



# PEP PROGRAM

Providing Educational Possibilities

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COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
ORGANIZATIONS

**2023 -2024**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

The PEP Program stresses the importance of “giving back” to the community and will organize MANDATORY group community projects throughout the school year to foster the goal of being active members of the greater community. In addition to the group projects, each student is to complete their individual community service hours as a requirement of the PEP program.

In order to alleviate the pressure of academic commitments, students are encouraged to begin their community service during the summer.

**All individual hours must be completed between July 1 and June 30 and cannot be performed during required PEP or school times.**

## Requirements

- Middle school students must complete a total of twenty (20) community service hours.
- High school students must complete a total of thirty (30) community service hours.

**Community service hours must be completed through PEP approved activities listed in this booklet. All hours must be recorded on the PEP Community Service Log and submitted to the Ms. Perez by the monthly due date.**

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Perez at [jperez@pepprogramnj.org](mailto:jperez@pepprogramnj.org)

El Programa PEP enfatiza la importancia de "contribuir" a la comunidad y organizará proyectos comunitarios grupales OBLIGATORIOS a lo largo del año escolar para fomentar la meta de ser miembros activos de la comunidad en general. Además de los proyectos grupales, cada estudiante debe completar sus horas de servicio comunitario individual como requisito del programa PEP.

Para aliviar la presión de los compromisos académicos, se alienta a los estudiantes a comenzar su servicio comunitario durante el verano.

**Todas las horas individuales deben completarse entre el 1 de julio y el 30 de junio y no pueden realizarse durante las horas requeridas de PEP o horarios escolares.**

## Requerimientos

- Los estudiantes de escuela intermedia deben completar un total de veinte (20) horas de servicio comunitario.
- Los estudiantes de secundaria deben completar un total de treinta (30) horas de servicio comunitario.

**Las horas de servicio comunitarios deben completarse a través de las actividades aprobadas por PEP que se enumeran en este folleto. Todas las horas deben registrarse en el papel de registro de servicios comunitarios de PEP y entregar a la Sra. Perez antes de la fecha de vencimiento mensual.**

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la Sra. Pérez a [jperez@pepprogramnj.org](mailto:jperez@pepprogramnj.org)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### **Bridges Outreach**

120 Morris Avenue

Summit, NJ 07901

[www.bridgesoutreach.org](http://www.bridgesoutreach.org)

Founded in 1988, Bridges reaches out to the homeless in New York City, Newark, Irvington, and Summit, New Jersey every week. Over 2,000 volunteers each year help deliver 65,000 meals, seasonal clothing, and necessities without question and with genuine respect.

PEP Program students are allowed to volunteer but MUST sign up in advance, contact [volunteer@bridgesoutreach.org](mailto:volunteer@bridgesoutreach.org) or visit their website.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED

### **The Connection for Women & Families (14yrs old and up)**

79 Maple Street  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908)273-4242  
<https://www.theconnectiononline.org/>

There is a place for everyone at The Connection! If you have the desire to help, they can be flexible to meet your schedule. Volunteer at The Connection and take part in a rewarding experience that will enrich both you and their organization.

Make a difference! Students that are ages 14 and up can help out with their youth special needs programs. Contact Lauren Nisenson at [lauren.nisenson@theconnectiononline.org](mailto:lauren.nisenson@theconnectiononline.org) or phone: 908-273-4242 ext. 119 to volunteer.

### **TRYCAN (13 and up)**

<https://summitcommunityprograms.com/156/TryCAN-Special-Needs>

Teen Peer Mentors can help youth with special needs participate in programs and outings by giving these youths a range of support such as motivation, hands on assistance and being a buddy to the students.

Before becoming Peer Mentors, students (ages 13+) must attend a training class to learn how various impairments impact how children play and learn. Trainees also learn how to help these children have enjoyable recreation experiences. Peer Mentors receive credit for Community Service for any time they spend training or volunteering in any TryCAN associated programs.

If you would like to learn more about TryCAN Mentor training or mentoring opportunities, please contact David Guida at [dguidajr@citofsummit.org](mailto:dguidajr@citofsummit.org) or call (908) 277-2932.

