

Service Hours

Solve problems, strengthen communities, improve lives, connect, be transformed

Requirements

Each student at Santa Fe Catholic is required to perform 100 hours of community service for the four years of attendance (or 25 hours for each year the student has attended SFC). **Seniors will not receive their official transcripts until their hours are complete.** Hours must be completed with non-profit, social service, or civic organizations.

Thirty hours of the student's requirement must be with a non-profit organization that is not their church or Santa Fe. This means that students must spend at least 30 hours working with a social service agency in Lakeland or a surrounding city. It is the student's responsibility to find this organization; the Director of Campus Ministry will, however, offer an opportunity once per quarter at an agency in the area.

The following activities do not count as service opportunities:

- Regular practice time and meeting times for extracurricular activities and clubs.
- Church activity related to worship (including altar serving and music).
- Rehearsal time for school music or dramatic productions.
- Service related to armed services recruitment requirements.
- Assisting family or friends (baby sitting or mowing a neighbor's yard)

Submitting Hours

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year all hours need to be submitted at www.getNvolved.org. Paper hours are no longer accepted.

Deadlines: Hours must be turned in the *same semester* they were completed to be accepted.

- Spring Hours: April 9, 2017 (seniors), May 10, 2018 (everyone else)
- Summer and Fall Hours: December 7, 2018
- You will not graduate if hours are not complete

Local Opportunities

The following organizations are great places to obtain service hours

- **Services for the poor and homeless:** Talbot House, Lighthouse, Goodwill, Meals on Wheels
- **Civic organizations:** [Parks and Recreation](#), local library, SPCA
- **Non-profit organizations:** hospitals, nursing homes, mental health centers (Peace River Center, Lakeland), children's services (Give Kids the World, Kissimmee)
- **Assisting at sporting events:** Special Olympics, summer camps, sports camps,
- **Religious organizations:** parishes, schools, religious orders

Summer Opportunities

Mission Trips

The Diocese of Orlando Mission Office invites you to consider joining any of its scheduled mission trips to our sister diocese of San Juan de la Maguana. Dates are as follows:

- May 5 – 12 Construction Mission
- June 2 – 9 Multi Parish Youth Group
- June 16 – 30 Intensive English Training
- June 30 – July 7 Campo de Fe (Vacation Bible School)
- August 11 – 18 Construction Mission
- September 30 – October 6 Surgery Pre-Screening Mission
- November 3 – 10 Surgery Mission
- November 10 – 17 Surgery Mission

For more information, please contact Caroline Genovesi at the mission office, cgenovesi@orlandodiocese.org or call 407-246-4890. www.orlandodiocese.org/ministries-offices/mission-office-welcome/

Volunteer at San Pedro Summer Camp

Come make the summer one to remember for all the campers! Volunteers are critical to camp's success. Responsibilities would include assisting with behind the scenes work, like setting up for activities, and working with the counselors to run camp activities with our campers. Earn your service hours and gain experience working with youth in grades 1-8. For more information go to SanPedroCenter.org/camp-volunteers/.

Junior Ambassadors of Goodwill

As a student volunteer you will get hands-on working knowledge and experience with Goodwill's daily operations. This will include a tour of Goodwill's headquarters and facilities, where you'll learn about the operations of our retail stores, outlets and warehouses. You'll learn about our Life Skills Development and BookWorks programs. Volunteering will take place over a five-day period Monday through Friday for seven hours each day (including drive time). Upon completion of the course you'll receive a certificate of completion of your volunteer program with Goodwill. For more information call 727-523-1512 ext. 1013 or see Mr. Mayer for an information packet. Possible dates to choose from: June 11-15, 2018, June 18-22, 2018, June 25-29, 2018, July 9-13, 2018, July 16-20, 2018, July 23-27, 2018

Catholic Heart Work Camp

Imagine going on a week-long adventure with your friends, singing with amazing bands and having fun, while earning service hours by helping those in need and growing in your Catholic faith. Obtain more information at HeartWorkCamp.com or by contacting Mr. Mayer: pmayer@santafecatholic.org to learn more about the service trip that Santa Fe is planning for June 10-16, 2018.

Spots fill quickly! To reserve your spot, a \$90 deposit and release form are needed as soon as possible. Total cost for the trip is \$550.

Steubenville Florida 2018

Join thousands of high school students on July 27-29, 2018 in Orlando for a dynamic and life changing weekend filled with friends, great music, and riveting speakers. There are only a few spots left. Please see Mr. Mayer or email pmayer@santafecatholic.org for more information and to find out about fundraising opportunities to pay for this life altering weekend. Check out the Steubenville Florida website: <http://www.steubenvilleflorida.com/>.