



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT/VERNONIA TRIP

Parents and Youth,

We are delighted that your young person will be participating in the **March 19th-24th Sierra Service Project (SSP)/Vernonia trip**. Please keep this critical information at your home. This is important contact and schedule information regarding the BCUMC Youth Group sponsored Sierra Service Project/Vernonia (Portland) trip.

LOGISTICS

March 19th

6:00am. We will leave BCUMC at 6am. All Youth are expected to be at **BCUMC by 5:30am**. Visit **Dunsmuir Park** and **Dorris Ranch Living History Park**. Drive that night to Clackamas, OR. Check into Clackamas Hampton Inn.

March 20nd

Spend the day in Portland. Experience **Dignity Village**, and **Right 2 Dream Too**. Arrive in **Vernonia** by 5pm to start **SSP** program.
http://sierraserviceproject.org/weekend_of_service.html

March 21st

SSP Service work day in Vernonia

March 22nd

Spend morning at work site. Check out of SSP around 2:00 pm. Afternoon trip to Tillamook - cheese factory + coast. Evening at **Tillamook UMC**. Attend Pajama Youth Church Service at Tillamook UMC.

March 23th

Day trip to **Crater Lake National Park**. Drive to Ashland that night. Check into La Quinta Inn - Ashland, OR.

March 24nd

Attend **Oregon Shakespeare Festival** afternoon production of **“Guys and Dolls”**. Return to Brentwood, CA by 10:00pm.

Cost: \$150 (Includes, Hotels, SSP, and Festival ticket) + Pocket money for snacks, light lunch, and other temptations! Suggest \$40 for trip.

<u>Chaperone</u>	<u>Mobile Numbers</u>	<u>Chaperone</u>	<u>Mobile Numbers</u>
Julius Lukacs	415-518-0584	Paul Slay	925-354-5744
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Rev. Hyesung Lee	925-303-9339		



===== BEFORE THE TRIP =====

By January 31

Check made payable to BCUMC for **\$150 to cover the trip costs.**

A Chaperone must meet with parents of participants. We will review forms, commitments, expectations, dietary restrictions, health issues, and schedules with each parent.

All SSP/BCUMC forms must be completed and signed and returned to Julius or Paul

- SSP Youth Medical History & Release Form
- SSP Youth Covenant Form
- BCUMC Youth Program Participation Form (If not already on file)

March 6th

Youth and Parents **MUST** attend the trip orientation session at BCUMC.

What and How to Pack

Please pack light. We have a limited amount of luggage space in vehicles. Each participant will be limited to **(1) small duffle type bag and (1) over-night bag** (Must fit under a seat).

Suggested items include **(underlined = (1) over-night bag)**

- ✓ small bibles,
- ✓ sleeping mattress, bags, small pillow, and pajamas (**no cots available**)
- ✓ toiletries including towels, shampoo, soap, washcloth, toothpaste - ziplock
- ✓ swimsuit, plastic bag for laundry/wet suits
- ✓ work gloves, hats, extra socks
- ✓ disposable camera,
- ✓ rain poncho,
- ✓ **sun glasses, sunscreen,**
- ✓ necessary medications (make chaperone aware),
- ✓ phone charger,
- ✓ light jacket, layers,
- ✓ snacks for van rides.
- ✓ **and sturdy closed-toe work shoes + extra pair of tennis shoes.**

All clothing (including pajamas) must meet the BCUMC covenant of conduct. *Avoid items like expensive jewelry, open toe shoes, gaming systems, hard shell luggage, fancy clothing.*



===== WHILE ON THE TRIP =====

Important things to note about SSP:

Founded in 1975 by the United Methodist Church, **SSP is a Christian non-profit organization, so expect praying, singing, and church service on Sunday.** While we are participating in the SSP portion of the trip, SSP has very specific guidelines. These can be found in the participation guide on-line.

Electronics and eating at SSP

Cell phones are not allowed during the SSP portion of the trip. Chaperones will have cell phones for emergency contact, but youth will not. They may bring iPods, Cell Phones, on the trip to use while traveling to and from SSP, but not while at SSP. SSP also regulates certain eating habits. Given SSP requires a certain amount of physical labor and healthy fellowship with peers, it's been our experience that certain eating habits, and technology usage does impact the group dynamics. **SSP prohibits candy, sugary and energy drinks, and Gatorade.**

Code of Conduct

We have a high expectation of all participants to follow SSP and BCUMC code of conduct during the **entire trip. This includes a special emphasis on sleeping arrangements.** Respect yourself, the group, and the congregation you represent.

Chaperones

All Chaperones have completed Safe Sanctuary training and have cleared complete background checks by the United Methodist Church. While on trip, participants/chaperones need to stay together and have charged cell phones. **No charge, No go!**

Fellowship time

All participants must get together at the designated times for full fellowship, including community meals and group activities both at SSP and other trip locations.

Spending Habits

Spending should be kept to a minimum (under \$40). While Portland and Ashland can be very tempting, **equal spending opportunities is important** for strong bonding and community. **Save the big spending for family trips.**

Our top priority is safety, fellowship, and full program participation.

We look forward to having your young person on the trip. We know this will be a rewarding and fun experience for them.

Blessings,

The BCUMC Youth Team