### **Central Presbyterian Church**

70 Maple Street  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908) 273-0441

### **Service at Central (Middle School and up)**

Middle School participants and High School leaders are invited to serve the community on Friday evenings beginning in September. Service activities are Fridays at 5:30 pm. For more information text Central Youth at: 908-318- 4159, or email Pastor Deborah [dhuggins@centralpres.org](mailto:dhuggins@centralpres.org).

### **CPC Tutoring/Mentoring Program (High School)**

For over 45 years Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Center has brought children from k-8 to Summit every Tuesday evening for tutoring. High School students meet each week to help with academic subjects and to create a mentoring bond. The program runs from October until April every Tuesday night from 7-8pm in the CPC Auditorium.

**Interested students must attend an orientation meeting at the CPC youth center from 7:30pm - 8:30pm.** For more information, contact Sarah Engle (EPORT/CPC Volunteer Coordinator) at 908-884-7920.

Also, Middle and High School Students are invited as counselors during the last week of July. Full and 1/2 day spots are available. For more information, please email Pastor Deborah.

### **City of Summit Department of Community Programs (high school)**

100 Morris Avenue  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908) 277-2932  
<https://summitcommunityprograms.com>

The Department of Community Programs is in charge of all recreation, senior and youth programs in the city. They offer volunteer opportunities to help with office work and special events throughout the year. Students that are interested in volunteering should contact David Guida at [dguidajr@citofsummit.org](mailto:dguidajr@citofsummit.org)

### **Community Foodbank of New Jersey (12 years old and up)**

31 Evans Terminal  
Hillside, NJ 07205  
[www.njfoodbank.org](http://www.njfoodbank.org)

Children 12 thru 15 WITH adult supervision are welcomed to volunteer at the Foodbank. To schedule an appointment to volunteer visit <https://cfbnj.org/volunteer/>

### **Empowering Kids Organization (EKO)**

**(15 years old and up)**

Volunteer locations vary throughout the city of Summit.

<https://www.empoweringkidsorganization.org/>

EKO's mission is to facilitate equal access to resources and opportunities to all students and their families by creating programs and strategies to empower them to thrive throughout their educational journey. Volunteers will be able to help out in many aspects of their programming such as their afterschool program, art program, ESL for parents, academic summer program, and their summer soccer clinic.

Students interested in volunteering can apply by filling out an application at <https://form.jotform.com/222900528002140> and they will receive an interview invitation.

For more information, please contact Patricia Fontan at [pfontan@ekorg.us](mailto:pfontan@ekorg.us).

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### **GRACE – Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community Essentials**

#### **(Middle School and Up)**

5 Myrtle Avenue  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908) 259 -4744

<https://www.gracegivingreceiving.org/>

Many hands make light work and GRACE needs Your help to assist families in need in our community. There are many opportunities for you to help.

Wednesday (9:00am – 10:30am)

Thursday (9:00am – 11:00am) (10:00am – 1:00pm) (3:30pm – 4:30) (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

(5:00pm – 7:30pm)

Sunday (11:00am -1:30pm) at the GIFT table at the Summit Farmers Market.

For more information, please contact [info@gracegivingreceiving.org](mailto:info@gracegivingreceiving.org) or visit

<https://www.gracegivingreceiving.org/volunteer>

### **Junior League of Summit (Middle School and up)**

37 DeForest Avenue  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908)273-7349  
[jlsthriftshop@gmail.com](mailto:jlsthriftshop@gmail.com)

Volunteers are needed to help in the Thrift Shop. Opened in 1934, the Thrift Shop is owned and operated by the Junior League of Summit. League members and the local community donate all the items for sale to the Shop. The Junior League of Summit has returned over \$3,000,000 to the community in the form of grants, projects, programs and scholarships. Anyone interested should contact (908) 273-7344

#### **SHOP HOURS**

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 9 AM to 1 PM

Wednesday and Thursday: 3 PM to 7:00 PM

### **Reeves-Reed Arboretum (12 years old and up)**

165 Hobart Ave  
Summit, NJ 07901  
<http://www.reeves-reedarboretum.org/>

Volunteers are essential to the mission of Reeves-Reed Arboretum and are one of the great strengths of their organization. They provide vital support in the gardens and make special events and festivals possible. They share their time, enthusiasm and dedication. They welcome newcomers to the area as well as those just discovering or rediscovering the Arboretum.

