

Summer Service Sites 2023

Below is a list of Summer Service sites for 2023.

All assignments are full-time (40-hours a week). Students cannot have another job during their 10-weeks of service. Summer assignments will begin the first or second week of June and conclude 10 weeks later in the second or third week of August.

Please read through each opportunity below. When you complete your application, please indicate which sites or projects interest you!

Please note that while many sites have a connection with a spiritual community, all sites welcome ULV students from any philosophical, non-religious, religious, secular or spiritual worldview. There is no expectation that ULV students share the worldview or background of the organization.

Latino and Latina Roundtable

Location: Pomona

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,000

Weekly Stipend: \$50 (for a total of \$500 for the summer)

Website: <https://www.latinolatinaroundtable.org/>

Number of Students: 1

Dates of Service: TBA

The Latino/a Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley works to improve quality of life and socio-economic justice for the Latinx community and those facing inequities through advancing education, leadership development, and civic participation. This is a special opportunity to advance and empower the Latinx community. [We are waiting on confirmation that this site is available for 2022. More information about the summer experience will be added soon upon confirmation]

Hillcrest Retirement Community

Location: La Verne

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,000

Weekly Stipend: \$50 (for a total of \$500 for the summer)

Website: <https://livingathillcrest.org>

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: May 29 – August 4, 2023

Hillcrest is a Retirement Community for older adults. Student volunteers work with older adults, assisting the Activities Director with daily activities, field trips, care. One student will work with those residents that are in Assisted Living and one student will work with those in nursing care. The two ULV volunteers will also have the opportunity to plan a large activity day for the residents that will happen near the end of the 10-weeks.

YMCA Camp Oakes

Location: Big Bear Lake, CA

Room and Board: at Camp Oakes

Weekly Stipend: \$100 (for a total of \$1000 for the summer)

Website: <https://www.lbymca.org/campoakes/camp-oakes-home>

Number of Students: 2-4

Dates of Service: May 29-August 5, 2023 (students have the option to stay an additional 1-2 weeks for pay)

Every summer, YMCA Camp Oakes provides the experience of a lifetime for nearly 6,600 campers. Organizations such as scouts, churches, schools, and those with special needs participate in a variety of activities at their year-round camp and conference center. In keeping with the traditions of the YMCA, campers enjoy the spiritual up-lift that spending time up in the mountains can bring. Daily chapel (non-denominational), as well as nightly devotions, reinforce what it means to "be a good person," campers develop values and character, demonstrate how campers can bring that meaning to their everyday lives, and emphasize the foundations of the YMCA--Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

Summer Service volunteers help with the summer camp children's program. Different groups come to the camp each week. Volunteers help with daily programs such as archery, swimming, challenge course, nature walks, crafts. Volunteers also help with camp store. This is in a beautiful setting in the San Gabriel mountains.

Camp Myrtlewood

Location: Myrtlewood, OR

Room and Board: at Camp Myrtlewood

Weekly Stipend: \$50 (for a total of \$500 for the summer)

Website: <https://www.campmyrtlewood.org>

Number of Students: 3

Dates of Service: TBA

Camp Myrtlewood provides an outdoor setting where persons and groups may find spiritual renewal. Students will be part of the camp staff, cooking, cleaning and serving the weekly groups that come to the camp. This is a very beautiful setting in the mountains of Oregon. The camp was started by the Church of the Brethren and serves groups that are both within and outside of that tradition. From the Camp Director: Camp Myrtlewood is a 156 acre refuge in the foothills of the coastal range. We are surrounded by forest and bisected by Myrtle Creek. We provide lodging and meals to over 2,000 campers a year. Our mission is that of hospitality. Our hiking trails, swimming hole, rec. field, lodges, and campfire circle make our little slice of heaven a welcomed reprieve for all who visit. It takes a dedicated staff to make each and every camper's stay a memorable one. Our time is mainly spent cooking and cleaning; there are miles of trail to maintain, wood to split and landscape to beautify. We create and maintain an atmosphere that helps our visitors and staff feel at home. We work together to build community.

Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation

Location: San Dimas, CA

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,000

Weekly Stipend: No weekly stipend

Website: <https://tzuchi.us>

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: TBA

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is an international humanitarian organization whose mission is to relieve the suffering of those in need while creating a better world for all through compassion, love and hope. Volunteers will assist the organization with humanitarian projects all over the world, especially in Latin America and Asia, and locally in So CA. Student's fluent in Spanish or Mandarin can help with additional projects. [We are waiting on confirmation that this site is available for 2022. More information about the summer experience will be added soon upon confirmation]

Baha'i Community

Location: Rancho Cucamonga and surrounding cities in the Inland Valley

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,000

Weekly Stipend: No weekly stipend

Websites: 1) <http://www.rcbahai.org> 2) <https://wotmnetwork.org/> 3) www.peopleforpeaceandprosperity.org

Number of Students: 2-4

Dates of Service: TBA

Immerse yourself with the Baha'i religious community of Rancho Cucamonga. Summer Service volunteers will assist with the Bahai's humanitarian efforts in the community, especially children's programming (Baha'i neighborhood youth clubs), women's empowerment programs (Women on the Move), and People for Peace and Prosperity, including outreach at Upland Farmer's Market and Cooper Heritage Museum. This is an opportunity to actively serve the community while also learning about the Baha'i tradition and its beliefs and practices.

Volunteers will participate in the following activities:

1. Non profit work with PFPP (People for peace & prosperity) and Women on the Move Network (WOTMN). Will be trained to be mentors for an after-school program during the coming school year to conduct a Virtues Virtual Camp for junior youth ages 8-10, based on faith-based principles, plan educational and recreational activities including a field trip to Univ. of La Verne, develop curriculum, art projects, and a journal/art portfolio for the camp's "moving on" ceremony.
2. With PFPP, get trained to understand the basics of grant writing and the steps to start you own non-profit and to develop community service projects based on faith/inspired principles
3. Study the basic tenets of spirituality, the power of prayers, and life of the spirit according to the teachings of Bahai faith www.usbahai.org and its vision of the oneness of humanity as one human family. Learn principles of how to build a society premised on consultation, collaboration, engaging in social action and public discourse. This part includes attending Bahai social and cultural events and gatherings, participating in multi-faith , multicultural devotionals and youth service projects with the homeless and disenfranchised population .
4. Training on community building through developing interfaith relations, race and gender relations and an introduction through workshops and group study of important work on the history of inequities and lessons to be learned from atrocities committed by espousing attitudes of "otherness."

La Verne Church of the Brethren Peace Camp

Location: La Verne

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,000

Weekly Stipend: \$50 (for a total of \$500 for the summer)

Website: <https://www.lavernecob.org>

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: TBA

Summer service at the La Verne Church of the Brethren will have a focus on Peace Camp, a weeklong day camp for children that takes place during the last week of July. The focus of Peace Camp is to teach children concepts of peace making in relevant and age-appropriate ways. ULV students will be part of Peace Camp from start to finish. The summer service will include:

- Working with a team to research and develop peace concepts and activities for children
- Working alongside directors to train volunteers
- Communication with parents, students, volunteers, and staff
- Administrative functions such as phone calls, email creation, graphic creation
- Learning to tie dye
- Providing leadership for parts of Peace Camp
- And more!

Other projects unrelated to Peace Camp may be offered, such as opportunities to help develop and generate social media content for the church, evaluate or give input on current church programming, as well as general assistance that may be needed around the office and/or church building. Bring whatever unique gifts and talents you possess and we may be able to find a way to use them during your time of service.

Camp de Benneville Pines

Location: Angelus Oaks, CA (near Big Bear Lake)

Room and Board: at Camp de Benneville Pines

Weekly Stipend: no weekly stipend

Website: <https://www.uucamp.org/about-2/contact-us/>

Number of Students: 2

Camp de Benneville Pines is a Unitarian/Universalist camp that serves campers of all ages to connect in nature, igniting creativity, and building capacity to influence positive change in the world. They seek to cherish and preserve the natural environment, promote play and recreation in life-affirming ways, encourage life-long learning and spiritual growth, seek to build a beloved community and change the world for the better. Student volunteers will assist with all aspect of the camp, including helping with programming, camp counseling, assisting in the kitchen, maintaining the grounds of the camp, and cleaning cabins. Students will rotate between different work throughout the summer. Throughout the summer there will be youth camps, camps for adults, and family camps. For four weeks, student volunteers will work with a special camp program called "[Camp Bravo](#)", a theatre arts camp for junior high and high school youth.

Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center

Location: Abiquiu, New Mexico (near Espanola, and 2 hours from Albuquerque)

Room and Board: Ghost Ranch, shared rooms with other college students

Weekly Stipend: \$100

Website: <https://www.ghostranch.org>

Number of Students: 2

Ghost Ranch grounds its life and program in reverence, hospitality for all people, and respect for creation. The Mission Statement of Ghost Ranch Hospitality and service are cornerstone values that permeate every facet of life at the ranch. Each staff member is called to work joyfully and to be prepared to extend hospitality and service to each other, to the guests, and to the local community. For example, the College Staff helps the ever-busy kitchen staff by cleaning the tables in the Dining Hall after meals. If a guest needs assistance in finding a building on campus, we welcome the opportunity to guide them. When the maintenance and hospitality staff seeks aide in setting up classroom chairs, we pitch in. During the summer, Ghost Ranch hosts a number of programs, many which are for youth.

The College Staff program is one of the oldest traditions of Ghost Ranch. Originally defined as a 'work/study seminar' by our first director, Rev. Jim Hall, this position provides an opportunity for you to live and work in the community with the staff and instructors of Ghost Ranch to provide our guests with the summer experience of a lifetime. Many of the families that visit us during the summer months have been coming here for decades!

These are a few details to describe a bit about the summer College Staff routine at Ghost Ranch: While your position will be anchored in a primary job assignment (i. e. youth programming, museums, hospitality, etc.), you will also engage with the kitchen, housekeeping, and welcome center staff to assist with meals, room changeovers, and Sunday afternoon check-ins. We host between 300-450 guests each week during the summer and it takes 'our village' to be ready and fresh for each week.

The rhythm of a week will look something like this: Sunday mornings - change rooms, Sunday afternoons - check-in, Monday-Friday - work in primary job assignment, Friday evening - final show and celebration of the week with guests. You will work a 40-hour workweek and have two days off to rest, recover, and enjoy the ranch and local region. The summer months are a joyful, hot (temperature!), and boisterous, busy time at Ghost Ranch as we welcome new guests each week.

You will be part of a cohort of 16-18 college students working at Ghost Ranch for the summer. You will share a room with 2 other college students. There are always enough students with cars, so even if you do not have your own car, you will be able to go into town with others and enjoy your days off, etc.

New Community Project

Location: Harrisonburg, Virginia

Room and Board: at new Community Project

Weekly Stipend: No weekly stipend

Website: <https://www.newcommunityproject.org>

Number of Students: 2

Students will work with New Community Project at their Sustainable Living Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This organization has a focus on simple living, environmental justice, community gardens, food justice projects, community organizing skills and social justice efforts. Learn practical skills in sustainable gardening and permaculture. Volunteers will live in community with others who work with the Center and seek to live in a way that leaves a small environmental footprint.

NCP Mission: New Community Project (NCP) is a small organization with a big goal: to change the world! We seek to cultivate works of social justice, ecological sustainability, and experiential learning as essential elements in building a peaceful and a nonviolent society. We believe that all people can be transformed to become instruments of God's love and peace in the world.

Interns will work with the new Jubilee Climate Farm located six miles outside of Harrisonburg, Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley. Interns will live with a family in Harrisonburg and be involved in working at the farm.

Students will learn and engage in issues about migration and refugees, food security and food justice, climate change, and how agriculture can play a critical role as a solution.

Along with work on the farm, students will be engaged in community building, cooking food together, reading round table discussions, and afternoons heading for a swim to cool off in the nearby rivers and lakes in the National Forest. The farm has three objectives where students can be involved.

1. *Food security, research, and implementation of best carbon farming practices as key mitigation strategies for climate change.* Students will learn about climate issues and how food and agriculture can be transformed to have a positive impact on climate change. Students will work hand in hand with our multicultural staff to implement silvopasture, stream restoration work, construct an outdoor solar kitchen, and tend our gardens that provide food to low income families and local shelters.
2. *Land access for recent immigrants and refugees who wish to farm and grow healthy food.* Students will work alongside refugee families and recent immigrants who will work in our community gardens. Students will learn the impacts experienced by people fleeing their countries because of war and conflict.
3. *Small Farms Carbon Alliance.* The Jubilee Climate Farm is forming an Alliance with regional and international small farms to support and build a network to transition to carbon farming to help solve the climate crisis. Students can help in creating media and web material for supporting the Alliance.