

Project Serve is an opportunity for students and volunteers to grow in their relationship with God, to form and strengthen bonds with peers, and to serve the mission of Jesus to all people. This year we will be serving in Fair Bluff, North Carolina.

Project Serve is for students who have completed 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12th grade, are in good physical condition, and can participate in all aspects and days of our trip with a positive attitude.

Our trip is from Saturday, June 22nd, until Saturday, June 29th. Times of leaving and returning are to be determined and announced at the student meeting on June 19th.

This year, we are partnering with an organization called, "Mission Serve." To find out more information about them, click **here.** 

Click here to watch a promo video by Mission Serve!

## **HOW MUCH DOES PROJECT SERVE COST? \$545**

\$100 non-refundable deposit is required for registration.

Remaining funds should be raised through support raising. To learn more about our new way of sending support letters and online funding portal, check out the Project Serve Funding Guide.

## All funds are due before Wednesday, **JUNE 2ND**. Scholarships available - <u>apply here</u>. Keep track of your totals and remember to write Thank You's to your supporters!

# Important Dates & Info Registration deadline is MAY 12TH. All funds are due by JUNE 2ND. Student Meeting is JUNE 19TH.

In an effort to help parents understand the specifics of Project Serve and what goes into this year's trip, we will be hosting an optional parent meeting for anyone interested. This meeting is designed to help answer questions surrounding the trip and registration.

Parent Info Meeting

Sun, May 26th

11:45am HS Room

In an effort to help prepare us for serving on Project Serve and to help us understand what it means to serve within a ministry context, we are requiring that students attend our Pre-Trip Student Meeting designed to equip them for serving on Project Serve. This is a required step for all participants of Project Serve.

Required Student Meeting Wed, June 19th

6:30-8pm HS Room

#### **DRESS CODE**

#### **Worksite Dress Code**

- **Required:** Closed-Toe Shoes
  - o **Recommended:** Sturdy shoes with laces and a thick sole
- **Required:** Long Pants
  - o **Recommended:** Sturdy pants, jeans, or overalls
- **Do Not:** Bring Leggings or Sweatpants for the worksite.
- **Required:** Sleeved Shirts
  - o **Recommended:** Short sleeve lightweight T-shirts
- **Do Not:** Wear sleeveless shirts or wear something you do not want to get paint or dirt on.

#### **Lodging Facility Dress Code**

- Shirts or dresses must have sleeves. No midriff/crop tops allowed.
- Shorts and skirts are fine for the lodging facility. Must be fingertip length.
- Participants must wear shoes at all times. Flip flops and sandals are fine for the lodging facility.
- Offensive or inappropriate designs on clothing are not allowed at any time during the trip.

Mission Serve reserves the right to ask any Mission Serve participant to change clothing if the individual is not in compliance with any of the above dress code. Participants are responsible for bringing the appropriate attire for the week of the project.

## **PACKING LIST**

#### MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS LABELED WITH YOUR NAME!

|    | <ul> <li>Required Waiver (Must be turned in before the Student Meeting to go on the trip)</li> </ul> |
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|    | ☐ Bible  |
|    | ☐ Pen or pencil  |
|    | ☐ Notebook for taking notes during worship and personal journaling                                   |
|    | ☐ Reusable water bottle (labeled with your name!)  |
|    | ☐ Clothing for Worksite See Dress Code   |
|    | ☐ Clothing for Lodging Facility See Dress Code   |
|    | Swimsuit (Modest)  |
|    | ☐ Outfit for Church  |
|    | ☐ Socks and underwear  |
|    | ☐ Rain gear  |
|    | ☐ Light jacket or sweatshirt   |
|    | ☐ Hat or visor   |
|    | ☐ Work gloves  |
|    | ☐ Sunglasses   |
|    | ☐ Tools examples: hammer, paint brush, paint scraper, safety goggles etc.                            |
|    | ☐ Insect repellent   |
|    | ☐ Sunscreen  |
|    | ☐ Towels and washcloths  |
|    | □ Pillow   |
|    | ☐ Sleeping bag or sheets and a blanket   |
|    | ☐ Air mattress or cot <i>twin size only</i>  |
|    | ☐ Travel mirror  |
|    | Personal toiletries comb, soap, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.  |
|    | ☐ Shower caddy   |
|    | ☐ Plastic bags or laundry bag for dirty clothing   |
|    | ☐ Personal family health insurance card  |
|    | ☐ Money for mission offering, promo table  |
|    | DO NOT BRING   |
|    | Participants may not bring cell phones, ipods, laptops, smart watches, tobacco                       |
|    | products, alcohol, illegal   |
| SL | ubstances, weapons of any kind, fireworks, or any other dangerous substances to                      |
|    | the project. These items will be taken from you immediately and if applicable,                       |
|    | returned at the end of the trip.   |

Any participant in violation of this may be sent home from the project.