#### **Ground Force**

What better time to participate in a Ground Force session? These sessions are a great opportunity for adults and students who enjoy working outdoors! Spend a morning helping our Horticulture staff maintain and enhance the beauty of our gardens and grounds. We welcome volunteers ages 14 and up to participate in one or more sessions. 12 and 13 year olds are also welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult volunteer on their first session.

#### **Special Events**

*Be part of exciting seasonal events at the Arboretum! Celebrate Fall, Daffodil Day and Maple Sugaring are the annual events where volunteers are needed to help with games, crafts and activities at the annual activities.*

*To register or for more information contact Volunteer Coordinator Trish Cassin at [t.cassin@reeves-reedarboretum.org](mailto:t.cassin@reeves-reedarboretum.org) or 908-273-8787 ext. 1616.*

### **SHIP – Summit Helping Its People (Middle School and up)**

Calvary Church (31 Woodland Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901) from 6:00am – 7:45am Monday - Friday  
Oakes Memorial Outreach Center (17 Kent Place Blvd, Summit, NJ 07901) from 2:45pm – 4:30pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
[www.shipofsummit.com](http://www.shipofsummit.com)

SHIP is a team effort by committed volunteers from the community. Individuals, local organizations, and congregations are invited to volunteer. SHIP has many opportunities for you to help in our breakfast/bag lunch program, the weekend dinner program, and our other special and annual events found.

5th grade students and older are welcomed to volunteer with SHIP serving the Summit residents in need. For more information and to schedule volunteer times, contact Terrence Pillay at (908)723-5790 or [shipofsummit@gmail.com](mailto:shipofsummit@gmail.com) or visit their website for more information.

### **Summit Free Market (Middle School and up)**

40 New Providence Avenue  
Summit, NJ 07901  
[www.Summitfreemarket.org](http://www.Summitfreemarket.org)

The Summit Free Market is a volunteer, student-run program that works to reduce the amount of reusable material that enters Summit's waste stream. They aim to make Summit a more sustainable, environmentally-friendly town and focus on the sense of community and giving back through this popular and successful community reuse initiative. They work with a growing team of dedicated student and adult volunteers who want to help the environment and the Summit community.

The Summit Free Market events are held on the second Saturday of each month from 8am – 3pm.

For more information, please visit [www.Summitfreemarket.org](http://www.Summitfreemarket.org).

### **Summit Public Library (7th Grade and up)**

75 Maple Street  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908) 273-0350  
[www.summitlibrary.org](http://www.summitlibrary.org)

Opportunities are available for students entering Grades 7-12 who live or go to school in Summit and the surrounding communities.

Tasks include, but are not limited to: the Book Buddies Program, The ARC Project, CATSS Critics, Craft Helper, Bulletin Board, Program Assistance and Kahoot Creator. Students interested in volunteering must fill out an application.

For more information, please visit <https://www.summitlibrary.org/teens/teen-volunteers/>.

### **Summit YMCA (15 years old and up)**

67 Maple Street  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908)273-3330  
<https://www.thesay.org>

The Summit Area YMCA is a cause-based, volunteer-driven and volunteer-led organization where individuals and groups work together to positively impact the lives of people in the community. Their volunteers are advocates for a better tomorrow. They view them as shining examples of social responsibility. They selflessly share their time, talent and treasure to advance the Y's cause and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families locally in need of a helping hand.

For ongoing volunteer opportunities students must complete a Volunteer Application and a training program. Download the application at <https://www.thesay.org/Volunteering/Become-a-Volunteer>

**The YMCA Volunteer Coordinator, Patty Facchinei must sign all log sheets.**

For more information please contact Patty Facchinei at 908-273-3330, ext. 1174 or [patty.facchinei@thesay.org](mailto:patty.facchinei@thesay.org).