



**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 Knoxville, Tennessee.**

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Project Serve is for students who have completed 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, until Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Times of leaving and returning are to be determined and announced at the student meeting.

**HOW MUCH DOES PROJECT SERVE COST? \$500**

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

Remaining funds should be raised through support raising. To learn more about sending email support letters and the online funding portal, check out the [Project Serve Funding Guide](#).

All funds are due before Wednesday, **JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Keep track of your totals and remember to write Thank You's to your supporters!

Important Dates & Info  
**The registration deadline is MAY 24TH.**  
**All funds are due by JUNE 3RD.**  
**Student Meeting is JUNE 17TH.**

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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 31st                      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 17th                      6:30-8pm HS Room

# Project Serve Packing List

## **Pack light! 1 suitcase & 1 book bag allowed**

T shirts (For worksites and afternoons, bring extras)  
Clothes that can get permanently dirty (paint, etc)  
Shorts (modest)  
Work Pants (loose pants, scrubs, joggers, jeans)  
Flip flops for showers  
Socks & Underwear  
Work shoes and/or tennis shoes  
Rain jacket, sweatshirt  
Church clothes for Sunday (casual)  
Swimsuit (modest) and shorts/shirt that can get wet.

## **Non Clothing Items MARK WITH YOUR NAME:**

Twin Size Single Layer Air Mattress  
Flashlight  
Hand held fan  
Towels (for showers, fun days, etc.)  
Digital watch (no smart watches)  
Pillow (can bring on van w/backpack)  
Bible & pen  
Toiletries  
Medications, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer  
Twin Size Inflatable Mattress or Cot  
Sleeping bag; or blanket and sheets  
Reusable water bottle labeled with your name  
Sunscreen & bug spray  
Sunglasses, Hat  
2 trash bags for dirty or wet clothes

## **Additional Money: (\$75-\$100ish)**

2 meals while traveling to and from Project Serve  
1 Lunch Sunday after church with work group  
1 Dinner after Fun Day (Wednesday)  
Extra spending money as needed for work site treats (snacks, ice cream, etc)

## **DO NOT BRING**

Cell phones, smart watches, iPod, laptop, video games, blow-dryers, hair straighteners or curling irons, weapons, lighters, drugs, alcohol, vapes, etc. These items will be taken from you immediately and if applicable, returned at the end of the trip. Don't be that guy.

### **Check List:**

- Send support letter emails, and share your Funding Page.
- Attend mandatory student meeting
- Make sure all my funds and payments are turned in by **JUNE 3RD!**
- Write thank you notes to my supporters.
- Start packing!

## **Sample Schedule**

We will go over the final schedule for this year at the Student Meeting on June 17th.

### **Project Serve '26 Schedule:**

#### **Saturday**

8:00 am Leader Check-in  
8:30-9:30 am Student Check-in/Load  
Box Truck  
10:00 am Depart for Sharon Baptist  
Church  
12:00 pm Lunch on the road  
4:30 pm Arrive/Unload  
6:00 pm Dinner  
10:45 pm In Rooms  
11:00 pm Lights Out

#### **Sunday**

8:00 am Breakfast  
10:45 am Attend Worship Service at  
Sharon Baptist Church  
12:15 pm Lunch with Work Group |  
1:45 pm Visit Worksites to pray for  
week/Free Time  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Worship and Discussion Groups  
10:30 pm In Rooms  
11:00 pm Lights Out

#### **Monday and Tuesday**

7:00 am Rise and Shine  
7:15 am Quiet Time  
7:45 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Departure for Worksite  
3:30 pm Return to church  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Worship and Discussion Groups  
10:30 pm In Rooms  
11:00 pm Lights Out

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 am Rise and Shine  
7:15 am Quiet Time

7:45 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Departure for Worksite  
1:00 pm Head to Soaky Mountain  
5:00 pm Head to Bucee's (Dinner)  
7:30 pm Talent Show  
10:30 pm In Rooms  
11:00 pm Lights Out

#### **Thursday**

7:00 am Rise and Shine  
7:15 am Quiet Time  
7:45 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Departure for Worksite  
3:30 pm Return to church  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Worship and Discussion Groups  
10:30 pm In Rooms  
11:00 pm Lights Out

