Dear #ISLC2022 participant,

Our team is awaiting your arrival in Miami in just a few short weeks! In this final edition of the Conference Packet, we’re excited to share the following:

- An introduction to our speakers
- The conference schedule
- Details about activities
- Team logos and colors
- An outline of our COVID-19 testing plan
- And an updated packing list with special items needed for our sessions

While this is our last official Conference Packet, this webpage will contain all this information, as well as any updates leading up to the conference. Please be sure to bookmark the page and check often.

All participants should have heard from their team leader and have joined a team WhatsApp group.

If you haven’t been contacted by your team leader, or if you have any other questions about the conference, please email islc@operationsmile.org.

The Student Programs Team
SPEAKERS

Bill Magee

Dr. William P. Magee Jr. is a leading plastic and craniofacial surgeon who founded Operation Smile in 1982 with his wife, Kathleen S. Magee, and serves as the organization’s Chief Executive Officer.

Operation Smile, headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia, is an international children’s medical charity with a presence in more than 60 countries, whose network of more than 13,000 medical volunteers from over 80 countries is dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children. Since its founding in 1982, Operation Smile has provided hundreds of thousands of free surgeries for children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities. To build long-term self-sufficiency in resource poor environments, Operation Smile trains doctors and local medical professionals in its partner countries so they are empowered to treat their local communities. Operation Smile also donates medical equipment, supplies, and provides year-round medical treatment through its worldwide centers.

Dr. Magee has trained and mentored thousands of physicians worldwide. A featured guest on many networks’ television programs, Dr. Magee is also a sought-after keynote speaker for corporate and national meetings. In July 2013, he gave one of the keynote addresses to the National Speakers Association (NSA) in Philadelphia.

Dr. Magee received a D.D.S. from the University of Maryland, M.D. from George Washington University Medical School, served his general surgery residency at the University of Virginia Medical School, and received the Fulbright-Hays Scholarship Grant to study in Paris, France with Dr. Paul Tessier in 1975. He then received his plastic surgery training at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. Magee has been awarded honorary doctorates from some of the finest universities worldwide, including the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden in 2014. In 2016 he received the Eminent Persons Award from the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA), was named a Disruptive Innovator in 2015 at the Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards, was awarded the American Society of Plastic Surgeons’ Honorary Citation Award in 2014, the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons’ Tagliacozzi Award in 2013, was highlighted in US News & World Report’s issue “America’s Top Leaders” in November 2009, and was given the National Medal for Peace and Friendship Among Nations in Vietnam in 2009. In 2007, UNICEF presented the Magees with a special recognition on behalf of Operation Smile and he received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

He entered the Plastic Surgery Practice in Norfolk, VA in 1978 and became President of the group which at the time was the largest private training program in the USA.

Dr. Magee maintains a private practice in Norfolk and works closely with the Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters.
Kathy Magee

Kathy Magee founded Operation Smile in 1982 with her husband, Dr. William (Bill) P. Magee Jr., and currently serves as its President on a full-time, volunteer basis. Kathy is also a lifetime member of the Board of Directors, overseeing funding and long-held organizational relationships. Kathy shapes future strategy and leads project design within medical mission programming and the education, training and student departments. Kathy travels overseas extensively to expand in-country boards while cultivating key corporate, diplomatic, government and medical partnerships that enable Operation Smile to carry out its mission. She fosters university partnerships and research with academic institutions, such as the University of Southern California through the International Family Study, which contributes to understanding the causes of cleft.

Kathy is deeply involved in Operation Smile Student Programs, which provides opportunities for students to volunteer, engage and support Operation Smile’s work by raising funds and awareness. She leads the International Student Leadership Conference that annually brings together more than 600 selected leaders from 35 countries.

Kathy, Bill and Operation Smile received the first $1 million Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize in 1996 and the Servitor Pacis Award from the Path to Peace Foundation in 1997. In 1999, the Magees received the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement. In 2004, the Magees were awarded The Humanitarian Rose Award from The People’s Princess Charitable Foundation, Inc., in London. In 2007, USAID presented the Magees with the President’s Call to Service Award from President George W. Bush. In 2009, U.S. News and World Report named Kathy and Bill among “America’s Best Leaders.”

