

Summer of Service 2024



June 1, 2024 - August 11, 2024

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.



*Jump On In To
YVC!*

Orientation-All Volunteers-

Saturday May 11th 7pm - 11pm with overnight option followed by breakfast and pickup 9am - 10 am Sunday May 12th

Please bring your favorite snack to share!!

Day 2 Orientation Friday May 31st 9:00 - 3:00 pm (required)

Day 3 Friday June 14th - 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 an evening/overnight orientation this year. I look forward to all of our veteran volunteers sharing your YVC experiences with the newbies. Once again we will be participating in the ropes courses at People Inc on June 14th The permission slips will be handed out at the June 1st orientation.

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 7:00 p.m. M-F. 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 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 parks.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.

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FULL

Touch-a-Truck Saturday, June 1, 2024
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 4-11 /volunteer
Muskogee Civic Center
Volunteers will be working an
information booth for Youth volunteer corps and
the Muskogee Teen Center

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

Adult Camp – 2 Weeks Monday- Thursday

June 3rd - June 15th 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- 2 Weeks - Monday - Friday

June 17th - June 28th 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 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.

MAY 31ST ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED IF YOU HAVE NEVER VOLUNTEERED AT CAMP BENNETT. IF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED AT CAMP BENNETT BEFORE AND ABSOLUTELY CANNOT MAKE IT TO ORIENTATION, CONTACT LESLIE AND/OR KAYLA TO SET UP A ONE ON ONE ORIENTATION MAKEUP DATE.

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 Farmers Market

Wednesdays 7:30 - 1:00 2-4 volunteers May 15th - August 10th

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.

**SATURDAY FARMER MARKETS ARE FULL FOR SUMMER
REMAINING DATES WILL BE SENT ON MONTHLY CALENDARS**

Pop-Up Head Start Markets

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays 1:00 - 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

Okmulgee Farmers Market

Fridays 7:00 - 2:00 2-3 volunteers

June 7th - July 26th

Volunteers will be assisting visitors/customers at the Benefits Table with S.N.A.P., OK Fresh, Seniors Food Assistance, and general information. They are starting some new programs for their market so we may also be training volunteers at that location.

Read To A Dog Program Muskogee Public Library

Tuesdays June 11th & 25th and July 9th & 23rd

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Participating children will each have about 15 minutes to read to Elliott and those that are waiting will enjoy activities/crafts with the volunteers.

Bass Reeves Conference

June 22, 2024 11:00 - 3:30 4-6 Volunteers

Volunteers will help set up and host the luncheon

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All Aboard Thursday

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

June 20th, July 18th,

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

Junior Lifeguarding

Tuesdays and Thursdays June 4th - July 27th 3:00 - 5:00 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 3rd - July 25th 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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Sun Daze With YVC

2:00 - 5:00 PM 3-4 Volunteers

June 9th & 23rd, July 7th & 21st

Volunteers will provide outdoor activities at the selected park for the week. Weather permitting.

Port City Acres

Monday 3:30 - 5:00 pm 4-6 Volunteers

June 3rd - July 29th

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

Whispering Pines

Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 4-6 Volunteers

June 4th - July 30th

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.

Green Country Villate

Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00 pm 4-6 Volunteers

June 3rd - July 29th

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

Play In The Mall

Thursdays June 13th & 27th and July 11th & 25th

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

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Summer Reading Program

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

June 5th - July 31st

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.

Planetarium Story Time at the Library

Tuesday July 2nd and Wednesday July 3rd

9:30 - 11:00 am

We will assist with an inflatable Planetarium that we will have story time in as well as other games and activities.

Fun Solar Program at the Library

Wednesday July 3rd 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

We will assist with the outdoor solar kits where patrons of all ages can look in special sunspotters for a direct view of the sun and sun spots, we will also assist with other fun activities

Box City Building at the Library

Monday July 15th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

We will be working with kids on activities where they can be super heroes and build a Box City to help rescue and protect.

The Great Book Chase at the Library

Tuesday July 30th 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Volunteers will be able to work with this program before and during the event (times will be added) to help create an indoor Adventure Obstacle Course with adventure and mental challenges to complete the course and win their prizes. This will be fun and you will definitely get to use your imagination.

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Muskogee Art Guild Art Camp

Monday - Thursday July 15th - August 1st

Session 1 8:45 am - 11:15 am Up to 4 volunteers

Session 2 12:45 pm - 3:15 pm Up to 4 volunteers

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

Gospel Rescue Mission Game Night

6:00 - 8:00 PM 3-6 Volunteers

June 10th and 24th &

July 8th and 22nd

Volunteers will provide board games and refreshments during a social event at the Gospel Rescue Mission.

Craft To Table

8:00 - Noon 2-4 Volunteers

June 8th & 22nd, July 6th & 20th

Volunteers will do crafts and game playing with kids that come to the Farmer's Market

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