

Summer 2017 TRIPS

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COLORADO

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Easter Seals: Empire, CO

Easter Seals is a national organization that originated in 1919 as the National Society for Crippled Children in Elyria, Ohio. After the success of its Easter "seals" campaign, the organization took on the name Easter Seals in 1967. Rocky

Mountain Village is an Easter Seals camp near Empire, Colorado, used by more than 800 children and adults with disabilities in the Summer season. During the week, campers come to enjoy swimming, fishing, camping, hiking, music, and drama, among many other constructive activities. Throughout the year, Rocky Mountain Village also operates as a respite camp and offers weekend R&Rs. Buck-I-SERV volunteers will assist camp directors to restore the camp from its Winter conditions and prepare the camp for the Summer season. This may involve outdoor projects in the snow, warm clothing and footwear is encouraged. Rocky Mountain Village is on the edge of Arapaho National Forest near many outdoor recreational sites including hiking trails, waterfalls and lakes.

Outside of service hours, participants will have the opportunity to explore the Rocky Mountain sites in the surrounding area.



Specifications

Location: Empire, CO

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$450

Trip Price Includes:

- Transportation
- Participant will travel by van to Colorado
- Housing
- Most Meals
- Program fees
- Tools/ supplies for the trip

Social Justice Issue:
Disabilities

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GUADALUPE CENTER

Located in Immokalee, Florida in a community where over 40% of the population lives below the poverty level and 97% of school aged students are economically needy, the Guadalupe Center began in 1982 as a soup kitchen to meet the immediate needs of impoverished families living in Immokalee. An after-school tutoring program serving just 30 children began in the soup kitchen which later became the Guadalupe Center. Today, the Guadalupe Center includes a soup kitchen, clothing center, college preparatory center and a shower center for those in need. Most of the children at the Guadalupe Center come from homes where Spanish is their native language and many families in the community are migrant workers in the tomato fields. While in Immokalee, some group will have the chance to work with The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). CIW is an organization that focuses their efforts on bettering the lives of migrant workers in the area. Groups may meet with the Coalition to learn more about the issues migrants face and the culture of the local community.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Immokalee, FL

Housing: Retreat House

Price: \$380

Trip Price includes:

- Participants will charter bus to Florida and a rental van will be used for the remainder of the trip and throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Children, Poverty, Migrant Workers

Physicality Level: 1

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Forest Animal Rescue: SILVER SPRINGS, FL

For those whose hearts have a little bit of a wild side, Forest Animal Rescue is a lifetime care sanctuary for non-releasable wild animals who have narrowly survived lives of abuse or neglect. The animals have been confiscated by authorities, used in research, abandoned to starve or have been attempted pets that failed because of their wild nature. At Forest Animal Rescue these animals are given the best veterinary care, a healthy diet and playmates of their own kind as appropriate. They regain confidence as their bodies gain strength, and they learn to appreciate the humans who have come to their aid. The animals in their care range from big cats to bears, wolves, primates, bats and more. Students will be helping with the construction of the sanctuary and assisting with the regular maintenance of the acres. **As a true sanctuary, the animals at Forest Animal Rescue are never bred, sold or exploited in any way. Founded in 1998, Forest Animal Rescue is highly respected and internationally recognized.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Silver Springs, FL

Housing: Camp Lodge

Price: \$400

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a rental vehicle to and from the destination.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Environmental/Animal Rights

Physicality Level: 3

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Florida's Aquatic Preserves: ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Much of Florida's distinctive character lies in the beauty of its coastline. The best of the coastal landscapes have been set aside for protection as aquatic preserves. This natural beauty has always been one of Florida's major attractions for both tourists and residents. Ironically, the very features that have drawn people to Florida are potentially endangered by the increased population pressures. Aquatic preserves protect the living waters of Florida to ensure that they will always be home for bird rookeries and fish nurseries ... freshwater springs and salt marshes ... sea grass meadows and mangrove forests. The week is busy, but students go home with many valuable experiences to pass on to their own communities. Here, students have the ability to engage in community service activities while enjoying Florida's wonderful weather and coast, the best of both worlds. You will get a chance to work with invasive exotic plants, such as the Brazilian pepper, and to remove debris from spoil islands.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$325