Kathy is the recipient of honorary degrees from Fordham University, Mount St. Mary’s University in Maryland, Loyola University in Maryland, Old Dominion University, Misericordia University and Denison University and was inducted into the Alumni Association Hall of Fame of the University of Maryland in 2000. In 2014, she received a prestigious honorary doctorate from the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden. She has also remained active in the World of Children organization and serves as a member of the Hilton Prize Coalition Executive Committee.

Kathy helped secure Operation Smile’s future by establishing the Operation Smile Global Headquarters in Virginia Beach, Virginia, dedicated in 2013, as a permanent facility built in tribute to the humanitarian spirit and ongoing mission of cleft care and safe surgery around the globe.

As a New Jersey native, Kathy received her B.S.N. from Misericordia University in Pennsylvania, her M.Ed. from the University of Maryland and her M.S.W. from Norfolk State University in Virginia. She also completed graduate work at the University of Virginia and the Jung Institute in Switzerland. She is a mother of five and grandmother to 14, all of whom participate in Operation Smile to promote service for the next generation.
Brigette Clifford

After 37 years of being a volunteer for Operation Smile, Brigette took the plunge last October and became an official part of the organization! As director of strategic initiatives with Student Programs, Brigette has the exciting opportunity to create experiences for students at every age level to bring awareness and raise funds for children living with cleft lip and cleft palate. Via this platform, she wants to give any student the opportunity if they’re willing to put themselves out there, strengthen their leadership skills by getting out of their comfort zone, and doing everything possible to take care of Operation Smile’s patients. If this means packing a backpack with only the essentials and hitting the dirt roads to find these children, and exploring means to help rural communities – then this is what we do!

Brigette’s beginnings with Operation Smile started as a 13-year-old and serving as the scrub nurse for her father, Dr. Bill Magee, on their first mission to the Philippines. The exposure to a developing country at such a young age, and the beauty of being so intimately involved in the transformation of these children, set her on the path of being a believer in Operation Smile.

She is the proud mother of four children. As a young mother, and with the incredible support of her friends, she started to build programs around my children’s friend groups. I was able to establish the partnership with J&A Racing, a local running-race company, and launch the Operation Smile Shamrock Final Mile in 2006. As her children progressed through each stage of education, she challenged herself to stay current with what the kids were charged by – hence, the Rush for Smiles Dodgeball Tournament soon followed with support from Virginia Rush Soccer Club in 2010. The high school era brought Rock the Smile, now 757’s Got Talent, where our high schools regionally can collaborate, bring awareness and raise money for Operation Smile. With the help of our awesome Student Programs team, we were able to pilot our first university symposium, Step Up, after our students asked for a deeper dive with the organization.

With this new role she plays, she hopes to keep her mother’s vision alive with a constant stream of new ideas and programs that motivate our youth to be leaders and givers. She wants to bring more awareness to the psychosocial challenges that our cleft community faces, with the hope that more students born with cleft will migrate our way and give added strength to our program. With their experiences and those of their families, this will add value to our program teams and efforts to help more children. She strives to strengthen our university programming so more students can get out in the field with Operation Smile. Another goal is to expand on our Peace Mission concept in Nicaragua and Guatemala with the success of the already-existing peace mission to Panama.

She graduated with her undergraduate degree in psychology from Denison University, where she played soccer and met her husband. Her junior year of college, she did a semester of the National Outdoors Leadership School program in Kenya. While living in Baltimore, she received her master’s in clinical psychology from Loyola University while working as a child-life specialist. She attained her certification in child life at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She loves doing anything outside and especially enjoys being out on the water or in the mountains, and preferably with her family.
Dr. Dane Hoang

Dr. Dane Hoang graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. After obtaining her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Baylor College of Dentistry, she continued on to the University of Minnesota to begin her residency in pediatric dentistry. Dr. Dane completed her residency and received her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry as well as her master's degree in oral biology.

Dr. Dane has been in private practice since 1998. She holds hospital privileges at Children’s Medical Center of Dallas and is also an adjunct professor at Texas A&M College of Dentistry (formerly known as Baylor College of Dentistry). Dr. Dane is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, Dallas County Dental Society and Greater Dallas Pediatric Dental Society.

Even though Dr. Dane calls Texas home, she travels the world volunteering her time and expertise with Operation Smile. She is also active in the community through Kids 4 Smiles, a nonprofit started in the fall of 2017 for her daughter Isabella and her friends as a way to empower the youth of today to become the adults of tomorrow through volunteer opportunities in their respective communities. As part of Operation Smile’s Serving Smiles initiative, Kids 4 Smiles donated and delivered over 3,000 hot meals to frontline healthcare workers battling the pandemic in Dallas, Houston, New York, California, Louisiana, Florida and Utah.

