



What are SummerServe & SummerServe Express?

SummerServe is a 5-week program that engages youth ages 11-17 in diverse service and recreational activities. It operates 4 full days per week, Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5pm. Youth have a choice of serving on roughly 15 different service projects at agencies throughout Frederick County. You can get a description of projects and download an application at www.VolunteerFrederick.org/SummerServe.html.

When: July 6th - August 6th

On Friday, August 7th there will be an exciting reward trip for SummerServe participants who successfully meet the criteria for attending.

Cost: \$825

(Breakdown: \$39 per 10 hour day)

NOTE: We offer a **sliding-scale fee** and **NO ONE will be turned away due to inability to pay full fee.** Please refer to the application for further details.

Each Day: Youth meet at the designated SummerServe homebase between 7:45 & 8:30am. Buses take small groups to different service sites. Afternoons, SummerServe youth are taken to a recreational site and return to the homebase by 5:00pm for pick-up from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

What Kinds of Service Projects Are There?

- Engaging elderly residents in music, art, cooking and exercise activities
- Working with rescued horses and other animals
- Mural painting to beautify human service organizations
- Performing puppet shows for younger youth
- Engaging young children in art, craft, and other recreational activities
- Environmental restoration projects

SummerServe Express consists of 3 different two-week projects. They are partial day (8:30am-1:00pm), service only programs, Monday - Thursday, for youth ages 11-17 that begin June 22nd. For additional cost, the youth can participate in a recreational activities after their service projects.

Total Cost: \$175 per session. \$90 to add recreation option (e.g. \$175 program cost + \$90 recreation = \$265)

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Each Day: Youth meet at a designated homebase between 7:45 and 8:30am, volunteer for the morning, and are ready for pick-up between 12:30 and 1:00pm. Youth opting to participate in the recreational activity will return to the homebase by 5pm for pick up no later than 6pm

2009 Sessions:

Session 1 (June 22-July 2): Serving Animals in Need

Projects in this session focus on our animal friends in Frederick County, both wildlife and domesticated. If you love animals, this is the session for you!

Session 2 (July 6-16): Environmental Action

A call for young conservationists! Projects will engage youth in all sorts of environmental issues including global warming, wetland restoration, the Chesapeake Bay, and how we can make positive changes for the environment in our daily lives.

Session 3 (July 20-30): Living the Farm Life

Would you like to live that down-home country kind of life for a summer? Projects in this session focus on volunteering at an organic farm with growers with developmental disabilities and at a horse rescue farm.





Frequently Asked Questions about SummerServe and SummerServe Express

Will It Be All Work & No Fun?

Absolutely NOT!!! With SummerServe and SummerServe Express, youth learn what it is to have fun WHILE serving! In addition to spending time with other interesting people of all different ages, the youth volunteers will develop an understanding of how great and fulfilling it can be to help others. And as if that were not enough reason to enjoy the program, youth are also given the opportunity to explore new and different recreational sites as well as everyone's favorites places to relax and experience the warm summer weather.



What Will SummerServe & SummerServe Express Provide?

- Safe, supervised service & recreational programs
- An end-of-program trip and celebration for the SummerServe youth volunteers
- Transportation to & from service/recreational sites
- Drinks, snacks & supplies
- Supplemental accident insurance



What's Expected of Volunteers & their Parents Everyday?

- Regular attendance, enthusiasm for service, cooperation & respectful behavior
- A brown bag lunch & water bottle brought daily; swim suit & towel for recreation participants.
- Medical or accident insurance coverage
- Transportation to homebase between 7:45 & 8:30am and pickup site by 1:00pm or 6:00pm (depending on program)



Will These Programs Count Towards My School's Meritorious Service Award?

YES! Both programs were developed in partnership with FCPS' Service Learning Program. Our service projects follow the Preparation, Action & Reflection service-learning model. SummerServe helps youth earn the Meritorious Service Award & helps transfer students catch up with their service hours.



Questions?

Email YouthService@VolunteerFrederick.org or call Stacey at (301) 663-5214, ext. 2#.

Visit:

http://www.volunteerfrederick.org/youth_services.html for more information and an application.