shimkus. They are excited to lead this trip!

"Hello and welcome! We are Vicki and Mario and we are very excited to be co-leading another international service trip to Lima, Peru. We met serving together in Lima wayyyyy back in 2011 and have been on many trips together since. Peru holds a special place in both of our hearts; it is where I served with Here For Kids on my first international service trip, and Peru is Mario's home country!! Mario, a high school teacher for 34 years, is now retired and living with his wife in Pearland, Texas; and I, Vicki, am still going where the wind takes me, which is currently playing professional soccer in Portugal. No matter where we've ended up over the years, Mario and I both seem to find our way back on these trips. Serving with HFK is an opportunity to grow spiritually and in community with others while having fun and playing all day with children! The children and staff that we have served alongside over the years have become an extension of our family and we hope you will be the newest addition :)

Our trip this summer will be unique in that we will be serving during a national holiday, so the children will not have school. This means we get to spend all of our time playing and interacting with the children, providing their caretakers with a much needed break! This week also might be a "family camp" for Kids Alive Peru (pending covid risks). Family Camp is special because it is a time when all of the children's homes meet in one location to spend time together. This would mean that the children from all Kids Alive Peru sites (Andahuaylas, Lima, and Pucallpa) would be celebrating their time off of school together as one big familia.

We hope that you will join our familia this July and experience the beautiful country and people of Peru!"

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