Michael Williams-Stark

Michael Williams-Stark is the founding instructor at Making Faces, a nonprofit organization that helps children with facial differences and supports antibullying initiatives in schools and youth organizations through innovative improvisational workshops. Though born with a severe cleft lip and cleft palate, Michael went on to become an actor specializing in voice characterizations, as well as an award-winning musician and improvisational comedian. Michael combined his experiences as a child with a facial difference and as an actor/musician to create the unique and highly regarded Making Faces program. He is living proof for kids with facial differences, that if you dare to follow your dreams they can be realized.

“For children with a facial difference, the simple act of going out into the world takes tremendous courage. We help kids face the world with resilience, confidence and self-esteem,” he said.
Deven Osborne

Deven Osborne is 23 years old, born in Ladera Heights, California, and raised in Pasadena. He graduated from Utah Tech University in spring of 2021 with a business administration degree. He’s finishing his rec sport management degree in December of 2022.

He is a former Utah Tech American football player, playing his last season of football this fall. He started an organization in 2021 called Money Good. “Our purpose is to teach college athletes how to budget, save, and invest so that we better the financial mindset of college athletes, so they can transcend their sport,” he said. The team is made up of over 30 college athletes representing six sports.

Don Watkins

Don Watkins has always been an entrepreneur. While in college, he started his own real-estate and construction company. When he was 30 years old with spouse and four children, he bought a motor home and set out in the western United States selling computer accessories. Later he developed the largest car air freshener company in the world, with brands of Refresh Your Car, Bahama, Driven and California Scents. In 2016 sold that company to Energizer, the battery company, valued at about $400 million.

Don has been very involved with Operation Smile for over 30 years as a donor and volunteer. He has been on programs to the Philippines, Cambodia, Brazil and Peru. He has served on the national board and as chapter president of the Utah Chapter. For the past 15 years, he volunteers at three major colleges teaching entrepreneurship.

Don and Peggy have seven children and 16 grandchildren. He loves to lake surf, mountain bike and ride horses.
Skyler Griswold

Skyler is 16 years old and is currently in 10th grade at Harvard Westlake High School in Los Angeles. She has always differentiated herself through her compassion and endless intellectual curiosity, especially on social issues surrounding child education and wellness, racial justice and equity, and climate change leadership. A prolific reader, Skyler devoured the writings of poets whose work inspired and fueled her own poetic aspirations. In 2015, at age 10, Skyler’s talents as a gifted orator came to light when she was asked to address an annual gala for Operation Smile in Los Angeles. Skyler’s impassioned, eloquent delivery received a standing ovation from the mesmerized audience. It was at that moment that Skyler realized and received confirmation of what she had felt and believed all along: No matter our age, gender, or social status, we each have the power to effect change. Without question, Skyler’s innate desire to make a positive difference in the world was undeniably ignited!

In July 2018, Skyler officially launched Future Generations Now (www.FGNow.org) during her speech at Nexus Global Summit at the United Nations to build a volunteer-service community that will actively support and participate in humanitarian projects around the world. To date, Skyler has amassed groups of middle school and high school students in California to help raise awareness and philanthropic support for programs in the areas of education, equity, and the environment.

Haley Oberhofer

In October 2012, Dr. Haley Oberhofer stepped foot in the operating room for the first time – as a student volunteer on an Operation Smile medical mission to Kisumu, Kenya. She had no idea it would change the trajectory of her career forever.

Dr. Oberhofer completed her medical education at the University of Florida College of Medicine. She was selected as an inductee to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society and Gold Humanism Honor Society. Do not let the accolades fool you; Haley is most proud of her failures that have made her into the person she is today. She remains forever indebted to Operation Smile, as her initial exposure to medicine was through volunteering with the organization.
Lauren Waugh (Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Craniofacial team)

Dr. Lauren Waugh graduated with her bachelor’s in communication sciences and disorders from the University of North Carolina Greensboro in 2015. She continued her education at Nova Southeastern University and earned her doctorate in audiology in 2019. Lauren completed her fourth-year clinical externship at LeBonheur Children’s Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Currently, Dr. Waugh works at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, where she performs hearing evaluations on infants and children. She enjoys working in the hospital setting and working with every child she encounters. Dr. Waugh is also a part of the Craniofacial Team. Lauren currently lives in Davie, Florida, with her fiancé, Luke, and their two dogs, Tucker and Rue. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family, walking her pups and spending time outside.

