

Summer of Service 2023



June 1, 2023 - July 28, 2023

Now is the time to sign up for summer projects! All project slots are first come, first served. Please read the information carefully, mark your project choices on the Summer of Service page of our website. There is also a new updated enrollment forms you need to download and complete with your summer registration. Please include your adult T-shirt size. We look forward to seeing everyone but if you aren't participating with us this year we wish you a wonderful summer!

As our summers are packed with projects that overlap we **DO NOT** provide transportation from homes during Summer of Service.



THERE ARE LOTS OF CHOICES, SO READ CAREFULLY. CALL IF YOU NEED HELP PLANNING YOUR SCHEDULE. PROJECT HOSTS DEPEND ON HAVING THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY HAVE REQUESTED. MEANING, IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A PROJECT, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE EACH DAY YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR. EXAMPLE: IF YOU ARE ON VACATION OR AT CHURCH CAMP FOR A WEEK OR TWO OF A 3 WEEK PROJECT YOU SHOULD CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PROJECT. ALSO DO NOT MIX LONG AND SHORT PROJECTS DURING THE SAME WEEK; EXAMPLE: M, T, @ PROJECT TRANSFORMATION, TH @ CAMP BENNETT, W @ PLAY IN THE PARK. YOU WILL MAKE ME CRAZY, AND YOU WON'T GET AS MUCH OUT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AS YOU WOULD IF YOU ATTEND THE WHOLE WEEK. AFTER WE GET ALL THE PROJECTS GOING, WE WILL SEE WHERE WE CAN BE MORE FLEXIBLE.

ALSO KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND PROJECT ADDITIONS.



We are saving a seat just for you!

**Orientation-All Volunteers-Teen Center Thursday June 1st - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
and Friday June 2nd - 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

We will be going over all the good stuff about YVC, project info, getting to know the team leaders and each other in a two-day orientation this year. I look forward to all of our veteran volunteers sharing your YVC experiences with the newbies. There will be a trip to a surprise location on Friday for team building exercises, we will announce the location on Thursday.

We have full day, morning, afternoon, and even a few mini projects

The Teen Center will open at 7:30 a.m. for members who need to be dropped off early. Please be sure to eat breakfast before arriving. Camp Bennett and Project Transformation volunteers should arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. If you are going to be later than that, you should go directly to your project location and please let us know. The Teen Center is open from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. M-Th. Project Transformation and Camp Bennett provide lunch each day. If you are attending a morning and afternoon project other than those listed above we will have hearty snacks available for you but you can also bring your lunch, remember that a microwave is not always available. Please do not bring pop. Water is always available, but it is helpful if you bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it. **You must wear a YVC shirt each day. You will receive a Summer of Service and 30 year Shirt at Orientation. An extra shirt will be given to volunteers that have week long projects.**



*Come Join The
Summer Fun
While Giving
Back!*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a typical project like?

Projects are supervised by a YVC team leader. All team leaders are first-aid/CPR certified and have passed full background checks. Youth volunteers join a team of their peers, ages 11 to 18, to volunteer their time to help local nonprofits and learn about issues in the Muskogee community. Lunch is provided each day at projects that will take place during lunch hours. Volunteers are introduced to one another and will complete an icebreaker prior to each project day. They will then be introduced to the agency staff who will provide instructions to the team. Team leaders engage volunteers in service learning activities and energizer games and facilitate meaningful reflection. Our goal is to create service that is rewarding, challenging, and educational.

What happens if a project is cancelled?

Projects may be subject to change at anytime. Cancellations will be communicated **via email, text, or GroupMe** from the program director. If you prefer an alternate communication method, please email lhamil@muskogee.org

is there a minimum or maximum number of projects I can volunteer for?

Volunteer as much or as little as you want. Whatever works into your schedule and interests you will be great.

Can parents volunteer at projects with their children?

Parents are not allowed to volunteer with their youth during projects. One of our goals is to encourage our youth volunteers to branch out, meet new people, take responsibility for certain tasks, and learn the value of service as individuals and members of a team. Having parents around may discourage this type of growth.

Project Descriptions Summer 2023

Camp Bennett- 8:00-3:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday

Adult Camp - 2 Weeks June 5 -June 15 10-12 volunteers

Assist special needs adult campers with recreational activities, arts & crafts and swimming. You will also provide camper support on field trips bowling, fishing and the Water Park. Because you have an assigned camp buddy who depends on your attendance, Camp Bennett Adults is a 2 week commitment. All Camp Bennett volunteers must be mature and accepting of the special needs and abilities of the campers and be willing to support them in their activities in a positive and friendly manner.

Kid Camp- 3 Weeks - June 20--July 6 (Closed July 4th) 14-18 volunteers

You will be a “camp buddy” helping “your” buddy rotate through activity centers of archery, science, arts/craft, group games, and field trips. Camp B meets each day, rain or shine! You will need a swim suit/towel each day.

