

**Network of Sacred Heart Schools
Summer Service Projects - 2008**

ISEA (Institute for Social and Environmental Analysis) –

The Sprout Creek Farm, Poughkeepsie, NY

Dates: July 20-26

Participants: Coed – Entering 10th – 12th grades

\$360 plus cost of transportation

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The project provides Network students the opportunity to deepen their spirituality in a setting that is inherently inviting of awe and wonder at God's creation. The nature of the farm environment requires tremendous learning and thinking about many things that most young people have never experienced: among them - animal husbandry, sustainable agriculture, gardening, construction. The farm is linked with local teenagers who are poor and marginalized and with whom the participants will be able to form relationships of equality. Seminars focus on such topics as global hunger, the importance of honey bees in the future of our lives, the interconnectedness of lifestyle and environmental impacts. Network students have the opportunity to build community with one another, with inner city youth and with the entire farm staff.

Project Harvest –

The Sprout Creek Farm, Poughkeepsie, NY

Dates:

****August 3-8 – Girls only**

****August 10-15 – Girls only**

Participants: Entering 8th – 10th Grades (see above for sessions)

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Project Harvest serves the many groups who benefit from the Poughkeepsie Farm Project, a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), and those who work and eat at the soup kitchen (the Lunch Box). The Farm has a long and strong working relationship with both the Vassar Farm CSA and the Lunch Box. Network students have the opportunity to build community with one another and with the staff of the Poughkeepsie Farm Project, the Lunch Box and Sprout Creek Farm. They spend their days doing animal chores, harvesting food from SCF, the PFP and preparing and serving meals at the Lunch Box. Each day they are engaged in seminars and activities that focus on sustainability, the environmental impacts of resource consumption, the interconnectedness of lifestyle, population and environmental impacts. They also participate in team building activities, play Farm Clue, go on a night hike, enjoy a campfire and swim in Sprout Creek.

Juvenile Justice – Chicago

Dates: July 5-13

Participants: Female – Entering 10th – 12th grades

\$180 plus cost of transportation

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Students will look at different support structures that work to help young people who are at risk for a variety of reasons (prevention programs, alternative high schools, etc.) Students will learn about how the State of Illinois makes decisions about the prosecution of juvenile offenders as well as particular case-studies. Students will visit Cook County Jail, adult and juvenile court, Northwestern University's Children and Family Justice Center (Street Law, Girl Talk, etc.), a peer jury program in the Chicago Public School system. Students will meet with advocates for juvenile justice, judges, prosecutors, public defenders, juvenile probation officers, social workers, educators, teenagers who have been in the justice system, college students researching juvenile justice, and others who have a role in the judicial system, in the communities, and in the lives of the young people.

Helping Hands & Hearts – Greenwich

Dates: July 5 – 12

Participants: Coed – Must be 16 years of age by July 1, 2008

\$160 plus cost of transportation

Coordinators of the Project: Kerry Bader bader@cshgreenwich.org and Lori Wilson - wilson@cshgreenwich.org Tel: 203-531-6500 Fax: 203-531-5206

Students will work alongside future home owners as they build homes and discuss the broader issues of housing and homelessness. The school has a relationship with Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport. For the past several years they have supported a retreat project that enables the participants to combine physical exertion with an opportunity to build relationships with economically challenged residents of Bridgeport. One day is spent working in a soup kitchen in New York City to help gain a broader understanding of poverty in the region.

After School Learning – Bloomfield Hills

Dates: June 30 – July 11

Participants: Coed – Entering 10th – 12th grades

\$260 plus cost of transportation

Coordinator: Amy Banna - abanna@ashmi.org Tel: 248-646-8900 Fax: 248-646-4143

We will be working with children from Pontiac. In the mornings, we will be doing educational enrichment and in the afternoons, we will be doing hands-on learning through field trips and other means. There is already an existing relationship with the organizations and children that will be served. Lots of energy and a willingness to have fun is a must!

Clown Academy – Princeton, NJ

Dates: July 19th-27th

Participants: Coed – Entering 7th – 12th grades

\$180 plus transportation

Coordinator: Thomas von Oehsen - tyonoehsen@princetonacademy.org – Tel: Phone (609) 924-8143 Fax (609) 921-9198

Clown Academy is a Network Service Project designed for students entering grades 7th through 12th. Converting boundless energy into creative expression is only one of our goals. Besides all the fun the students have at Clown Academy, they achieve serious educational results. Issues of teamwork, self-confidence and presentation, goal setting and reaching are among the benefits yielded through this network project. Students will be taught such circus skills as juggling, unicycle riding, stilt walking, tight rope walking, globe walking, and swinging on a trapeze. Each student will also create a clown character complete with make-up, costume and wig. After learning slapstick and pratfalls each student will perform in a clown gag. Giving our students the chance to showcase their new talents is important, so the project will culminate in a circus performance held at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Trenton youth organizations, nursery school children and senior citizens will attend the final performances. The Project participants will also be responsible for presenting several workshops to demonstrate and teach some of the fundamental clowning and circus skills. The inner city youths that will participate in the workshops will be from Trenton organizations. All these organizations have established relationships with Princeton Academy.

