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SERVE DAY PROJECT GUIDE

WELCOME

We're so glad you've decided to serve our community Sunday, April 19. We hope Serve Day will be as exciting and impactful for you as it will be for the people and places we are serving. You or your group will organize a serve project based on the relationships, known needs, talents and resources within your group. We are calling these "DIY" projects and this guide is your tool to make plans for a successful Serve Day. We're looking forward to serving alongside you!

GENEROSITY & OUTREACH TEAM

SERVE DAY VISION

The vision of Serve Day is simple. We, as the local church, will go into our communities and love our neighbors. We hope everyone will choose to participate through practical projects, and through these acts of service, we hope people's attention will be turned to the love of Jesus.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:10

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

GALATIANS 5:13-14

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

SERVE DAY TIMELINE

FEBRUARY 9

DIY project registration opens for individuals or life groups. We hope most people will lean into doing projects that are personal and meaningful to them by organizing a DIY project.

MARCH 15

Anchor project registration opens for those who cannot organize or connect with a DIY project.

APRIL 15

Registration closes for all projects.

APRIL 19

Serve Day. DIY projects have the flexibility to organize their project for anytime Saturday or Sunday.

PROJECT TYPES

DIY PROJECTS

DIY projects are chosen and designed by you with the needs of your community in mind. Because our greatest impact comes from our relationships, we want to encourage you, your family, or your life group to impact people you know.

DIY projects have the flexibility to occur anytime
Saturday April 18 or Sunday April 19.

ANCHOR PROJECTS

Anchor projects are pre-approved projects based upon the specific needs of our community. While most of these assignments will be both family and ability-friendly, you'll notice some projects will specify the need for skilled labor experience or an all-adult group.

Anchor projects will take place Sunday, April 19 9:30am-12:30pm.



DIY PROJECTS IDEAS

Help with home/yard clean-up or repairs for those who are physically or financially unable to do it themselves.

Bring meals to a elderly neighbors or nearby single parents.

Build a wheelchair ramp.

Do a community trash pickup.

Renovate a rundown playground.

Pick up trash in parking lots.

PROJECT STEPS

STEP 1 CHOOSE A PROJECT

As a group or family, discuss possible projects to complete. Here are some questions to get you started.

- Who do you know who has a need? Do you have a neighbor or friend who could use your help?
- What organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What are some areas you're passionate about?
- What serve opportunities best suit your group's skills and abilities? For example: prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, etc.
- What resources do you have access to?

Once your group has discussed the options, decide together what DIY project you should submit, or consider exploring some of the available anchor projects listed at thecreek.serveday.com

PROJECT STEPS

STEP 2 PLAN YOUR PROJECT

- Go to thecreek.serveday.com to download the Serve Day App. Once you've opened the app, search for "The Creek" (make sure you use "The Creek". Indian Creek Christian Church will give you a different result).
- Register your DIY project on the app or sign up for an anchor project.
- Determine if your project has the capacity for others to serve with your group on Serve Day. If so, make your group "public" when registering.
- Use the invitation tool so each member of the lifegroup can register.
- Make a list of preparations and assign responsibilities according to each group member's skills and gifts.
- Make sure all group members have access to project details.
- Decide if your project is family-friendly and whether children can participate. If your group will need childcare that day, consider having a member of the group serve others by watching all the kids.

PROJECT STEPS

STEP 3 SERVE

- Show up to your serve project on time and ready to make an impact.
- Pray.
- Encourage each other throughout the day.
- Love people and make new friends.
- Have fun!
- Post photos on social media using #CreekServeDay.

FAQS

I want to participate in Serve Day, but I'm not in a life group. How do I find a life group?

While life groups are encouraged to serve together, you're not required to be in a life group to participate in Serve Day. If you are not in a Life Group but are connected to a community of people then you can organize a DIY project and invite your friends to join you. There are many projects listed on thecreek.serveday.com for you to join. To connect to a life group in the future, check out thecreek.org/rooted and learn more about community at The Creek.

Will there be serve projects available for those not in a life group?

Yes! Just go to thecreek.serveday.com to see the list of available serving opportunities. Each opportunity will list the skills needed, age groups, supplies, etc. so you can pick the most appropriate opportunity for you.

What if I don't have a DIY project, but my group still wants to serve?

Your group can sign up for one of our Anchor projects listed at thecreek.serveday.com

How do I plan a serve project?

Get creative! Assess your neighborhood and its needs as a family, life group, or on your own. Perhaps someone you know needs help completing projects around their home. Or maybe you've connected with an organization in the past that could use some help on a project. Find more ideas at thecreek.serveday.com.

Should I communicate to the church how many people will be a part of my Serve Day project?

Yes! In order to ensure the quality of Serve Day projects, we've set a limit to the size of groups. By specifying the size of the group, we'll make sure there's both work for everyone to complete and a realistic number of people to get the job done.

Who pays the cost associated with our serve project (supplies, travel expenses, etc.)?

Each life group or individual is responsible for the supplies and costs of their DIY project. For Anchor projects, we'll ask each person to bring tools, supplies, and some snacks for your family. The Creek will supply each group leader with additional supplies and bottled water.

What should I bring on Serve Day?

Plan on bringing any personal items you may need, such as sunscreen, rain jacket, a hat, or snacks. You'll also be asked to bring items pertaining to your project, such as rakes, gloves, lawnmowers, tarps, or tools. We'd also suggest wearing work clothes and comfortable shoes for physical labor jobs. Don't forget to leave jewelry at home.

What if it rains?

Some anchor project sites will have indoor project alternatives for inclement weather. Other sites will be moved to another indoor location to complete a different task. Whenever we can, we'll try to keep your service project at the original location so you can still connect with a community partner. If you're designing a DIY project, try to create an inclement weather plan for your group.

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