**Serve Day Vision and FAQ**

**Vision:**

Serve Day is a one-day event on July 21 that closes out the Summer Group Semester and provides an opportunity to bless the community and be blessed by serving.

Every Group for summer semester is encouraged to choose a serve project of their own and be the hands and feet of Jesus on SERVE Day. In addition, campus Serve Day projects are offered to those who are not in a Group to provide the opportunity to serve, experience Group life, and be invited to join in a Group for fall.

**Who:**

* Every Group for summer semester is invited to be a part of Serve Day. They are encouraged to choose a serve project of their own and be the hands and feet of Jesus that day.
* Every Guest of CedarCreek is invited to participate on Serve Day through Serve Day Projects.

**When:**

* Saturday, July 21 (Project times will vary)

**Where:**

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

**Goals:**

* To end the summer Groups semester by showing the love of Christ 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 21st.
* To give everyone at CedarCreek, whether they are part of a group or not, an opportunity to step into a serve project with a group or campus.
* For participants who are not in a group to be inspired to join a group next semester.
* For participants who have a passion for serving to consider starting an outreach group next semester.
* To see our staff champion serving others on Serve Day by participating in a project or leading a project.

**Project Types:**

* Group Projects – A Group Project is a project that a Group leader has identified, planned and registered. Group Leaders and Members will serve together on their project.
* Campus Projects – A Campus Projects are projects planned by the Serve Day Lead at each campus.

FAQ:

**What is SERVE Day?**SERVE Day is a one-day outreach event that closes out our Summer Group Semester. It’s an amazing opportunity to make a difference by serving outside of the church – and bonus, we typically grow personally when we do! Our hope is to host Serve Day annually.

**Who participates in Serve Day?**

We encourage every Group to choose a serve project of their own and be the hands and feet of Jesus on SERVE Day. Groups can choose to be open for Serve Day, adding new people to their Group for the day to serve with them. In addition, about 10 days before Serve Day, we will open up campus projects for people to join if they have not found a Group project that fits.

**I want to participate in SERVE Day but I am not in a small group. How do I find a small group?**Most groups are open to new members throughout the semester. Our Groups Directory can help you find a group that fits your interest, location and time preference. Learn more about Groups at CedarCreek.TV/groups. You can also check out the SERVE Projects that Groups are doing at CedarCreek.tv/ServeDay. There you will find a list of Groups that have serve projects with room for others to help. Simply find one you like and contact the leader listed.

**What should I bring on SERVE Day?**Plan on bringing any personal items you may need, like your SERVE Day T-shirt, sunscreen, drinking water, tennis shoes, a hat, etc., along with any items pertaining to your serve project such as rakes, gloves, lawnmowers, tarps, work tools, etc. For serve opportunities requiring physical labor, work clothes are a good idea. We recommend not wearing jewelry. Also check with your leader for what you may need.

**How do I get a Serve Day t-shirt?**

T-shirts will be distributed to group leaders at their campus on the July 14/15. Leaders will distribute them to their groups at their last group or at Serve Day. For those that are not in a group, they will receive their shirt when they arrive at the Campus Project.

**Will there be SERVE Projects available for those NOT in a Group?**Yes, check out the opportunities listed on the Serve Projects page that have room for others to help out on Serve Day. Many of the Small Groups are open for you to join them on their serve project. These opportunities will be posted on the Serve Projects page. Find one that interests you and contact the leader for questions and details.

**What time do projects start? What kind of timing should I expect?**Projects can start anytime on Saturday the 21st. Our recommendation is that they be finished by the start of the Saturday church service or the campus celebration. Projects do not have required length of time.

**GROUP LEADER FAQ:**

**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 painting their house, 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! Check out our list of ideas at CedarCreek.tv/ServeDay, and other options from local service organizations for ways to get involved.

**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. That’s also where you can let us know if you have room to add people to your Group for the project you have selected. In this way, it’s helping connect people who aren’t connected as well as serving those in our community.

**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.

**How do I get a SERVE Day t-shirt?**

T-shirts will be distributed to group leaders who have a registered project at their campus on July 14/15. Leaders will distribute them to their groups at their last group or at Serve Day. For those that are not in a group, they will receive their shirt when they arrive at the Campus Project.

**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. Some suggestions are to visit a nursing home, serve at a local service organization, or clean classrooms at a local school.

**What will each campus do to celebrate?**Campus celebrations will take place either before or after the 5:15 service on Saturday, July 21st. There will be food of some kind. (ie: hot dogs, walking tacos, ice cream etc.) The size and scale of the celebration will be decided by the campus team. The vision for the celebration is to create an opportunity for participants to come together and share stories with each other and celebrate the day.

**STAFF FAQ:**

**What is the role of staff on Serve Day?**

The recommendation is that salaried staff who are not in a group would make great leads for “Campus Projects”; hourly staff would be welcome to participate at direct report discretion. If staff members are leading a Group, the recommendation is to identify a leader in their group who can lead your group on SERVE Day so it frees you to lead a Campus Project. Serve Day leads may also lead a Campus Project.