



About Summer of Service (SOS)

SOS is offered by the Youth Employment and Service Learning unit of Seattle Parks and Recreation.

SOS provides the opportunity for students entering 7th, 8th, and 9th grades in fall 2017 to participate in service learning projects that benefit their communities. This program is inclusive of youth with all abilities.

This intensive summer program will build skills, support, and confidence that extend into the school year and beyond. Participants will also receive a \$150 stipend in return for their service.



Your Experience with Summer of Service

- Collaborate on a project that makes your community a better place for everyone to live
- Experience the outdoors and learn about the natural environment
- Gain leadership skills and discover new talents
- Make new friends and work cooperatively on a team
- Take fun field trips around the city and in nature
- Participate in community service and receive a stipend after completing the program

We can't wait for you to join us!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

Please read this page completely before filling out the application.

If you have any questions, contact teen.programs@seattle.gov or visit www.seattle.gov/ParksTeenJobs

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. **Please note that you will not be contacted if your application is incomplete.** We do not accept applications via email.

A complete application must include:

- Your contact information
- A letter of interest about why you are interested in joining Summer of Service.
- Applicant signature and parent/guardian signature

PROGRAM DATES: Orientation: July 5th, 2017 (mandatory) at Rainier Community Center
 Program: July 11th – August 19th, 2017
 Celebration Event: August 23rd, 2017 at Camp Long

ELIGIBILITY: Entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in September 2017
 Must have a social security number or tax identification number to receive the stipend. If you do not have either a SSN or tax ID number, you are still eligible to participate in a rewarding summer experience. If entering 9th grade, you can receive community service hours towards high school graduation requirement.

SELECTION: Complete applications with a letter of interest are selected on a first-come, first-served basis.
Submitting an application early is highly recommended.

PROGRAM HOURS: All members will participate 4 days a week, Mon. – Thurs. **OR** Tues. – Fri., **8:30am to 3:30pm.**
Your schedule will be determined by the team in which you are placed.

LOCATION: Must provide own transportation to and from designated meeting location. Bus tokens are available as needed.
We will do our best to place you in a location near to where you live.
Meeting locations will be determined at orientation. The meeting location is where the team will gather even if there is a workshop or field trip off-site. Service hours take place at various parks/facilities citywide.

STIPEND: All participants will earn a \$150 stipend at the end of the program if they complete 80 hours of service, turn in a timesheet, and meet all program expectations. No partial stipends will be given.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 17th by 5 pm
Your application must be received by, not postmarked by, the above date
You must mail this application plus your letter of interest to:

Seattle Parks and Recreation
Attention: SOS
100 Dexter Ave N, Box #9
Seattle, WA 98109



LETTER OF INTEREST

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to participate in the SOS program?
- How will your participation in SOS help with your future academic and career goals?
- What make you a strong candidate for this program?
- Why is volunteering important to you and to your community?

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____		
First	Last	Full Middle Name
Address: _____		Apt#: _____
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____		Alternate Phone: (____) _____
Email Address: _____		Preferred Pronouns: He: <input type="checkbox"/> She: <input type="checkbox"/> They: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
School: _____	Age: _____	DOB: _____ Grade: _____
	<small>Date of Birth</small>	<small>In fall 2017</small>

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT AND GUARDIAN

As a matter of policy, law and commitment, Seattle Parks does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. (SMC 18.12.280)

By signing below, you are stating that you have read all enclosed materials concerning the Seattle Parks and Recreation Summer of Service program and that all statements you have made in the application are true to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Parental or guardian approval for applicants under 18 years of age

I have read and understand the enclosed materials that describe the Seattle Parks and Recreation Summer of Service program. I have discussed the program with my child and understand the expectations and authorize him/her/them to apply for and participate in the SOS program.

I authorize the SOS program to contact my child after the summer experience to see if skills, knowledge, and attributes gained from his/her/their participation have been useful. Yes: No:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

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