**Serve Day Project Plan 2023**
Communication:
5/8 - Exec and Leadership Team Email; post on Creekhelp
5/9 - All Staff

**Bottom Line:**
Serve Day is our annual event that invites everyone at CedarCreek to show our communities that they matter to God and they matter to us.

Each campus will host at least two projects on Serve Day. One will be the [Back to School Outreach.docx](https://cedarcreektv-my.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/g/personal/laurens_cedarcreek_tv/ERqgWTAzAKtItpgk8aNOUAUBbOejHiHaTeQo00WOwxbaLA?e=pDMhxU) project. Projects should be suitable for a large group of people with an array of ability levels to participate in. Summer Groups are encouraged to choose their own service project by identifying an organization or individual that they could serve by meeting a need they have or encouraging them; Campuses have the option of supporting Groups by providing a list of potential projects and partners.

**Goals:**

* To show the love of Christ to our communities in a real and tangible way.
* For Groups to identify opportunities where they can serve their community, plan a serve project, and serve on July 22nd.
* To give everyone at CedarCreek, whether they are part of a group or not, an opportunity to make a difference on Serve Day on their own or with their family.
* For participants who have a passion for serving to consider starting an outreach group next semester.
* To see every staff member champion serving others on Serve Day by participating in a project or leading a project.
* Tangible Results. At the end of Serve Day, we will gather stories and data from project leaders and participants. The purpose of this is to celebrate and share the story of Serve Day. It is also to help us plan for the future and connect with guests that want to take next steps in outreach.

**When:**

* Saturday, July 22, 2023
* Project times will vary, and the recommendation is that projects last no more than 2 hours.

**Where:**

* Serve Day will take place is NW Ohio/SE Michigan
* Serve Day projects will serve in neighborhoods helping those that have a need, at businesses or organizations in our community where we have influence, or in areas that we are passionate about.

**Who:**

* Every Group for summer semester is invited to be a part of Serve Day through a self-identified project.
* Every Guest of CedarCreek is invited to participate on Serve Day through a campus project.

**Group Leader FAQs:**

**I’m a Group leader and I don’t have a Serve opportunity selected, but my small group wants to serve. What should I do? How do I plan it?**
First, get creative! Talk to your Group. We have found the best ideas come from their suggestions and they will enjoy it more too. Assess people and their needs in your neighborhood and around your community. Perhaps there is a widow, single mother, or elderly person that could be assisted by cutting grass, or cleaning up the yard. Firefighters, police officers, school resource officers, nursing home residents, assisted living homes, and local business owners are all great people to reach out to and find a way to serve! Your campus can also provide you with a list of potential projects and partners.

**Should I communicate to the Church which Serve Day project our group is planning?**
Yes, we definitely would like know about what your group is participating in. You can register your group’s Serve project online at CedarCreek.tv/ServeDay.

**Who pays the costs associated with our Group’s Serve Project (supplies, travel expenses, etc.)?**
Each Group is responsible for all of the supplies and costs associated with their serve project. Spend time determining the scope, and plan work based on your group size and commitment level. If you have a vision for a project that exceeds the finances your Group can provide, you can apply for a [Serve Day Grants.docx](https://cedarcreektv-my.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/g/personal/laurens_cedarcreek_tv/EVHXoXlQocxBpML2Gyaahr8Br0xC7vOmEIHW7vpq0rA2DA?e=AiU8g1). Applications are due May 15th.

**Will the church be communicating additional details about Serve Day?**
Weekly emails will be sent to all Group leaders and co-leaders, and general information will be communicated at CedarCreek.tv/ServeDay. More info may be presented during weekend services prior to Serve Day too.

**What if it rains?**
If you have an outside serve project, make plans to have an inclement weather option in mind.

**Will there be a Campus kickoff or celebration?**
Each campus has unique plans for kicking off and/or celebrating Serve Day. Those details will be communicated with you by your campus.

**Staff FAQ:**

**What is the role of staff on Serve Day?**
Serve Day is the primary day each year when we collectively represent our hearts for those beyond our walls. Ideally, all staff participate and/or lead Serve Day projects (at the discretion of their supervisor).