Melany Bishop

Melany Bishop is the program Associate of The Anthony L. & Hideko S. Burgess Interactive Learning Center (ILC). The ILC is “The Window to the World,” an immersive exhibit located at Operation Smile Global Headquarters in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Officially opened in October 2021, it has since transformed over 2,500 hearts and minds through sharing the vision of Operation Smile.

She has a bachelor’s in international studies from Old Dominion University. Before working at Operation Smile, she worked for Virginia Beach City Public Schools for four years. She has a passion for contributing to a future of young changemakers and volunteers with nonprofits such as Junior Achievement, Equi-Kids, and Youth For Understanding that provide resources for students in the community.

While in university, she studied abroad in Bali, Indonesia. There, she filmed and produced a documentary for an the nonprofit BasaBali, an organization dedicated to empowering the Balinese community to strengthen local languages, culture and the environment by using the internet more effectively to speak out, listen, and take action.

She also loves to travel the world – she has visited 11 countries so far and hopes to see more!
Emiliano Romano

Emiliano Romano, an Italian entrepreneur, has over 14 years of experience when it comes to managing and leading an organization. His efficiency as a leader is influencing young professionals to ladder up from rank to top. Emil always expresses that one of his best achievements is when his team member is promoted into a higher position. He is always passionate and driven in performing a task as a leader and a follower in an organization he belongs to.

Emil is an accountant by profession, which he obtained in his mother country, Switzerland. From an apprentice to becoming head of the department. He also became a team manager for foreign language support in one of the leading outsource company of that time, Aegis People Support. His hobby and passion is to train football to children, produce podcasts, do community projects, do commercials, and he’s also an event host online and offline.

In 2019, Emil engaged in a Dermatology business called Dermaroma, which provides dermatology and wellness procedures.

Also in 2019, he was the chief executive officer of Redstar Asia Solutions Inc. (a tech company). As the CEO of the company, he led and directed the functions of the different business units. In addition to that, he was a consultant for multiple different companies in the banking, marketing and finance industry.

In 2016, he become a volunteer mentor and judge of Junior Achievement Philippines, a world Most-Impactful Youth-Serving NGOs. As mentor, he guides students of all ages on business-plan execution. This year, he’s celebrating his sixth year with the organization as volunteer mentor and judge.

Currently he’s the executive director for Operation Smile Philippines. As executive director, he focuses on growing the foundation to greater height and providing free cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries to patients in need. In his first few months, he launched a program called Operation Smile Philippines 2.0, which focuses on adapting to the future with technology, processes, systems, and anything outside the box.

Emiliano has always had the passion of helping people. He believes that each person in the world should have the opportunity to experience a better future.

He can fluently speak in English and Tagalog.
Lisa Lalanne

Lisa Lalanne, M.S. CCC-SLP is a speech language pathologist who received her bachelor of arts degree in communication disorders and sciences with a minor in special education from University of Oregon. Lisa earned her master’s degree in speech language pathology at University of the Pacific.

For over 20 years, Lisa has been providing evaluations, treatment and case management of children and adolescents with a wide range of developmental-based learning difficulties. Lisa’s experience extends to a variety of disorders, including: treatment of receptive and expressive language disorders, apraxia, phonological processing and articulation, phonemic awareness, voice, and pragmatic language disorders.

In addition to in-home and virtual services, Lisa’s experience includes working in the schools with pre-school through high school students, and seeing private clients with a variety of disorders in a clinic setting. Lisa believes in the importance of building positive relationships with her clients and their families.

Lisa is a proud parent of a 10-year-old son born with a cleft palate and is a volunteer for Operation Smile’s Student Programs. She attended her first ISLC in the summer of 2019 and had the honor and privilege of going on her first medical program to Madagascar that fall.

