

CHCA Intercession 2024

May 20-30,2024

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| Course Name: Tikkun Farms: Faith, Farming, and Food | |
| Instructor(s): Mr. Gary Delanoy, TBD | |
| Course Type: Local Day (Greater Cinti Area) | Service Hours: 30 |
| Maximum enrollment: 20 | Minimum enrollment: 10 |
| Cost: | \$400 |

A CHCA mission project here in our own city of Cincinnati. What does it mean to “love your neighbor?” Students will explore this Biblical mandate through practical service experiences in urban Cincinnati. CHCA students will have the opportunity to learn more about poverty, food insecurity, and urban agriculture.

Overview: Students will serve at a 3.5-acre Tikkun farm in the neighborhood of Mt. Healthy in Cincinnati. The mission of Tikkun farm is to be a place of healing, restoration and repair cultivated through meaningful work and spiritual practices ([www. Tikkunfarm.com](http://www.Tikkunfarm.com))

Service hours will be focused around two ideas: Nourishing Families and Creation Care. Nourishing Families is a program supporting families who are experiencing financial hardship and food insecurity. Creation Care is focused on the daily tasks of caring for the land and animals at the farm.

- Course Goals:**
- Find spiritual healing and restoration through helping others
 - Learn about food scarcity and the impact on families within their own city
 - Understand the importance of urban agriculture to a community
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Reading Component: To be determined

Writing Component: Daily journaling as a group about students' shared experiences while serving at Tikkun Farm.

Description:

Service hours will be focused around two ideas: Nourishing Families and Creation Care

Nourishing Families is a program supporting families who are experiencing financial hardship and food insecurity. Students will be able to set up and prepare food items for Tikkun Farm’s “Free Market,” where members of the community are able to shop for food they can use for the week. Tasks can include sorting produce, receiving deliveries, dividing inventory, stocking and organizing shelves, and organizing fridges/freezers.

Creation Care is focused on the daily tasks of caring for the land and animals at the farm. Tasks may include sorting organic material, composting, sheet mulching, wood chip hauling, transplanting, tending gardens (greenhouse and aquaponics), organizing supplies, and maintaining the farm.

Students will start volunteering at the farm on day 1. Students will be lead in devotions by a staff member at Tikkun farms; daily assignments will be given to different groups of students; work will be done both indoors and outdoors with students rotating throughout the time; and upon return to CHCA, students will be journaling about their experiences each day.

Since work outdoors will take place in May, students should dress in layers (including work gloves) and wear sturdy boots (i.e. hiking or work type boots) as the conditions on the farm could be dry, muddy, hot, or rainy.

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8:00 am Arrive at CHCA
8:30- 9:00 Travel to Tikkun Farm
9:00 am Devotional with Staff member from Tikkun Farm
9:30 am Chores around farm (outdoors and indoors)
12:00 pm Lunch
12:30 pm Chores around farm (outdoors and indoors)
1:30 – 2:00 pm Daily debrief and journaling as a group
2:00-2:30 Travel to CHCA

This course is well suited to:

- Students who are adventurous and enjoy working outdoors
- Students who enjoy working as a member of a group
- Students wanting to learn about food insecurity and the impact it has on our community in parts of Cincinnati
- Students who want to learn about urban agriculture in both an outdoor setting and indoor setting (greenhouse with aquaponics)

Cost: \$400 includes bus transportation to the farm daily, supplies, and a donation to Tikkun Farm

Additional costs: Students need to pack a lunch, snacks, and drinks each day.

Other Information:

Earns Service Immersion Credit.

Please note students will be using yard and garden tools daily, please do not select this trip if you are opposed to your student using sharp tools. A separate power tool waiver will also be signed online designating which power tools your student can use.

Please note students may be working both INDOORS and/or OUTDOORS during the days, so they will need to wear layered clothing and dress for working on a farm.

Since students may be working with farm animals and/or indoors in very dusty areas, students with asthma and/or certain allergies may want to consider a different course.
