

Service Squad June 10-14, 2019

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For all outgoing 5th- 6th graders! LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Up to 30 youth who will complete 5th or 6th grade this June can participate, alongside adult and older youth advisors. This year, we will be renting vans with consistent team leader/drivers, so parents are not required to volunteer. We hope this makes things simpler for you! Parents are still invited to serve alongside their children if desired. Friends who do not already attend LOPC are welcome, so please extend the invitation!

WHAT WILL WE DO?

Each day, we will travel in teams of 5 youth and 1 adult to a local (East Bay) LOPC mission partner location and serve in a variety of ways. Youth will become acquainted with some of the difficulties faced by people living right here in Contra Costa County and the many ways in which we can share God's love within our own community! Our dream is that this week will inspire youth to serve and love others throughout life.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

Service Squad drop off and pick up times will coincide with Vacation Bible Camp for family convenience.

Daily Schedule, Monday through Thursday (all times will be 1 hour later on Friday)

- 12:45-1 p.m. Check in open
- 1 p.m. Gathering and devotional in Lower Youth Room
- 1:20 p.m. Break into service squad teams and depart LOPC campus for service partner site & SERVE!
- 3:30 p.m. Arrive back to LOPC campus for snack and debrief
- 4-4:15 p.m. Check out

MISSION PARTNERS

We will partner with and serve alongside local LOPC mission partners. Last year's mission partners included Shelter Inc., Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Monument Crisis Center, Las Trampas, Food Bank of Contra Costa County, and LOPC's Thursday Fellowship. Service opportunities will include activities such as food sorting and packing, yardwork, visiting the elderly and shut-ins, leading activities for children living in a shelter, and more!



WHAT DOES THE FEE COVER?

The fee will cover Service Squad tee shirts, service project supplies, van rentals, a daily snack, and group activity supplies. Please, don't let cost prohibit your participation! We have a donation fund specifically for mission scholarships, loans, or alternative payment schedules. These are available no questions asked.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

While parent volunteers aren't required this year, we can always use extra camp with these large summer programs. We are seeking check-in greeters and any parents who wish to serve alongside their child. Please contact Allison if you're available!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 5/19 Team Commissioning

- CHOOSE ONE 9am or 11am Mission Team Commissioning (during worship services), there will be pew seats reserved for youth & families

SUNDAY, 6/2 @ 10-11am Team Meeting

- New this year, parents & youth please attend this meeting to learn everything you need to know to prepare for a week of service and get your questions answered. Team lists will also be revealed!

FRIDAY, 6/14 @ 4:30-5:30pm Family Closing Program & BBQ Celebration

- 4:30-5pm Closing Program – families are invited to a combined Vacation Bible Camp & Service Squad closing program including a slideshow of pics from the week.
- 5pm BBQ – families are invited to attend a BBQ celebration. This year, Service Squad will have a separate space for youth to share their reflections on what they learned & experienced at camp.

SUNDAY, 8/25 @ 9am-12pm, Youth Sunday Service Squad Report & Team Reunion

- Let us know if your child would like to share a report or otherwise help with the worship services! There will also be a mini team reunion with food & activities before or after the service.

COUNT ME IN! HOW DO I REGISTER?

☐ **Online Registration Opens 2/24 (Closes 5/1)**

☐ **Participant Reflection Form Due 5/1**

To prepare your child for a week of service, please have them complete the reflection questions (link found in your registration confirmation email). This also helps us get to know your child and become aware of any concerns they have for the upcoming week, and pinpoint which justice-related topics to cover during camp.

QUESTIONS?

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