

## Summer Service Projects

### Indian Reservations and South Los Angeles

#### High School Youth Groups

The cornerstone of Sierra Service Project is our week-long summer programs for youth. A week at SSP is filled with hard work, rustic conditions, exhilarating fun, and new positive experiences of service and worship with new friends. Each week throughout the summer, sixty youth and adult leaders assemble at one of our project sites located in the western states. Teams spend their days doing home repairs for community members in need. Evenings are spent in celebration, study and worship.

#### Junior High Groups

Our Junior High Program offers younger youth entering 7th and 8th grades a five-night experience at a rural reservation sites. This program brings together faith-in-action service with exciting programming to fit the needs of younger youth.



## International Programs

### Honduras Homebuilding

Since 2003, SSP has sent small teams of youth and young adults to Honduras. Our strong partnership with the United Methodist Church there enables us to live within the communities we serve. Each team of 12 individuals spends two weeks in Honduras, building homes, learning about history, culture and social conditions. These volunteers explore the meaning of faith and justice in a potentially-rich country where most people struggle to survive on less than \$2 a day and most children complete less than six years of school.



### Study-And-Serve in Guatemala

SSP offers a ten-day Study-And-Serve experience in Guatemala. The team will spend several days in three different small, rural communities. Participants will meet local people and work with them on a community service project.

## Winter and Spring Break



### Young Adults

Sierra Service Project offers Spring Break service experiences for college-age young adults each year. Sessions are scheduled by request.

Programs take place at our South Los Angeles project site and include service work, learning about the city of Los Angeles and the communities of South LA, as well as fellowship and worship.

Our work in South Los Angeles during the spring and winter consists of doing renovation work for community service organizations and working on individual homes.

### High School Groups

This program is also available for high school youth groups. All groups will be housed in our facility at the Vermont Square United Methodist Church in South Los Angeles. Sessions are scheduled by request and can be customized to the interests and needs of each particular group.

## Why Give Young People Opportunities to Serve?

When young people volunteer time to selflessly serve others, they grow in immeasurable ways and develop a life-long commitment to community service. When young people give of themselves, they learn that they can make a tangible difference in the lives of those around them, their self-esteem grows immensely and they gain valuable life skills.

### Who We Serve

Common to all SSP programs is humble Service to the elderly, poor, and marginalized. Our week-long project locations are on Indian reservations throughout the western U.S. and in South Los Angeles. In these programs, our volunteers complete home repair projects. Working with the poor in Honduras and Guatemala, youth work side-by-side with the community to build homes and perform other types of community service.



## Who We Are



Founded in 1975, Sierra Service Project is an interdenominational nonprofit organization affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Over 2,100 youth and adults take part in one of our programs each summer. Volunteers come from United Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran, United Church of Christ and Catholic churches.

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## Sierra Service Project

### Empowering Young People to Put Faith into Action



### Serving People in Need

Native American Reservations  
South Los Angeles  
Central America



Sierra Service Project provides life-changing, challenging community service experiences for youth and young adults.