



Youth for Christ

Youth Unlimited™ PEACE HILLS

Project Serve

What is Project Serve?

Project Serve enables youth to reach beyond themselves effecting positive change in their local community and worldwide. Project Serve is a three-level mission experience training youth in teamwork, commitment and leadership. Participants learn to think about the needs of others and are given the opportunity to serve the homeless and less fortunate in Wetaskiwin, Edmonton and a community in a developing country. With a focus on God's heart for the poor, teens find joy in serving others and recognize how God is at work in their lives and in the world.

Who can attend?

Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who want to make a difference in their world.

Where are we going?

We have no confirmed location at this point in time, but we are prayerfully considering The Gambia in West Africa to work with the local Youth for Christ chapter to help them build a university.

How will we accomplish that?

There will be weekly meetings in order to train and grow as a team with a serve trip at the end of each of the first two training levels. Serve trips can consist of volunteering at soup kitchens, helping with fundraising events, and any various other activities throughout the community. Project Serve is a 3 level mission trip experience primarily for youth from any background.

- Level 1 consists of 8 training sessions about teamwork, commitment, leaders and followers. It finishes with a service trip to Edmonton to prepare a meal for the homeless community at the Mustard Seed.
- Level 2 consists of 6 training sessions about serving without recognition, meeting others needs and finishes with a service trip to non profit organizations where we practice behind the scenes work.
- Level 3 consists of 8 training sessions with a focus on resolving conflict, motivation for being a part of the team, and learning about the country we will be serving in. And finishes off with an international service trip to a third world country.

Student Requirements/Expectations

1. Application form completed
2. Entry interview with staff supervisor
3. Signed Letter of Commitment
4. Signed Project Serve Participant Covenant
5. Participants may not advance to another Level without successful completion of previous level and endorsement from the team leader
6. Participants may repeat a level if not successfully completed or if they are not ready, unwilling or unable to advance
7. Attendance at all training is **mandatory**.
8. Any deposits for trips are non-refundable but may be held for subsequent trips
9. Valid Passports must be obtained for admission to level three
10. Fundraise the set amount to be able to come on the international Level 3 service trip

Objectives:

1. Teach commitment
2. Team work
3. Leadership
4. Learn to understand and work with those who are different from us
5. Learn to help and serve even if there is no recognition
6. Make an impact locally and globally

Important Dates:

(June 20) – Application Deadline

(Sept 11) – Training sessions commence and Parent Meeting to follow at 5pm (first session only)

*Sessions will be every Monday from 4-6 and are mandatory in order to participate in the final trip.

Application Submissions:

By Email: jeanelle.van.os@yfc.ca

Drop off at: Wetaskiwin Youth Centre located inside Calvary Baptist Church or at One Accord
5128 50 Avenue, Millet, Alberta

***If you have any questions please call Jeanelle at 780-361-0270**

PROJECT SERVE STUDENT APPLICATION FORM - PEACE HILLS YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____
Birth Date _____ Email _____
Present School _____ Grade: _____
Present Employment _____

Please give the names of 3 references who know you quite well. These should be people that have a sense of you at work, in an area of responsibility and/or in relationship: consider a teacher who is involved in some extracurricular area, pastors or youth leaders, or employers.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
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Employment Experience (Include any employment you have had, even babysitting):

Employer: _____ Dates: _____
Nature of the job: _____
Responsibilities on job: _____

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(If more space needed, continue on back)

Career & Education goals:

Extracurricular involvement:

PROJECT SERVE INVOLVEMENT If you are selected to participate in the trip, can you commit to weekly Monday meetings and to attending all of the training events, as well as the trip?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, list any potential conflicts _____

Where are you in relation to God? Please use the space below the options to explain why you checked the box you did.

- I have no interest in God
- I have some questions and am curious
- I attend church sometimes
- I am a christian

Why do you want to attend this trip?

We will be working with a number of different Christian organizations and churches in the city. Do you have any questions and/or concerns about working with them and abiding by their rules?

What are your expectations of this trip?

Have you discussed this with your parents, and have they given you their permission? (a permission form for the trip will be sent home for them to sign at a later date)

**** Please note once you hand in your application, you will be contacted to schedule an interview.**

Thank you for your interest in Project Serve! We look forward to connecting with you!

Schedule

June 20- Applications due
June 26-30- Interviews
Sept 11- Level 1 Session 1
Sept 18- Level 1 Session 2
Sept 25- Level 1 Session 3
Oct 2- Level 1 Session 4
Oct 9- Level 1 Session 5
Oct 16- Level 1 Session 6
Oct 23- Level 1 Session 7
Oct 30- Level 1 Session 8
Nov 4- Level 1 Serve trip date depending on availability at the mustard seed
Nov 6- Level 2 Session 1
Nov 13- Level 2 Session 2
Nov 20- Level 2 Session 3
Nov 27- Level 2 Session 4
Dec 4- Level 2 Session 5
Dec 11- Level 2 Session 6
Dec 16- Level 2 Serve trip
Dec 18- Level 2 serve trip debrief/Xmas party
Jan 8- Level 3 Session 1
Jan 15- Level 3 Session 2
Jan 22- Level 3 Session 3
Jan 29- Level 3 Session 4
Feb 5- Level 3 Session 5
Feb 12- Level 3 Session 6
Feb 19- Level 3 Session 7
Feb 26- Level 3 Session 8

*A fundraiser schedule will be handed out at our first training session on September 11, 2023

*Fundraiser meetings and trip planning meetings will be scheduled as needed following the last training session.

*Schedule is subject to change