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## THE CALL TO SERVICE

In 1960, President Kennedy asked a generation to look outward and serve world communities. That call has been echoed by President Obama who said, "Over two decades ago, I found my calling working in a community devastated by steel-mill closings." *Through many generations, Americans have helped move our country and the world forward through service.*

Our requests for **teen summer community service** programs both in the US and worldwide have never been greater. The companies offering community service have never had more diverse projects in more varied locations.

Awareness is at its peak. Teens know that the environment is in peril. They are committed and eager to lend their minds and hands to projects that will sustain and preserve the environment.

Third world countries need help maintaining a fragile village life: building community buildings, educating the young, trail work, farming, senior citizen centers, and many other tasks. This is an

important way to repair the world. On every continent the need is great and the programs are in place to answer the challenge. Teens, you can enrich your own lives you build cross cultural bridges that lead to a better world.

Service programs vary in length from 2 to 5 weeks. Some programs stay in community halls, colleges, hotels, youth hostels or schools while others provide family stays.

In addition to your service time, there is lots of time for recreation. Depending upon your location you will hike, bike, surf, mountain climb, snow ski, water ski, canoe, backpack, snorkel, SCUBA dive.

You will interact with the native population and, learn their cultural habits. In many locations, you will have the opportunity to speak their language from **Spanish and French to Swahili or Hindi.**

You often have the opportunity to teach English to young people in your host country.

**If you want to stay in the US and contribute to this country, there are many places that would love your service.**

This is just a sampling of what you can do in the US and worldwide.

**Alaska:** Assist with hunting and fishing in a native Eskimo village. Work at a Food Bank or Boys and Girls



Club. With hammers and shovels, build bridges and playgrounds.

**Hawaii:** Build a home with Habitat for Humanity.

**Louisiana and Mississippi:** Rebuild homes. Help families move out of FEMA trailers.

**Montana:** Build playgrounds for Head Start program on Blackfeet reservation.

**New England:** Volunteer on an organic farm

**Southwest:** Build a traditional stone oven with elders of the Hopi tribe.

**Ireland:** Join conservation efforts by planting tree saplings.

**Spain:** Practice Spanish; help renovate a youth center.

**S. Africa:** Improve a sports facility at a local orphanage; teach English; rehabilitate injured wildlife.; work with HIV affected children.

**Tanzania:** Construct classrooms and teacher's house; build a home for an underprivileged family.



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**We take our work very seriously.** Our goal is to match your children with summer experiences that will provide the happiest of memories for the rest of their lives. Our portfolio holds that potential. We represent over 700 summer programs. Choices range from traditional overnight camps to the most exotic travel opportunities.

**Our free service is unique.** First and foremost, we talk with both parents and students to ascertain their particular needs. We want to know all about your children and what sort of summer they wish for. We combine this information with the family requirements and recommend programs that are just right.

**We've been at this for forty years.** Our relationships with directors are strong. Our knowledge of programs is complete. We are updated on changes in personnel and programming all through the year. But this is not enough for SCATA. We send representatives all over the world to visit summer programs in session. You can be confident that the information we offer to you is current and relevant. We pride ourselves on this.

**You can put your faith in our information and knowledge.** If you're not happy, we're not happy. All of our programs are well-run and live up to our high standards. But every program isn't right for every child. Let us help you sort through the hundreds of possibilities and offer the ones to your family that will create the dream summer for your child.

### THE CALL TO SERVICE (cont'd)

**Australia/New Zealand:**

Work with koalas and kangaroos at an animal sanctuary preserve the coastline through waterway monitoring.

**Fiji:** Teach English to children; help build a school.

**Dominican Republic:** Build a community aqueduct; volunteer at a health clinic; learn the challenges of providing care in rural areas; create a public picnic pavilion.

**Puerto Rico:** Construct camping shelters with Sierra Club; construct an elevated walkway in the rainforest, work at tidal ecology and sustainable forestry.

**Martinique:** Beach clean-up with National Forestry Service; practice French on youth association community projects.

**West Indies:** Build traditional thatched huts in Dominica; organize a children's day camp.

**Costa Rica:** Work to preserve the near extinct sea turtles; immerse yourself in Spanish as you work with Tico vil-

lagers on community projects.

**Ecuador/Galapagos:** restore a community center; work on Carbon Offset reforestation project; teach English; collect eggs and tag tortoises at breeding center.



**Peru:** Engage special needs children in arts projects; help build or renovate a school; work small sustainable businesses such as with weavers or bee keepers.

**China:** Work with endangered Giant Panda; volunteer in an orphanage; learn about Tibetan

Buddhist life from local masters as you assist with community development projects.

**Thailand:** Plant rice in paddies, work to construct a classroom, gather sand for building from the river; upgrade flower gardens in Buddhist temple

**India:** Live with families in a rural agricultural village; plant trees to support sustainable fuel production; paint a schoolhouse for grateful children.

**Vietnam:** Build safe, dry homes for needy families; improve education and welfare with Volunteers for Peace.

We can help solve social, economic, ecological, environmental challenges here at home and around the world. We can alter the course of history.

**Each of us can make a difference.** President Obama says our youth is our greatest resource. Lend your able hands, hearts, and minds next summer!