#### **Friday**

7:00 am Rise and Shine  
7:15 am Quiet Time  
7:45 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Departure for Worksite  
3:30 pm Return to church  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Senior Night  
10:30 pm In Rooms /Pack Your Stuff  
11:00 pm Lights Out

#### **Saturday**

6:00 am Breakfast  
7:00 am Pack/Load  
8:00 am Head for Home  
12:00 pm Lunch stop somewhere  
3:00 pm return to Westover - Vans meet  
at Western Guilford High School for  
"Mass Return"

## **Examples of Ministries We'll Work With**

- Knoxville Dream Center: <https://knoxvilledreamcenter.org/>
  - Teams will serve in a variety of ministries aimed at meeting practical needs throughout Knoxville.
    - Opportunities may include helping with our Food Trucks, which serve families in high-need areas across ten locations, or Knox Dream Eats, where they provide hot meals to families at Title I schools during events organized by school administrators.
  - Teams may also serve with Lost Sheep Ministry, which has faithfully fed the homeless "Under the Bridge" every Wednesday night for over 30 years.
    - Other opportunities include Nehemiah Projects, assisting widows with minor home repairs and yard work; helping sort food and clothing in The Warehouse; or working in Our Kitchen alongside cook Jessica Garrett to prepare meals for various outreach programs.
- Knoxville Area Rescue Mission: <https://karm.org/>
  - Very similar work to Dream Center
- Wesley House: Community Center in Knoxville; Children's ministry, food distribution, homeless, etc. Large day camp for low income community.
- Likewise Coffee: <https://likewisecoffee.com/about>
  - This is a backup location - so students may or may not serve. It's a coffee shop that uses its proceeds to support abused mothers. Students won't work directly with the clients, but they will serve the coffee shop with some clean up, minor painting, etc.
- 2-3 Construction Sites- likely a deck or stair case.

## **Project Serve Teaching Theme:**

### ***SATURDAY***

**TITLE:** On the Rock

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 7:24-25

**BOTTOM LINE:** What are you building your life on? If it's anything but Jesus, it won't last. But if you choose to stand on the Rock, you will be strong, unshaken, and ready for whatever comes your way.

### ***SUNDAY***

**TITLE:** Salt and Light: Living Out Your Purpose

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:13-16

**BOTTOM LINE:** Embodying salt and light requires a radical transformation of one's life. It calls for a commitment to holiness, a willingness to sacrifice personal comfort for the sake of others, and a boldness in proclaiming the Gospel.

### ***MONDAY***

**TITLE:** Don't Worry, Be Filled

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 7:21-23

**BOTTOM LINE:** If Jesus is your target, what needs to be adjusted in your life to get there.

### ***TUESDAY***

**TITLE:** Concert of Prayer

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 6:9-13

**BOTTOM LINE:** This worship service is designed to lead participants through a focused time of reflection and prayer.

### ***THURSDAY***

**TITLE:** Seeing the Image of God

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:21-32

**BOTTOM LINE:** Loving others means seeing the Image of God in everyone.

### ***FRIDAY***

**TITLE:** Knowing Jesus or Just Knowing About Him?

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 7:21-23

**BOTTOM LINE:** Our mission is to make Jesus known—not just by our words, but by our lives.

## FAQ

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**Please be patient with us as we plan and prepare for this trip. We will be updating this document as we finalize logistics.**

### **Where will they be staying?**

- Sharon Baptist Church: <https://sharonknoxville.com/>
- We will attend Sunday morning service with them on 6/21.

### **What will they eat?**

Meals will consist of breakfasts and dinners provided by our incredible kitchen team. Picnic-style lunches will be assembled in the mornings and brought to work sites. We will make our kitchen team aware of any dietary restrictions that are indicated on your student's registration form.

### **How will they get there?**

15 Passenger Vans

### **What are we doing for Fun Day?**

- Soaky Mountain Water Park: <https://soakymountainwaterpark.com/>
- We will have dinner at Buc-ee's in Sevierville. Please bring money for this meal as well as any snacks you may want to purchase when we are there.

### **Other questions?**

Email our Fuse Staff ([fuse@westoverchurch.com](mailto:fuse@westoverchurch.com))