Pavel Lau

He is a specialist with more than 15 years of experience in the development, training and application of human competencies and skills related to social impact. He is a graduate of the Program for Leadership and Global Competitiveness with a specialty in Social Leadership at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., where he has been a guest professor for the business school. He has a degree in marketing from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey Campus Guadalajara. Director and co-founder of the social enterprise Grupo RE, an organization that works for the empowerment of human beings to create a common well-being, where he has worked with leaders from more than 40 countries.
Sam Tover (Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Craniofacial team)

Dr. Sam Tover, D.M.D. is a South Florida native born and raised in Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Tover is currently completing his pediatric dental residency at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, where he has been given the honor of being named Chief Resident. Prior to NCH, Dr. Tover completed a General Practice Residency at Jersey Shore University Medical Center and worked as a general dentist in New Jersey. Dr. Tover received his doctorate degree at Nova Southeastern University and completed his undergraduate degree at Syracuse University.

Dr. Tover enjoys watching and playing sports in his free time. He is a diehard Dolphins fan and loves attending the games on Sundays. Outside of sports, he enjoys being with family and friends and spending time outdoors. His passion for dentistry has been instilled in him since he was young, as his father, uncle, and great uncle were all dentists. His goal is to make every dental experience enjoyable for his pediatric patients. Whether he is singing, doing magic tricks, or making “dad jokes,” Dr. Tover believes that the dental office can be a fun and safe place for his patients.

Rita Trecroce

Rita Trecroce has been a school teacher for 27 years. She is a high school French immersion teacher at St. Mary’s College Catholic school in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, where she also assumes the role of lead teacher of religious studies. When she is not teaching, Rita is a wedding officiant. Performing wedding ceremonies brings her much joy.

Rita has a passion for travel and for languages, especially French and Italian. She loves to go camping and read up on current events. She is obsessed with everything 80s, especially the music! Rita enjoys pop culture, trivia, and she admits that her secret guilty pleasure is watching TikTok videos. Helping children is a cause closest to her heart. Rita has been a supporter of Operation Smile since 2006 as a donor and as teacher-mentor/organizer of the Operation Smile student fundraising team at her high school for the last 15 years. Above all, Rita is the proud mother of her 21-year-old daughter, Annina, who is entering her second year of Law School at the University of Ottawa while currently employed with the Supreme Court of Canada.
JoAnn Vargas (Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Craniofacial team)

JoAnn Vargas is a pediatric, bilingual speech and language pathologist at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital and a core member of the Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Craniofacial Team. JoAnn completed her master’s degree in speech and language pathology at University of Massachusetts. At Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, she evaluates and treats a variety of speech, language and feeding disorders in children from birth to 21 years of age in an inpatient and outpatient settings. She is also a member of Operation Smile. As part of Operation Smile, she has been part of programs in India and Madagascar. Craniofacial disorders are one of her passions. She always volunteers to help, even with difficult tasks.

Kristi Neiswender

Kristi was born with a cleft lip and cleft palate. She found her voice through Operation Smile and has had the amazing opportunity to give back to the cleft community via 18 medical missions and many ISLCs! Her involvement with Operation Smile encouraged her to switch career paths. She is now a nurse at our local pediatric hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She has missed Operation Smile dearly the past couple of years and is so excited to be moving forward again post-Covid-19!

She enjoys spending time with her family and being the “favorite aunt and least favorite sister!” Kristi is an avid Yankees fan and she’s hoping to watch them in the World Series this year! She enjoys running and is addicted to hot yoga!
Kamal Bhandal

Kamal is currently leading the Global Brand and Consumer for the Invisalign brand at Align Technology. She is a marketing maven and a sought-after speaker, with over 20 years of marketing experience across major consumer, health care and technology brands around the world. Kamal is an expert in understanding consumer behavior and in building global marketing strategies rooted in consumer insight that fuels business growth. With a team-centric leadership style, Kamal leads her teams to be consumer centric and meet the consumer on their terms to drive brand preference.

In her current role, Kamal is leading a multifaceted consumer and brand team for the Invisalign brand targeting adults, moms and teen consumers around the world. She has led her team to create marketing initiatives targeting millennials and Gen Z consumers, which have consistently delivered double-digit sales growth in sales in addition to earning several industry awards for best-in-class marketing. Additionally, Kamal has led her team to develop and deliver innovative digital solutions across the entire consumer journey including launching a new mobile consumer app.

Kamal started her career in technology at Intel Corporation, working on both Latin America and North America businesses. From there, she spent several years in the software industry at Sun Microsystems in product management and led consumer-marketing teams at Johnson & Johnson within the diabetes industry targeting parents, children and adult consumers. Prior to joining Align Technology, Kamal led the global commercial team for a Bay Area start-up in women’s health.