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by charter bus and utilize a 10 person van throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

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City of Refuge: Atlanta, Georgia

The City of Refuge is a non-profit organization dedicated to community development efforts that lead to the stability and sustainability of the local community. The community the organization serves in is a community in crisis but also a community with hope and resilience. The mission of City of Refuge is to bring light, hope and transformation to Atlanta's last, lost and least. For volunteers, it is place to know firsthand the challenges of the "last, lost and least." For any who pass through the gates of City of Refuge, it is a community that provides shelter from the storm, warmth from the cold, an oasis from the desert. City of Refuge provides services such as a food bank, internships, and early childhood/ youth programming. Students will embark on a "spiritual retreat" volunteering with the City of Refuge. City of Refuge is located in downtown Atlanta where there are many historical sites that the participants will have the opportunity to visit while on this weeklong trip.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Housing: On-Site, Bunk Room

Price: \$275

- This trip price is reduced by \$100 through an extra activity fee allocation for 2016-17. The listed price accurately reflects this price reduction

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation:
 - participants will travel by a charter bus and utilize a rental vehicle for the week
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Women and Homelessness

Physicality Level: 1

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MEDICI PROJECT: ATLANTA

Medici Project serves to educate and expose individuals to the realities of poverty for Atlanta's inner city youth and what is being done to fight against that poverty. While in Atlanta, your primary job is to build relationships with at-risk urban youth through personal interaction. You will do hands-on service with the Medici Project and other organizations who are seeking to make an impact in the lives of at-risk children and youth. The 30318 zip code, where Medici Project serves all throughout the year, is one of the neediest areas in the country. 50% of the youth in this area will not finish high school. The average household income is just under \$11,000 a year, less than 1/3 of the national average. In one community, 60% of the residents are HIV positive. A staff member expert will accompany your group and provide education and guidance as you work with the at-risk urban youth of Atlanta. Participants on this trip will work at various sites throughout the week.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a charter bus to the destination. A rental vehicle will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Homelessness, Hunger, Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

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MISERICORDIA : Chicago, Illinois

Misericordia serves families who want the best for family members that have mild to profound developmental disabilities, and often physical disabilities, yet cannot provide it at home by offering a vast community of care. Some primary goals of Misericordia are to meet each resident's diverse needs and also allow each resident to live as independently as possible with the highest level of community integration feasible. By serving society's most vulnerable citizens, Misericordia offers both independent and assisted living, education, employment, recreation, and more to over 600 individuals from diverse racial, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds each day on its 31-acre campus just outside of downtown Chicago. Volunteers will be assisting residents with daily tasks, preparing meals, helping with laundry services, visiting with clients, and working in the on-site bakery.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Chicago, IL

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Adults with Disabilities

Physicality Level: 1

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LOWER NINE: New Orleans, Louisiana

Lower Nine is an organization that works with residents of the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans to help rebuild the area after it was devastated by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. To date, lowernine.org has fully rebuilt seventy-five homes, and has completed smaller repair and renovation projects on hundreds more, bringing home more Lower Ninth Ward families than any other organization. However, as of 2014, population return is only 34% – lagging far behind the rest of the City of New Orleans, whose population return is nearly 90%. Because the Lower Ninth Ward was an area hit hardest by the hurricanes, Lower Nine takes a holistic approach to healing the community; volunteers will be rebuilding/constructing houses, working in urban community gardens, providing social and emotional support as well as community outreach to the New Orleans community. Lower Nine is committed to sustainable economic solutions. We provide all necessary project training and tools, so even if you've never swung a hammer – YOU can help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricanes.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$360

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination and use a rental vehicle around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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Special Olympics: Baltimore, MD

