

2025 Summer Service Sites

Below is a list of Summer Service sites for 2025

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.

Note: Not all of the sites have given us their start dates. We will add them to this document as we hear back about start dates.

LOCAL SITES

Hillcrest Retirement Community

Location: La Verne

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Lunch at Hillcrest M-F & Food stipend of \$1,500

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

Website: <https://livingathillcrest.org>

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: June 2 – August 8, 2025

Work Hours: Monday - Friday

Hillcrest is a not-for-profit retirement community for older adults. Student volunteers work with older adults, assisting Life Enrichment Coordinators with daily activities, field trips, engagement, communications, entertainment, and more. One student will work with residents living in Assisted Living and one student will work with those in a skilled nursing environment. The two ULV volunteers may also have opportunities to contribute to and help execute large activities for the residents if they occur during their volunteer time.

Inland Valley Humane Society

Location: Pomona

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,500

Weekly Stipend: None

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

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: June 2 – August 8, 2025

Work Hours: Mostly during the week, some weekends

The Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A. promote awareness, appreciation of and humanity towards all animals. They provide animal care and control services to the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Verne, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, San Dimas, and the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County including West End, San Antonio Heights and Mt. Baldy. Sheltering Services are provided for the City of La Habra.

The Inland Valley Humane Society and S.P.C.A. is looking for dedicated individuals with a passion for animal care. In this 10-week partnership, students will gain experience in customer service, animal handling skills, basic veterinary care, and lost pet reunification. This experience is for students who want to volunteer their time to the care of animals and dealing with the public.

Inland Valley Hope Partners

Location: La Verne

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,500

Weekly Stipend: None

Website: <https://www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org/About-Us/Contact-Us.asp>

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: June 3 – August 9, 2025

Work Hours: Monday – Thursday, Saturdays

Inland Valley Hope Partners brings together faith communities, businesses, individuals, and community groups, and ensures the empowerment of people in need by providing food, shelter, and supportive services. They serve 75,000 no, very low and low-income residents of west San Bernardino County and east Los Angeles County every year. Core programs include: Food Security Program: locations in Ontario, Pomona, Claremont, Upland, Chino, and San Dimas. Housing Programs: Our House Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Rental Assistance. Healthy Living Programs: Hope Partners at Gleaning Hope and the Pomona Valley Certified Farmers Market. They also provide emergency food supplies (groceries) for over 900,000 meals and some 16,000 nights of shelter and housing assistance annually. They also offer thousands of pounds of fresh fruit and produce every year.

The Summer Service volunteer will be provided a hands-on experience in various aspects of non-profit operations. Through this experience, a young person will have the opportunity to provide direct services to clients as well as gain valuable office experience. Key responsibilities may include researching and assisting in the development of policies and procedures; conducting phone-interviews to determine eligibility of prospective clients; developing resource materials for clients; assisting with grant administration; assisting with the creation of development and marketing materials, serving at local food banks and at Pomona Farmer's Market on Saturdays, and much more.

Baha'i Community

Location: Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and Claremont & surrounding cities in the Inland Valley

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,500

Weekly Stipend: No weekly stipend

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

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: June 2 – August 9, 2025

Work Hours: Varies. Can include weekend hours

Immerse yourself with the Baha'i religious communities of Rancho Cucamonga, Claremont and Upland. 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 \$1,500

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

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

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: June 2 – August 10, 2025 (peace camp dates are July 28-Aug. 1)

Work Hours: Sundays and 4 weekdays. Hours will be coordinated before service begins

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. The final week of service will be devoted to clean-up and organizing after Peace Camp concludes.

Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley

Location: Pomona, CA

Room and Board: ULV Residence Hall + Food stipend of \$1,500

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

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

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: June 2 – August 16, 2025.

The Latino & Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley (LRT) works to improve quality of life and socio-economic justice for the Latino community and those facing inequities through advancing education, leadership development, and civic participation. This is a special opportunity to advance and empower the Latino community!

LRT is seeking passionate and committed students to support our community engagement initiatives. This role is ideal for students interested in social justice, community development, and activism. You will work closely with our team to help mobilize community members, coordinate events, and raise awareness about pressing issues. The role and responsibilities include, but not limited to: participating in team meetings and contributing ideas to enhance community involvement. Assist in managing social media accounts and creating content to

promote events and initiatives. Support logistics in-person, including venue arrangements, materials preparation, and participant outreach.

Benefits include:

- Gain hands-on experience in community organizing and advocacy.
- Opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to local communities.
- Potential for future employment or reference opportunities.

SITES OUTSIDE OF THE AREA

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.ghost ranch.org>

Dates: June 1 – August 9, 2025 (approximately)

Number of Students: 2

Work Hours: Varies week to week, including weekends

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.

Summer staff is a seasonal position at Ghost Ranch for people between the ages of 18 and 24 that offers an opportunity to live and learn, work and play in community with the ranch staff and program instructors while providing Ghost Ranch's summer guests with the experience of a lifetime. A team of 16 Summer Staff will arrive early in June. Summer Service volunteers will leave the second weekend in August.

Here are some details that describe a bit about Summer Staff at Ghost Ranch:

- Youth Programming is a large part of summers at the ranch, both for weekly guests and youth from the community. All of Summer Staff will interact with youth at some point, some more than others.
- Your position will likely be anchored in a primary job assignment (i.e. youth programming, hospitality, outdoor, maintenance, office, museums, etc.),
- You will also engage with the kitchen, housekeeping, and welcome center staff in assisting with meals, room changeovers, and Sunday afternoon check-ins.
- We want you to have fun, and will do our part in making sure this happens! We will help arrange field trips and gatherings specifically for Summer Staff so that your summer is a transformative time in this beautiful landscape of Northern New Mexico.