Kamal holds an MBA from the University of San Francisco, a bachelor’s degree from Santa Clara University and a certificate from the Stanford University Executive Program.

Victor Mansure

Victor is a senior sports executive with over 15 years of experience in the field and a bachelor’s degree in education, majoring in physical an health education. Over his career, Victor has been responsible for introducing business concepts to stabilize high-complex programs.

He has a track record of leading grassroots, amateur, and professional sports events around the world. He is thrilled to be part of Cycle For Smiles and what it means for Operation Smile.

Victor is fluent in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and American Sign Language.
Maria Villani Capó

Dr. Marina G. Villani Capó is employed by Nicklaus Children’s Pediatric Specialists, the physician-led multispecialty group practice of Nicklaus Children’s Health System. She is a child and adolescent psychologist within the Department of Psychology at Nicklaus Children's Hospital with a specialty in pediatric psychology, trained to work with children facing chronic medical conditions.

In addition, Dr. Villani Capó serves as a consultant within the craniofacial center and as the mental health provider at the Sickle Cell Comprehensive Care Center. She earned her doctorate from Carlos Albizu University, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Dr. Villani Capo then completed a postdoctoral internship in clinical psychology at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical child and pediatric psychology at the same institution.

Dr. Villani Capó specializes in consultation-liaison services, pediatric health conditions, assessment, adjustment disorders, medication adherence, pain management, trauma, and end of life. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and Society for Pediatric Psychology. Dr. Villani Capó has presented at national conferences, local and international media on topics related to child and adolescent psychology.

Dr. Villani Capó sees patients at the Nicklaus Children’s Hospital main campus. She is fluent in English and Spanish and provides bilingual consultation, assessment and therapy.
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Please note that our schedule is still subject to change. The final schedule will be updated on this webpage and distributed to participants on arrival.

LEARN ABOUT OUR SESSIONS

We’re asking all participants to pack special outfits for these events, so please read through the packing list carefully.

I-Party

The International Party, or I-Party for short, is an opportunity for participants to sell T-shirts, souvenirs and other club gear from their home countries! There will be music and dancing to celebrate our unique cultures.

If you are interested in having a table to sell your Operation Smile swag, please complete this form: https://forms.gle/8PqsefFFrC6goveY9. Please coordinate with your club or country so you only complete the survey once. All countries should bring one item for a raffle.

All items will be sold in U.S. dollars, so plan on bringing cash with you if you are interested in purchasing international Operation Smile swag!

Service Project

One of Student Programs’ pillars is service, and every year at ISLC, we have our conference participants pitch in and serve those born with cleft conditions. This summer, to bring some fun for Operation Smile’s patients, conference participants will be making an activity kit that will be sent out to program countries and given to patients awaiting surgery and other comprehensive care treatments.

Please read through the packing list closely as we are asking all participants to bring some supplies to create these special kits that will bring joy to our patients!

Regional Breakouts

Our regional breakouts are a time when we gather students from Operation Smile clubs that are in close regional proximity. This gives the students a chance to meet others who might have similar club circumstances. This summer, we’ll use our regional breakout sessions to discuss what clubs can do this coming school year to support Operation Smile in its 40th anniversary year.

Talent Show

Every year at ISLC, we give students the opportunity to share their talents with their peers. This is always a highlight at every ISLC and shows off our students’ true power to support others. Students with a talent they want to share can register for this year’s black-and-white-themed talent show by completing this form: https://forms.gle/uCofk9G7ZLnXkY1Z7!
HEALTH & SAFETY

To ensure the health and safety of all #ISLC2022 conference participants, the Operation Smile Student Programs team has an emergency action plan in place to manage all emergency situations. Please read the separate Emergency Action Plan for ISLC 2022 document for more details.

COVID-19 Mitigation

With our conference participants being fully vaccinated, we encourage every participant to bring a copy of their vaccination record with them, either in card form or on their smartphone.

For international participants, a negative antigen test prior to arrival is no longer required to enter the USA.
To maintain the health and safety of all our conference participants, the Operation Smile Student Programs team, in consultation with Operation Smile’s Medical Quality department, will organize three days of COVID-19 antigen testing for all participants during the conference.

