

Spring has finally come and with it comes many news projects for student service hours. Some of these projects are for the summer so students need to check and make sure that the project fits in their service requirement for next year. Each year has a specific focus so please see the MCHS website for more information. There will not be changes to the service program for next year, so even though the handouts say 2017-18, you can use the information for next year.

Upcoming service hour projects:

- 1) Friday, May 4: Pitch, Hit, and Run Competition at Glazebrook Park Ball Fields. Help is needed from 5-8:30 PM. Contact Jessica Wiedman, 618-466-1483 ext. 2320 for more information.
- 2) Saturday, May 5--SS. Peter and Paul Church Spring Fling: from 5pm-8pm. Contact Becky Williams at 618-334-0049.
- 3) Saturday, May 19: YWCA of Alton's Race against Racism 5K. Volunteers are needed for a variety of needs. Contact MCHS junior Kennedi Koetzle at kennedikoetzle@yahoo.com to volunteer.
- 4) Saturday, June 9, 2018: Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair, Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, IL from 10 AM-4 PM. Contact Scott Isringhausen at 618-535-6237 for more information & sign up.
- 5) July 4—Godfrey Park and Recreation Dept. will need volunteers for a flea market to benefit the Make A Wish foundation. More details to come.
- 6) All summer: Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto is in need of mentors to some of their younger members. They serve over 230 kids a day, and they benefit so much from our positive mentors. Contact MCHS alum Kylee M. Eveans, Program Director at 618-377-6030 or email keveans6@gmail.com.
- 7) All summer: SAK (Serving Area Kids) is a summer sack lunch program designed to provide meals to kids who need our assistance during the summer months. Over half of the families with children in the Alton school district need government assistance (SNAP and TANF) to help meet their basic needs. These families rely on the free breakfast and lunch program provided during the school year so the need during the summer break is great. Last summer we provided 19,955 sack lunches to local school kids in Alton.

Our program in Alton starts on May 22rd and runs through August 17th. Each weekday volunteers will meet at Main Street United Methodist Church (located at 1400 Main Street in Alton) at 11:15 am to pick up coolers containing a pre-packaged lunch, snack and drink for each child. We will have 7 designated locations in Alton where we sit from 11:30 to 12:30 and distribute lunches to kids in pre-K through 10th grade. Any child who visits one of our sites may receive a lunch – one lunch per day. Each site is staffed with two volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, would like more information or would like to offer financial support, please contact SAK at ServingAreaKids@gmail.com, or phone 462-2495 (Main Street UMC) or 616-9977 (Joanne Adams, Program Coordinator).