

CHCA Intersession 2024

May 20-30, 2024

Course Name: Side by Side Service Immersion	
Instructor(s): Mr. Ewen	
Course Type: Local Day (Greater Cinti Area)	Service Hours: 40
Maximum enrollment: 20	Minimum enrollment: 10
Cost:	\$95

Overview: The Side by Side Intersession is an opportunity for students to serve other students. Building a community, helping with education, providing fun and social opportunities for disabled students who want to be accepted and enjoy experiences other students have is a joy-filled way to serve that opens us to new friends. Besides an immersive service experience this is also a direct service opportunity.

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- Course Goals:**
- To broaden our perspective about who fills our community and how we can build community by reducing social stigma and allowing people with disabilities to feel more comfortable in society
 - To accompany disabled students through their school day providing them with fun activities, social connection, and help with their studies
 - To create a plan of action for an annual event CHCA students can use to continue service after our immersion ends
 - To build our own community through service and spending recreation time together at Mosaic Climbing.
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Reading Component: Various excerpts from books, articles, and personal stories

Writing Component: Students will journal daily and will complete the immersion with an overall reflection of their experience.

The Side by Side Service Immersion will spend 8 days serving mentally and physically disabled students at Warren County Education Service Center (WCESC) in Lebanon, OH.

CHCA students will accompany WCESC students through their school day side by side. We will help students with their studies, create and carry out fun activities, provide small moments for social connection whether that be through sports, painting nails, whatever! We will make plans that the next groups of volunteers can easily put into action in the future.

Students will be dropped off and picked up from WCESC each day. Each morning, our group will touch base, plan for the day, divide tasks and dive into our service in the most impactful way we can.

We will spend lunch and break times together and with the WCESC students as permitted. With the exception of two days, students will need to bring their lunches. Snacks will be provided daily. Students should bring water bottles every day.

To finish the day, we will spend a few minutes reflecting on the day and each will keep a journal of their reflections. A final reflection will be required at the end of the experience.

One day, our immersion group will spend some time teambuilding and building our own community during an outing to Mosaic Climbing in Loveland.

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This course is well suited to:

Students who are interested in serving other and are open to working with and learning from others who have disabilities. Students should be patient and show up ready to put others first.

Families provide transportation to and from our volunteer site.

Cost: \$95

Additional costs: Students will need a packed lunch most days.

Other Information:

Daily drop off and pick up will be at **WCESC, 1879 Deerfield Rd., Lebanon, OH 45036** and will not be provided by the school.

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