“Let me win; but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” This is the Special Olympics Athlete’s Oath which you will have the opportunity to hear this Summer in Baltimore, Maryland. This will mark the first ever Buck-I-SERV trip working with Special Olympics Maryland. There, students will be given the opportunity to coach, referee, and encourage athletes eight years of age or older with intellectual disabilities in a wide variety of sports. Whether your interests lie in soccer or bowling; cycling or basketball, Special Olympics Maryland has a sport for you. During our stay, the Special Olympics High School Track and Field Championships will be taking place in which our students will be assigned various jobs. Upon returning, the students should have a better understanding of the mission of Special Olympics: to give continuous opportunities to athletes with disabilities in order for them to develop physical fitness and demonstrate courage as well as the experience of joy and sportsmanship fostered in athletic competition.

Specifications

Location: Baltimore, MD

Housing: Church

Price: \$250

Price Includes:

- Transportation: Participants will travel by a rental vehicle to and from the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Disabilities

Physicality Level: 2

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THE DAILY TABLE: Boston, Massachusetts

Volunteers on this trip to historic Boston will have the opportunity to work with several incredible organizations to address the environment as well as hunger. In the morning, participants will work with a different environmentally focused organization and in the afternoon they will work with The Daily Table. Morning service will vary based on the organization's needs for the day, however, students will engage with the organizations to be stewards to the environment. The Daily Table focuses on hunger and believes that delicious, wholesome and affordable food should be available to all. They help communities make great choices around food by making it easy for them to choose tasty, healthy, convenient and truly affordable meals and groceries. Volunteers will assist in food labeling, packaging, stocking, sorting, light kitchen prep, managing the tasting station, and administrative assignments. If you are interested in learning about service from multiple organizations and seeing Boston from a diversity of perspectives, this would be a great trip for you!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Boston, MA

Housing: TBD

Price: \$325

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Hunger, Poverty, Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

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ONE HEARTLAND: Willow River, Minnesota

Located in Willow River, Minnesota, One Heartland creates community, offers respite, and builds lifelong skills by providing an accepting environment for youth and their families who are facing social isolation to support healthy and fulfilling lives. The children being served by the camp include children who identify as LGBTQ, who are affected by HIV/AIDS, have diabetes, and/or who live in transitional housing. It is important to note that during the trip, the children will not be present but the service is meant to prepare the camp for the children's arrival later in the summer months. Past groups have carved signs, painted, built outdoor furniture, and worked to improve the grounds for the camp. The camp has left powerful impacts on several students who have returned to Minnesota during the summer to serve as camp counselors.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Willow River, MN

Housing: On-Site Camp

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination.
- Housing
- Program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Homelessness, Poverty, HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH: Kansas City, Missouri

Operation Breakthrough is a community center located in the heart of Kansas City, serving children from 8 months to 18 years old as well as their parents. Daycare, a food pantry, “dress for success” program and the Christmas Warehouse are just a few of the wonderful programs that are put on in a relentless effort to improve the lives of impoverished local families. Volunteers will spend most of their time with the children and teachers in the morning and then help maintain the center in the afternoon while students are napping. Please be prepared that as part of this trip you are required to have a tetanus shot and a doctor signature confirming your health. Be prepared for your heart to “breakthrough” with love for the people at the center!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Kansas City, MO

Housing: Church

Price: \$315

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Children, Poverty, Education

Physicality Level: 1

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Gay Men's Health Crisis: NEW YORK, NY

Students will participate in an orientation to learn more about HIV and AIDS on both a national and local level. Participants will have the opportunity to assist GMHC employees serve meals to the organization's clients, complete phone calls and paperwork for fundraising initiatives as well as create safe sex kits for GMHC's community outreach projects. Students will interact with individuals from the LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS communities.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New York City, NY

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$375

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by van and will use public transportation throughout the week
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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North Carolina Coastal: NEWPORT, NORTH CAROLINA

