

FAQ

Domestic Service Trips

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

Any Messiah College undergraduate student can participate on a trip. No prior experience is required. Additionally, we seek to include at least one professional staff or faculty member per trip, to serve as the trip advisor.

WHEN ARE SERVICE TRIPS SENT OUT?

The Agapé Center Service Trips Team sends out multiple trips (3-5) annually during academic breaks, including Fall Break, J-Term Break and Spring Break.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO PARTICIPATE?

Yes, there is a minimal fee (deposit) for each participant in order to offset the total cost of the trip and to confirm your commitment. For Fall Break and J-Term break, the cost is \$30. For Spring Break, the cost ranges from \$50-\$90. SGA funds cover the remainder of the trip, so that transportation, food and housing is covered in-full.

WHERE DO DOMESTIC SERVICE TRIPS GO?

Domestic Service Trip teams travel to various places within the Eastern United States. These teams work with existing service organizations in a wide range of settings. Trip destinations have ranged from the rural areas of Appalachia and New Hampshire to the urban cities of New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Miami.

WHO LEADS DOMESTIC SERVICE TRIPS?

Our Domestic Service Trips are led by qualified students who are willing to take the responsibility to provide leadership and guidance to the respective service trips. We assign two student leaders per trip and attempt to send one professional staff/faculty member with each group for support and risk management purposes. Extensive training is provided for all student leaders to ensure they feel prepared to facilitate discussion, reflection and group dynamics. If you are interested in possibly leading a trip, contact servicetrips@messiah.edu.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Once you have decided that you want to go on a Service Trip, you will need to fill out an application online. Applications are generally available online a month prior to the trip date. Positions are filled on a first come, first serve basis. All applications, trip deposits and medical forms must be submitted before the trip leaves. If you have additional questions, or would like more information, contact a member of the Service Trips staff via phone (Ext. 5098) or email (servicetrips@messiah.edu).