Because you have an assigned camp buddy who depends on your attendance, Camp Bennett Kids is a 3 week commitment. All Camp Bennett volunteers must be mature and accepting of the special needs and abilities of the campers and be willing to support them in their activities in a positive and friendly manner.

PREFERENCE FOR CAMP BENNETT WILL BE GIVEN TO RETURNING CAMP BENNETT VOLUNTEERS WITH THE MOST EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE SOME AVAILABLE SPOTS THAT WILL NEED TO BE FILLED. IF YOU HAVE NOT WORKED AT CAMP BENNETT IN PREVIOUS YEARS BUT WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY, GO AHEAD AND NOTATE ON YOUR SIGN UP SHEETS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT CAMP BENNETT BUT SIGN UP FOR OTHER PROJECTS THAT INTEREST YOU. THIS WILL ENSURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR PROJECTS IN CASE CAMP BENNETT FILLS UP.

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Muskogee Farmer's Market

Tuesdays 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm 2-4 volunteers Open July 4th

Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:30 pm 2-4 volunteers

Volunteers will be assisting visitors/customers at the Benefits Table with S.N.A.P., OK Fresh, Seniors Food Assistance, and general information. We will also have some fun and games thrown in as well.

Pop-Up Head Start Markets

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays 12:00 - 3:30 pm 2 -4 volunteers

Volunteers will accompany OSU HOP staff to different locations throughout Muskogee where they will sell produce to Head Starts children. This is a fun project associated with the Farmers Market and you will see a lot of joy on the faces of those served

Pop-Up Senior Markets

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm 2-4 volunteers

Volunteers will accompany OSU HOP staff to different locations throughout the Muskogee area where they will sell produce to Senior Citizen locations. This is a fun project associated with the Farmers Market and you will see a lot of joy on the faces of those served

Momma C's Meals On The Go

June 5 - July 30 3:00-5:00 pm Monday - Thursday 2-3 volunteers

Our Volunteers serve meals to under-resourced seniors making sure they are fed and checked on.

Drop In Projects

Thursdays June 15th & 29th and July 6th & 20th

3:30 - 5:30 pm All Volunteers Welcome

Volunteers will be working on a variety of projects and having some fun.

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All Aboard Thursday

Thursdays 5:30 - 9:00 3-4 Volunteers

May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th

We will be running the kids zone with crafts, tattoos, and yard games at the Depot Green

Junior Lifeguarding

Tuesdays and Thursdays June 6th - July 27th 2:30 - 4:30 pm

(Project Closed July 4th)

6-8 volunteers

Volunteers will shadow the lifeguards at River Country Water Park and assist with blowing up tubes and handing them out for the lazy river, checking the volleyball area, and other duties as given by the Water Park staff.

Project Transformation- 8:30-3:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs

(Project Closed July 4th)

June 5 - July 27 4 -8 volunteers

Project Transformation is a summer literacy program designed to improve the reading skills of 1-3rd graders during the summer months. Volunteers can spend the mornings listening to kids read to them in 30 minute sessions. Younger volunteers are welcome at this project, but must be mature enough to follow instructions and act as positive role models for the children. YVC will assist PT Team leaders with specific activities such as science projects, computer lab, art, or recreation. They will also assist with kitchen duties, lunch supervision and field trips. Project Transformation does not require a commitment for the entirety of the project, a weekly commitment is required so please only sign up for weeks that you can attend all 4 days.

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Summer Reading Program

Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30 4-6 Volunteers

June 7th - July 26th

Volunteers will be assisting with story time activities, games, and snacks. It is a fun project that we have been missing and are so glad to get to go back.

Whispering Pines

Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 4-6 Volunteers

June 7th - July 26th

We will be providing STEAM, Healthy Living Initiatives, Crafts, and Service Learnings for the youth at Whispering Pines. This will be a fun project for volunteers and attendees.

Play In The Mall

Thursdays June 8th & 22nd and July 13th & 27th

3:30 - 5:30 6-8 Volunteers

Volunteers will have fun and educational games for kids with a healthy living component and a craft to do

Senior Center

1st Monday June & July 12:00 - 1:00

Technology For Seniors

Volunteers will work with seniors on setting up a music playlist, cleaning out cache, basic apps, etc.

Prevention Project YVC C.A.N.

Closed July 4th

Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:30 pm All Volunteers Welcome

Volunteers will work on different fun and educational projects which will assist in working toward a decline in tobacco, vaping, alcohol, and more.



Project Descriptions Summer 2023

Muskogee Art Guild Art Camp

Monday - Thursday July 17th - July 27th

Session 1 8:45 am - 11:15 am

Session 2 12:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Volunteers will assist the instructors with set-up and clean-up. They will also assist the campers with art projects in each class.

**Watch our website under the
Summer of Service Tab
for updates and additions to our
summer schedule.**

