



# Weekend of Service

## Experience Sierra Service Project in Portland

Is your group ready for a weekend of challenging service, learning and fellowship? SSP is offering two sessions of our Weekend of Service program in Portland, Oregon April 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Last fall a successful project was piloted in Portland and we are excited to expand SSP's year-round work in the Pacific Northwest.

**Who can sign up?** Both junior and senior high groups are able to attend these weekend projects. Total enrollment will be limited to 40 participants each weekend. Adults must accompany their youth in a ratio of one for every five youth. All adults must undergo a national criminal background check before participating.

**What is the schedule?** The program will start before dinner on Friday. We'll spend Friday evening doing ice-breakers, introducing the weekend's theme, and worshiping together. On Saturday, we'll divide into work teams and spend the day at a project site until dinner time. In the evening, there will be sharing about the work day, singing and worship. Sunday will consist of a partial work day. The weekend will include enrichment activities in which your group will learn about both the strengths of the communities in North and Northeast Portland and the challenges that they face.



**What kind of work will we do?** At the pilot project in November 2011, youth worked with the Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP). They constructed elements of a community garden that will not only provide produce for the Food Program, but will also teach people how to grow their own food. We expect to do similar work in the spring, including construction repairs and carpentry work.

**Where will we stay?** We will stay at Augustana Lutheran Church in Northeast Portland. We will sleep on the floor. An SSP cook will use the church's kitchen to prepare meals (dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday). Showers will be available on Saturday afternoon at the Matt Dishman Community Center.



**What is the cost?** The cost will be \$75 per person. This includes meals, building materials, tools, housing and a T-shirt. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold each spot. Enrollment is open now. The registration deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> for the April dates and May 1<sup>st</sup> for the May dates.

**Who should participate?** The weekend program is a wonderful first-time mission experience for groups and leaders new to this type of activity. It is also a great mid-year project for groups with lots of service experience.

**Sign your group up now!** Registration material can be downloaded from our website by following the "Weekend of Service" link. Also, feel free to call our office.

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