We Serve all Brands! – Omaha

Dates: July 20th - August 2nd

Participants: Coed – Entering 10th – 12th grades

Cost: \$280 plus cost of transportation

Coordinator of the Project: Judy Quest - jquest@duchesneacademy.org Tel: 402-558-3800 Fax: 402-558-0051

This project will have a double focus: students will serve children at two different sites and also learn about careers in allied health fields and early childhood education. Munroe Meyer Institute on the University of Nebraska Medical Center Campus is a nationally recognized program for children with serious disabilities. Students will volunteer for one week with the very upbeat and fun summer camp program on the medical center campus. As a teaching institution, students will also explore the careers of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, developmental pediatrics and recreational therapy. During the second week the students will volunteer for an amazing pre-school program that serves children who live in poverty. This will also be an opportunity to learn about child psychology and early childhood education. A bonus of this project will be the opportunity to experience the heartland and fabulous Duchesne Omaha hospitality!

ISSP (International Summer Service Project) – Seattle

Dates: July 26-August 3

Limited to 12 students

\$180 plus cost of transportation

Participants: Female – Entering 10th – 12th grades

Coordinator of the Project: Jasmine Reyes – jasminere@forestridge.org Tel: 425-641-0700

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Participants in this project will experience firsthand the international nature of the Schools of the Sacred Heart when they live and work in community to serve the elderly, poor, and marginalized of many nationalities in the greater Seattle area. Students interested in this project should be open to learning about another culture and have an appreciation for diversity. Reflection is a key element of this project. Forest Ridge and this project have an existing relationship with the agencies and groups to be served. They include Nikkei Concerns (Seattle Keiro Retirement Community and Nikkei Manor Assisted Living), St. Martin de Porres Mens' Shelter, Northwest Harvest Food Bank, and St. James Family Kitchen. Mornings will be spent at the Nikkei Concerns, working with the Asian elderly. Afternoons will rotate among the remaining agencies, serving the homeless and marginalized in greater Seattle. Cultural discussions will flow from PowerPoint slide shows prepared in advance by the participants. Additionally, participants will discuss how their culture respects and serves of the needs of the elderly, poor and marginalized populations. Cross-cultural teaming for dialogue, reflection, and working offers opportunities for sharing and learning as well.

Serving Immigrant Children/A Favor de la Imigracion – Houston

Dates: June 7-14

Cost: \$180 plus cost of transportation

Participants: Coed – Entering 10th -12th grades

Coordinators of the Project: Sharon Karam, rscj – Sharon.karam@duchesne.org and

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The students will be working with two schools, one a bilingual charter school serving mostly Central American children who need work on their English skills and academic skills in grades 1-5; the other mostly Mexican children ages 3 and 4 who need school readiness skills and one-on-one-work. Both schools are places Duchesne Academy has worked with over several years (in fact, a previous Network project involved one of these schools). The school work will be the day's commitment, but the evening will involve reflection and input (movies, speakers, panels, and plays related to immigration issues) and some commitment to each other to return to our home schools to continue working for immigration reform and immigrant peoples in our cities. Of course, we will eat ethnic food!

Katrina Krewe of Hope – New Orleans

Dates: June 28 – July 5

Cost: \$160 plus cost of transportation

Participants: Coed – Must be 16 years of age by July 1, 2008

Coordinators of the Project: Muriel Cameron, rscj – mcameron@rscj.org or mcameron@ashrosary.org Tel: 504-891-1943 Fax: 504-891-9939

Students who participate in this project will be bearers of hope and will perform significant service to counteract the ongoing (possibly forgotten) struggles in the city of New Orleans during this post -Katrina era. By experiencing the rich cultural heritage of New Orleans students will have the opportunity to experience diversity in a unique manner. Besides the service dimension of the program, there will be educational input, demonstrating how Katrina unveiled some key national environmental and social issues. Meaningful reflection, discussion and sharing will be a regular part of the program, thus deepening one's personal experience as well as fostering a sense of community among participants. By living in the Duchesne House students will be in a multicultural section of New Orleans. New Orleanians are proud of their unique heritage, thus late afternoon or early evening field trips and activities will be included. The service work will be arranged with local organizations which have continuously directed volunteer groups. Manual labor and opportunities to interact with children will be part of the service.

St. Madeleine Sophie Summer Service Project – El Cajon, CA

Dates: June 15 - 21

Cost: \$140 plus cost of transportation

Participants: Female – Entering 9th – 12th grades

Coordinator: Beverly Soares - bsoares@optonline.net Tel: 212-722-4745 Fax: 212-996-1784

This service project offers the opportunity to work with, and assist in, the training of developmentally disabled adults, from 18 through Senior citizens, at the St. Madeleine Sophie Center in El Cajon, California. You will be helping the staff at SMSC and more importantly interacting with the adults. You will be working on different projects: cooking, Art, Computers, gardening and supportive employment. You will spend time reflecting on your experience and developing a sense of community among those you serve, as well as those with whom you live and work.