Located in Newport, North Carolina near the Outer Banks and for more than 30 years, the North Carolina Coastal Federation has worked with people to safeguard the coastal rivers, creeks, sounds and beaches of North Carolina. The N.C. Coastal Federation has been able to preserve more than 10,000 acres of threatened coastal land since its establishment and has received multiple prestigious Pelican Awards that honor groups that exhibit exemplary performance in improving environmental quality on the N.C. coast. Service will consist of mostly environmental work, including wetland restoration, oyster habitat restoration, clean up, and other project maintenance. There will also be an opportunity to partner and serve with Hammocks Beach State Park in additional environmental work.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Newport, NC

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$375

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used for local transportation throughout the week.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

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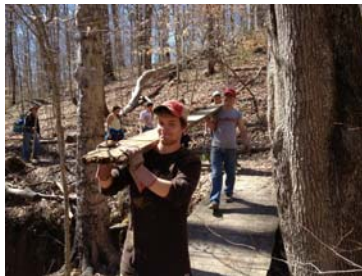
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CHEROKEE NATION: Vian, Oklahoma

The Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized tribe of the United States. Originally from the Southeast, the Cherokee people were relocated through the Trail of Tears. Participants of this 10 person trip will head to Vian, Oklahoma to help with the revitalization and preservation of the Vian Peace Center by building a ramp for the disabled and elderly as well as painting the insides of the building. Volunteers will also be helping the local community by painting homes and assisting in other projects as needed. Participants will learn about Cherokee culture, the Cherokee people as well as Native American history and preservation while serving throughout the week.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Vian, OK

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$260

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Native American Culture, History, Preservation

Physicality Level: 2

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Greenville Humane Society: Greenville, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Greenville Humane Society is the largest no-kill facility in South Carolina and North Carolina. The “Playpen” (puppy/kitten room) is one of the major attractions for visitors and thus it is essential that it maintains a clean, neat appearance at all times. In addition, it requires a lot of dishwashing, laundry and opening newspapers to keep the puppies and kittens in the healthy environment necessary for their care. Students on this trip will work to maintain the “Playpen” and act as Puppy Patrol Volunteers - to assist the adoption staff in performing the tasks to ensure the health of all pets. And when there’s no other work to be done you’ll have the opportunity to walk a dog!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Greenville, SC

Housing: Local College on campus housing

Price: \$265

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used for local transportation throughout the week.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Animal Rights

Physicality Level: 1

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN APPALACHIA: Maryville, TN

Located across the river from Chota, the original capital of the Overhill Cherokee Nation, is the Once Upon A Time Wilderness Retreat. This trip will give participants an inside perspective on Native American Cherokee culture, local history, and nature education from the surrounding mountain areas. The trip will take place between the idyllic Great Smokey Mountains National Park and Cherokee National Forest in East Tennessee. Participants will get a chance to work with invasive plants at the Nature Preserve, assist in camp up-keep and revitalization, hike in the nearby mountains and enjoy Cherokee music and cultural customs. Come join the hospitable hosts, Ed and Arlene, and see what it feels like to be a part of their family; this is a trip you will not forget!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Maryville, TN

Housing: On-Site Camp

Price: \$380

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- Housing
- Program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Native American and Environmental Issues

Physicality Level: 2

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York River State Park Williamsburg, VA

The American Hiking Society is the nation's leading hiking organization dedicated to maintaining and improving foot trails and their surrounding natural areas. Through their conservation work, AHS strives to promote healthy living and a greater appreciation for nature. Participants on this Buck-I-SERV trip will be staying in a lodge at York River State Park in Virginia, one of the most beautiful parks the region has to offer. Volunteers will give back by upgrading the trail system within the park, repairing damage to the trails resulting from weather or overuse, and will also have the opportunity to learn about water shedding techniques and how to integrate them into the trail system. Be aware that the group will hike during service each day.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Williamsburg, VA

Housing: Park Cabins

Price: \$310

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by rental cars to and from destination
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Environment, Sustainability, Recreation

Physicality Level: 3

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