## **Project Serve 2024 Sample Schedule\***

#### Saturday

2:00-4:00pm Registration

4:30pm Orientation and Adult Meeting

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Worship and Group Devotions

10:45 pm In Rooms

11:00pm Lights Out

#### **Sunday**

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00am First Squad Meeting

10:00am Attend Local Church Service

12:00 pm Lunch with Local Church

1:00 pm Visit Worksite

3:00pm Evangelism Training

4:00 pm Group Photos

5:00pm Squad Position Training

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Worship and Group Devotions

10:30pm In Rooms

11:00pm Lights Out

#### Monday

6:00 am Breakfast

7:00 am Sendoff

7:15 am Departure for Worksite

4:00pm Return to lodging facility

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Worship and Group Devotions

10:30pm In Rooms

11:00pm Lights Out

#### **Tuesday & Thursday**

6:00 am Breakfast

7:00 am Sendoff

7:00 am Departure for Worksite

4:00pm Return to lodging facility

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Worship and Group Devotions

10:30pm In Rooms

11:00pm Lights Out

#### Wednesday

6:00 am Breakfast

7:00 am Sendoff

7:00 am Departure for Worksite

1:00pm Return to Lodging Facility

2:00pm Afternoon Off (Beach Trip "Fun Day")

10:30pm In Rooms

11:00pm Lights Out

#### **Friday**

6:00 am Breakfast

7:00 am Sendoff

7:00 am Departure for Worksite

4:00pm Return to lodging facility

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30pm Worship and Group Devotions

9:00 pm Closing Celebration

10:30pm In Rooms

11:00pm Lights Out

#### Saturday

8:00am Head for Home

<sup>\*</sup>schedule subject to change

## **FAQ**

Where will they be staying? West Columbus High School (7294 Andrew Jackson Hwy SW, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430)

What will they eat? Meals will consist of hot breakfasts, lunches provided by local churches or made by each participant before leaving the lodging facility, and hot dinners. All meals will be prepared for participants by kitchen staff. Picnic-style lunches will be assembled in the mornings and brought to work sites. We will communicate any special dietary needs to the Project Coordinator.

What kind of work will they be doing? Your participants will provide home repairs at no cost for the elderly, disabled, and other individuals living in substandard housing. Squads typically serve with the same resident all week and are able to create lifelong relationships.

Most projects are designed to be completed during the trip, allowing your group to experience the satisfaction of a job well done. You'll serve the needs of others through projects like re-roofing homes, exterior painting, building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps, building or repairing steps, and other home repairs. No skills are needed!

At most projects, participants will also have an opportunity to serve in a non-construction-based ministry. This can include children's ministry and other social-related ministries.

How will they get there? Vans

Who will be speaking? <u>Josh Beeler from Madison Heights Baptist Church in Madison Heights, VA</u>

**Who is leading worship?** Nate Watts - a Church planter and former worship leader in the community of Fair Bluff, NC.

What will they do for a "fun day?" After a half day of work on Wednesday, we'll enjoy the sand and waves at Sunset Beach NC - we'll have dinner together in the surrounding area.

What kind of safety protocols do we follow? Westover Church and Mission Serve follow strict guidelines for who we allow to go on any of our trips. We do background checks on all individuals over 18 (including students).

Why does the trip cost \$545? Full disclosure; our leaders have always gone free of charge - they take a week of vacation from work and time away from their families to help make the trip safe and comfortable for our students, so we make every effort to ease the burden on them. Part of the tuition goes towards the cost of our leaders to participate.

The difference in cost goes towards these items:

- Van rentals
- Box truck rental for luggage, tools, etc.
- Fuel for the week
- Leaders tuition
- Dinner on Wednesday (Fun Day)
- Worksite Supplies
- Insurance
- Promo materials like stickers