Engage in trail maintenance, construction, and cleanup along the Mississippi River to enhance environmental appreciation and promote healthier lifestyles.

Overview: Bordering on the mighty Mississippi River, 13 miles north of Memphis, two-thirds of this 13,467-acre park are bottomland hardwood forests of large oak, cypress, and tupelo. The park contains 2 large lakes and many miles of hiking trails as well as one of the largest disc-golf courses in the Southeast. Deer, turkey, beaver, fox, otter, and bobcat are plentiful. Over 200 species of songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and birds of prey, including the American Bald Eagle, can be seen. Meeman-Shelby provides a variety of outdoor activities to its visitors and campers in Tennessee.

Day-to-day: Participants will be engaged in service from 8am – 5pm each day. Tasks will include activities such as trail maintenance, structure improvements, painting, cleaning up public areas, and mulching. Expect to be outside for full days.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: Students will be staying in rustic park cabins that include bunk beds. Meals are not included by the sites, but the group will be given a small budget for groceries to use for meals throughout the week. Participants should plan to have additional funds for some meals. Participants on this trip will enjoy hiking in the park during free time. It should be noted that cell service might not be available for the entirety of the trip.