
**What is
THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS SUMMER PROGRAM?**

The Youth Volunteer Corps provides young people, ages 11 to 18, the opportunity to participate as a team member on projects that benefit people and beautify the Omaha-Council Bluffs area.

What types of projects are available?

Area nonprofits and the Youth Services Committee have designed and approved interesting and fun projects. Past projects have included working with senior homes and day cares; being fire safety puppeteers for the American Red Cross; landscaping the grounds at Lauritzen Gardens, assisting with disabled citizens and volunteering at the Henry Doorly Zoo.

Will I be working alone?

No -- you'll be part of a five-to-ten member team led by a team leader.

Will I have a choice of projects?

Yes! You will be matched to the projects that suit your interests and skills. Youth will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis. Each session has different projects.

How long does each project last?

You may choose from two and three week sessions in June and July. Each session runs Monday through Friday (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.).

What about transportation?

Buses will pick you up at approximately 7:30 am and drop you off around 4:30 pm at select Burger Kings. Times will vary due to bus routes. Please call for more details.

What can I expect to get out of the program?

You'll be an active member of the Omaha-Council Bluffs community. You will make a noticeable difference, explore career opportunities and make new friends. Most importantly, you will make our community a better place for everyone. And, of course, you'll get a T-shirt!

What should I do if I'm interested?

Talk to your parents, and then call Raeanna Kuzma at 522-7933 to schedule an interview. Interviews will be held at United Way, 1805 Harney Street. You **and** your parent or guardian must be present at the interview. Interviews are arranged to complete necessary paperwork and place you in a project.

Program Participation

Participation is open to all youth, age 11 – 18 at **NO** cost.

Program Goals

- To engage youth in service projects which are challenging, rewarding and educational.
- To serve the unmet needs of the community and its residents
- To enhance young people's understanding and appreciation for diversity
- To promote a lifetime ethic of service among young people

Summer 2010 Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Current School: _____ Grade *(as of Fall 2010)* _____

School Next Year: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M _____ F _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Daytime emergency phone number _____

Check areas of volunteer interest:

Elderly Environment/Horticulture
 Disabled Working with Children

Session Preference

(Choose a date from Session One and/or a date from Session Two.

You are allowed to do both months.)

- Session One A (2 weeks) June 7 - 18
- Session One B (3 weeks) June 7 - 2
- Session Two A (2 weeks) July 6 - 16
- Session Two B (3 weeks) July 6 - 23

Youth **MUST** be present for first day of the session.

Please mail or fax this form to:

United Way of the Midlands, Volunteer Resource Center

1805 Harney St. Omaha NE 68102

Fax: 522-7991

For more information, call 402-522-7933 or

email: rkuzma@uwmidlands.org

Applications due April 16th, 2010