

Day of Service Information

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Socially engaged students have been able to integrate their Oberlin education with community outreach for more than 175 years. Since 1996, the Bonner Center for Service and Learning (Bonner CSL) has coordinated a day that offers incoming students a chance to put the College's motto, Learning and Labor, into action from the start of their academic careers. This year, the Day of Service will take place Saturday, August 29, 2009.

The Day of Service allows students to volunteer at one of more than 20 community partner agencies within 30 miles of Oberlin. The day gives students the opportunity to get off campus and provide valuable community service to local organizations.

Comments from past participants include:

- *This is the best day I've had at Oberlin so far.*
- *Great way to get involved outside of campus and meet people!*
- *I had a great time and worked hard. I am even more interested in community service projects as a result.*
- *Incredibly rewarding experience. Will definitely return.*

The Day of Service begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. on the east side of Finney Chapel. Students either walk or take buses to their locations starting at 10 a.m., and return to campus around 3:30 p.m. (Please note: there is a special half-day option for conservatory students only.) After an orientation at the site, student teams complete a service project and have time to reflect on the day's work. Lunch is provided at the site.

Because of the nature of the projects, participants are asked to dress appropriately. You *will* get dirty! Please wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, and short-sleeved shirts. Shorts, half-shirts, tank tops, and sleeveless shirts are *not* appropriate.

Students with disabilities are welcome to participate. All necessary accommodations will be made.

You can register for the Day of Service in one of three ways: return the enclosed registration form by mail, send an e-mail to the Bonner Center for Service and Learning (bcsl@oberlin.edu), or register online at www.oberlin.edu/bcsl. The names of some possible participating organizations are listed on the registration form, along with a brief description of the project(s) to be done at each site. A limited number of slots are available at each site. **To have the greatest chance of being assigned to your site of choice, meet the priority registration deadline of August 3, 2009. The final deadline is August 17, 2009.**

The Day of Service Coordinator at the Bonner CSL will notify students of their site assignments via their official Oberlin College e-mail accounts during the last three weeks of August. If you don't receive confirmation or you have other questions, please contact the Bonner CSL. (See phone and e-mail contact information at the top of this page.)

For more information and pictures from Day of Service 2008, visit the Bonner Center's wiki, <http://oberlinserves.pbwiki.com>.