Our conference nursing team will conduct the antigen tests on the following days and times:

- July 18: Check-in
- July 21: Participants split between times throughout the day
- Jul 23: Participants split between times throughout the day

More details about our COVID-19 testing plan and our positive-case response protocols are included in the document titled “Emergency Action Plan for ISLC 2022”

### PACKING LIST

We do encourage you to pack as lightly as possible and bring all your necessities in your carry-on luggage (just in case your checked bag is lost). Remember, we will have both indoor and outdoor activities. Keep in mind that you will be staying in a dorm room and sheets, linens, pillows and towels will be provided. You are free to bring your own as well.

**Tickets and Documents**

- Passport (if traveling internationally)
- Visa (should be in your passport if traveling internationally and required)
- Copies of actual prescriptions of needed medications.
- COVID-19 Vaccination record (card or on your smartphone)
- List of important phone numbers and copies of important documents (such as your passport and visa)
- Airline Itinerary
- Extra spending money for souvenirs, the I-Party, Operation Smile merchandise and snacks.

**Clothes**

- Appropriate casual clothes for downtime/travel
- Lightweight or cotton pants, capri pants or longer-length shorts
- Long- and short-sleeved shirts
✓ Lightweight jacket/rain jacket or waterproof jacket
✓ Comfortable shoes/sneakers (excursion is a four-mile walking tour)
✓ Hat
✓ Modest/appropriate athletic shorts, T-shirt, and shoes or clothes you don’t mind getting dirty or wet for the TEAM GAMES
✓ Items to represent your team colors

For your clothing, please note that modesty is KEY – the following items are NOT APPROPRIATE to wear during the conference:

• Midriff-bearing outfits
• Short shorts (use the fingertip rule if you aren’t sure)
• Strapless tops or dresses
• Cleavage or low-cut tops
• Offensive/profane shirts

Please note that jeans are not encouraged for the I-Party or Final Party.

Appropriate attire for the conference is essential - all participants must wear clothing that is suitable for the conference sessions and activities. You will be asked to change if you are not dressed appropriately.

**Medicine and Health**
✓ Shampoo / conditioner / soap
✓ Toothbrush and toothpaste
✓ Shaving cream and razor
✓ Sunblock lotion
✓ Insect repellent
✓ Hand sanitizer
✓ Extra eyeglasses / contacts / contact lens solution
✓ Sunglasses
✓ Deodorant
✓ Pain killer / antihistamine / lip balm / cough drops
✓ Pepto Bismol / Imodium
✓ Cipro
✓ Tylenol / Motrin / Benadryl
✓ Prescription medicine
✓ Tampons / Pads
✓ You know your body better than anyone. If you are prone to certain conditions, please prepare accordingly. Pack inhalers, Albuterol, medicine for migraines, or any other prescription or non-prescription medication or remedy that you typically use to feel better.

If you have any health concerns not indicated already in your health form, please email isl@operationsmile.org. Nurses will be reviewing all medical information prior to the conference to ensure everyone is treated with the best care.

**Miscellaneous**
✓ Water bottle
✓ Small bag or backpack to hold belongings during conference sessions
✓ Snacks – candy bars, peanut butter, crackers, dried fruit, granola bars, etc.
✓ Umbrella

**I-Party**
✓ Jersey from your country
✓ Operation Smile swag from your club to sell

**Talent Show**
✓ Black and white clothing
Final Party (Theme: Movie Night)
✓ Dress as your favorite movie character

90s Night Party
✓ 90s outfit

Service Project

USA AND CANADA PARTICIPANTS

- 2 “Pop It” games
  - Max height: 6 3/4 inches
- 2 sheets of stickers
  - Max height: 6 1/2 inches
- 2 boxes of 8 crayons
- 2 small toys
  - Max size: 3 by 5 inches
- No balls

Please make sure your items fit the outlined specifications!

*Students from Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia will receive a different list of requested items from Gaby or Carlos.*

WEATHER

Summer in Miami is hot and humid with daily highs up to the lower 90s Fahrenheit (34 Celsius) with the temperature rarely falling below 75 Fahrenheit (24 Celsius). It is rainy season in Miami from May through September. Dorm rooms and conference spaces indoors will have air conditioning, so pack accordingly. Don’t forget your umbrella and a high rain jacket just in case!
CONTACT INFORMATION

The Student Programs Emergency Contact Team (SPECT)* is responsible for communications relating to the departmental response to emergencies at international workshops and conferences and consists of the following:

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*PLEASE only call directly in case of emergency or serious pressing issues. For all other matters, questions or concerns, please send an email. Email will likely get a quicker response.