

7th Grade Service Intersession 2024

October 22-25, 2024

Course Name: **Step Into Stewardship**

Instructor(s): **Teresa Null and Jennifer Kassen**

Course Type: **Local**

Maximum enrollment: **20**

Minimum enrollment: **15**

Cost: \$100.00

Overview:

According to scripture, God created Earth and we are now stewards of His creation (*Genesis 1:28*). Students will explore their Christian responsibility to care for God's gift of creation that is our earthly home. Our stewardship of creation involves taking care of the environment and animals as well as our families and communities. Being a good steward in this world is one way of expressing our love for God and our gratitude to Him. Students will become involved with our local environment in a redemptive and restorative way with a focus on the CHCA mission to Learn, Lead and Serve. Students will explore and serve locally at Cincinnati Nature Center, Tikkun Farm, CHCA gardens, and Great Parks of Hamilton County. Each day will include outdoor experiences with reflective journaling.

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Goals:

- Students will learn about and realize Christian responsibility to care for God's gift of creation that is our earthly home
- Students will be immersed in the natural environment learning to work outside.
- Students will begin to realize and develop their individual gifts and role in the Kingdom.
- Students will reflect daily through guided journal prompts.

Description:

Tuesday 10/22:

- **8:00 – 10:00** start at CHCA in classroom with Character Strengths intro activities.
- **10:30** depart for Cincinnati Nature Center
- **11:00 – 2:00** at Cincinnati Nature Center – Longbranch Farm location for Staff guided nature field trip and service (packed lunch at Nature Center)
- **2:00** depart from Nature Center
- return to school before **2:45** – reflection/journaling in classroom before dismissal at 2:45

Wednesday 10/23:

- **8:00** start at CHCA in classroom with reflection/devotion
- **8:30-9:00** depart for Tikkun Farm for service and learning, packed lunch at Tikkun Farm
- **2:00** leave Tikkun Farm and return to school
- reflection/journaling in classroom before dismissal at 2:45

Thursday 10/24:

- **8:00** start at CHCA in classroom with reflection/devotion
- **9:00-12:00** guest speaker (Suzanne) from Warren County Solid Waste – stewardship activities at CHCA Founders'
- **12:00** packed lunch and recess on campus
- **1:00 – 2:30** – Andrew Ivanovics leads student service in CHCA Founders' Campus gardens
- **2:30** - reflection/journaling in classroom before dismissal at 2:45

Friday 10/25:

- **8:00** start at CHCA in classroom with reflection/devotion
- **8:30** – Depart for Great Parks for service
- **11:30** – Finish service and get bused to Altitude Trampoline Park party
- **12:00 – 2:30** – Altitude Trampoline Park party – lunch at party
- **2:30** – Depart for CHCA for dismissal

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Additional costs:

Other Information:

- Service locations will have waivers for service as most involve physical work.
- This is an outside service experience. Students must dress for outside work and weather.
- There will be use of some tools and equipment.
- Parents uncomfortable with students using garden and other tools should not select this experience.
- The experience is very active and physical in nature.

Lunch information;

Tuesday; packed lunch needed

Wednesday ; packed lunch needed

Thursday ; lunch downtown provided

Friday: lunch at the Celebration with entire 7th grade class

Please note students will need a refillable water bottle each day while we are off campus working.

Most ministries will require a waiver, online or paper which will be sent or emailed home in October.