

Indian Reservations and South Los Angeles

High School Youth Groups

The cornerstone of Sierra Service Project is our week-long summer program 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 new Junior High Program offers younger youth entering 7th and 8th grades a five-night project at one of our Native American reservations. It brings together faith in action service with exciting programming to fit the needs of younger youth.



International Programs

Honduras

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 committed 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.



Tijuana

SSP began a small pilot service program in Tijuana in 2008 for high school youth. The focus of this program is the working-class neighborhood of Valle Verde, where our teams have done substantial repairs on individual homes. In addition, participants learn about border conditions and immigration.



Young Adults

Sierra Service Project offers Spring Break service experiences for college-age young adults each year. These correspond with the most common college spring break weeks.

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 renovation of derelict housing.

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 programs can be customized to the interests and needs of each particular group.

Why Give Young People Opportunities to Serve?

When young people volunteer their time to serve others, we see them grow in immeasurable ways and develop a life-long commitment to community service. When young people selflessly serve others, 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 skills.

Who We Serve

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

What We Do

Our volunteers complete challenging home-repair projects for families in need. We build new wheelchair ramps and porches, replace roofs, paint inside and outside, and weatherize homes.

Who We Are

Founded in 1975, Sierra Service Project is a Christian nonprofit organization. Each summer over 2,000 youth and adults participate in one of our many service programs.

Be Part of the Sierra Service Project Family

Funding and Donations

A not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization, SSP is supported by a combination of fees paid by volunteers and donations from many individuals, foundations, churches, and businesses.

What We Need

Your business can assist Sierra Service Project by donating or discounting building materials, tools, or food.

Building Materials are our largest single category of purchases. We use very significant quantities of lumber, roofing material, paint and primer, insulation, fasteners, and paint supplies.

Tools: We are constantly updating our inventory of power and hand tools.

Food: We spend \$60,000 annually on food for our volunteers. We welcome donations of bulk, nonperishable items.



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