While work assignments are part of the experience, we are hopeful that you will come away with new friends and a summer you will always remember.

The summer months are a joyful, hot, and boisterously busy time at Ghost Ranch. Even as we welcome new guests each week, the rhythm of a week might look something like this:

- Sunday mornings - housekeeping and meeting space set up,
- Sunday afternoons - guest check-in.
- Monday-Friday - primary job assignments,
- Friday evening - final show and celebration of the week with guests.

You will work a 40-hour work week and have two days off during each week to rest, recover, and enjoy the ranch and local region. Your days off will not always be on the weekend or consecutive. 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.

College staff will stay in our mesa dorms-Roadrunner and Yucca. There will be approximately sixteen college staff who work together, forming a wonderful community and friendships that last a lifetime! We will especially look for those interested in and able to lifeguard (a current lifeguarding certificate is required). We also welcome applicants who want to work with youth of all ages as well as those who play instruments (especially guitar and piano). At heart, we are looking for applications who want to work at Ghost Ranch and help us provide great hospitality.

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: 4

Dates: TBA

Work Hours: Varies week to week, including weekends

Students will work with New Community Project at their Jubilee Climate Farm and Sustainable Living Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This organization has a focus on simple living, environmental and social justice, community gardens, and community organizing. Students will learn practical skills in carbon farming, food security, community organizing and social justice, and sustainability. Volunteers will live at the Jubilee Climate Farm and work with our staff and community members.

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 NCP's Jubilee Climate Farm three to four days a week located six miles outside of Harrisonburg, Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley. This farm is focused on agroforestry systems that capture carbon from the atmosphere as a key solution to the climate crisis. The food grown at the farm goes to over 300 food insecure families. In addition, the farm provides community garden plots for recent immigrants. Students will also work one to two days a week with our urban sustainable living center in town supporting permaculture systems, community gardens and engaging with adults recovering from drug and alcohol addiction with our partners, Strength in Peers. Volunteers will live at the farm in a newly obtained farmhouse.

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, tree nursery work, 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.

Camp Myrtlewood

Location: Bridge, 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: 4

Dates of Service: June 7 or 8 – August 16

Work Hours: Varies week to week, including weekends

Camp Myrtlewood provides a rural, outdoor setting where persons and groups may find spiritual renewal and connect with nature. Camp was founded by the Church of the Brethren in 1936 and serves groups that are both within and outside of that tradition. These groups include youth summer camps, family reunions, women's retreats and many others. We provide lodging and meals to over 2,000 campers a year. Our mission is that of hospitality, where campers can feel welcome and comfortable. Our hiking trails, swimming hole, recreation field, lodges, and campfire circle make our little slice of heaven a welcomed reprieve for all who visit. Camp is located in the coastal mountains, in a lush and beautiful temperate rainforest. We are about an hour from the nearest city and 45 minutes to the coast.

La Verne students will be part of the camp staff community; cooking, cleaning and serving the weekly groups that come to the camp. Other tasks include trail maintenance, chopping wood, landscaping and gardening, and other special projects. We are grateful for your unique talents and interests to provide enrichment to camp. It takes a dedicated staff to make each and every camper's stay a memorable one. We welcome all students who enjoy connecting with the natural world and collaborating with diverse groups of people.

Camp Koinonia

Location: Cle Elum, CA

Room and Board: at Camp Koinonia

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

Website: <https://campkoinonia.org>

Number of Students: 2

Dates of Service: May 31 – August 10, 2025

Work Hours: Varies week to week, including weekends

Located in Central Washington, Camp Koinonia is surrounded by the Cascade Mountains with 111 acres to explore. With a rich history of campers, retreaters, camp staff, volunteers and donors, Camp Koinonia provides guests with a unique experience in the woods. Surrounded by 111 acres of tall pines and towering mountains, Koinonia offers a rustic hideaway with several perks. Some of their site attractions include a heated swimming pool, pond for kayaks, archery tag, fishing, full service dining hall, fire pits, horse stables, a yurt, and a mile of hiking trails. The camp is meant to be a home away from home for a week, weekend, or summer camp experience! The camp was begun by the Church of the Brethren and hosts groups that are both religious and secular.

La Verne students will support the overall operation of camp in a variety of areas, including food service, dishes, grounds and facilities, organizing, housekeeping, maintenance, and leading activities. Help host our groups and meet their daily needs. Create an atmosphere that they will never forget. After pre-summer preparations (June 1-20), students may have the opportunity to serve as a day camp counselor. Day Camp Counselors will be assigned a Trail Group, a co-ed group of 7-10 campers ages 5-12, to work with for the week. Often, they will be paired with one

co-counselor. Day Camp counselors are responsible for all aspects of the camp experience for their campers: supervision, safety, leading games and activities, and behavior management.

Day in the Life: Each day, you will be assigned shifts in various areas of camp. This could look like: help prepare and serve breakfast, spend the rest of the morning assisting with light maintenance work. Serve lunch, followed by some housekeeping tasks in the afternoon. Head back to the kitchen to help with dinner, then clock out for the day. Responsibilities will vary day to day and be based on your strengths and camp's needs. Flexibility is essential.

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