

## April Vacation 2017

### Service Project to Seattle/Tacoma Washington

Below is the basic information about our April Service Project. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, feel free to contact Pam Emslie at 781-235-1988, ex. 15 or email at [pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

If you are planning to attend the service project, please fill out and return the forms and payment **no later than Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> (final numbers needed for air travel by 2/7)**. If you have already handed in a medical and church waiver form for a retreat this year, you do not need to hand in these forms again unless any medical information has changed.

#### Information

Trip Coordinator: Pamela Emslie  
Accommodations: Friday, 4/14 – Saturday, 4/15, 2017  
IslandWood,  
4450 Blakely Ave, NE  
Bainbridge Island, WA. 98110  
206.855.4300

Sunday, 4/16 – Saturday, 4/22  
Black Diamond Camps  
19830 SE 328<sup>th</sup> Pl. Auburn, WA 98092  
253.939.0488

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| Dates: Friday, April 14 —Saturday, April 22, 2017. (Friday, 4/14 is Good Friday – there is no school) |
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Who: Wellesley Village Church Confirmants and High School Youth Group

Transportation: We will be traveling to Seattle/Tacoma Airport from Boston Logan Airport – travel provided by:

Alaskan Air booked through Mission Nation Travel  
Mission Nation Travel  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
1.954.947.2306  
Kelly Miano – travel expert

We will be traveling in Washington State in minivan's/SUV's rented at the Airport

Travel Times: Departure: Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> meet at Logan International Airport at 5:00 a.m.  
arrival in Seattle/Tacoma Airport at 10:17AM  
Return: Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> pick up at Logan Airport at 11:55PM

Flight schedule with Alaska Air:

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| Friday, April 14 | AS 25  | Boston to Seattle | 7AM    | 10:17AM |
| Sat., April 22   | AS 736 | Seattle to Boston | 3:20PM | 11:55PM |

Advisors: Pam Emslie, Michaela McDonald, Dave Emslie, Bev Lenci, Tim Loff, David Cahill, Aaron Kauffman

Contact Info: Pam Emslie: 617-799-4177; Dave Emslie: 617-799-7300

Food: IslandWood and Black Diamond Camps will provide our breakfast and dinner. We will bag our lunches. We will eat out once during our trip. Youth pay for meal. If your child has any dietary constraints or allergies, please contact Pam.

Basic Agenda: We will travel Sat. from Boston to Seattle/Tacoma. We will meet at the airport in the morning at 5:00 a.m. > fly out of Logan at 7 a.m. > arrive in Seattle at 10:17 a.m. > we will pick up our rental vehicles at the airport and drive to the ferry (stopping for lunch on the way). Ride the ferry to Bainbridge Island. Stay on Bainbridge Island through Sunday afternoon. Take the ferry on Sunday back to the mainland, and drive to Auburn, WA to Black Diamond Camps where we will be staying the remainder of our time. Monday – Thursday we will travel each morning to our work sites and arrive back at our lodging at the end of the day. Saturday we fly home at 3:20 p.m. and arrive at Boston Logan airport at 11:55 p.m.

Work sites: This is what I know so far. I am still working with organizations to put our schedule together

- We will work with Citizen's For a Healthy Bay – working to restore a wetland site. Citizens for a Healthy Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization working side-by-side with local citizens, businesses and government to prevent water pollution and make their community more sustainable. Website: [healthybay.org](http://healthybay.org)
- We will work with the Pierce Conservation District who works with local landowners and public agencies to conserve natural resources that are essential to both their economy and their region's quality of life. Their collaborative efforts with citizen volunteers create a just food system, improve water quality, promote sustainable agriculture, and recover wildlife habitat. Website: <http://wa-piercecountycd.civicplus.com>
- We are in the process of partnering with the Puyallup Hatchery through the Puyallup Historical Hatchery Foundation. "The mission of the Puyallup Historical Hatchery Foundation is to retain and improve the historic Puyallup Hatchery and promote watershed stewardship through education." Website for the fish hatchery: <https://www.cityofpuyallup.org/1204/Fish-Hatchery>
- We are in the process of partnering with the people from the Puyallup and/or Muckleshoot Tribe of Indians. It is yet to be determined the nature of our project. Website for the Muckleshoot Tribe: <http://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us>  
Website for the Puyallup Tribe: <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com>

Goal of work:

- Learn about the sacredness of food and water to the people living in the Northwest.
- Learn about food justice issues that concern the people in that region
- Meet the native people from the Puyallup and the Muckleshoot Tribes
- Learn about the salmon and trout industry.
- Through our experience with the people native to this region, deepen our understanding of our neighbors, of ourselves, and our relationship with God's creation.
- Draw closer as a youth group.
- To see and feel the presence of God among us.
- Be inspired by the natural beauty of God's creation in this amazing landscape.

Free time:

- We will have the opportunity to explore and learn about the habitat/landscape of the Northwest
- We will celebrate Easter at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church on Bainbridge Island. Website: <http://www.eagleharborchurch.org>

Cost:

The cost is \$1,425.00 per youth. Please make checks payable to Wellesley Congregational Church, Memo: 2017 Service Project. Confidential scholarships are available.

Approximately \$100.00 spending money. Includes: round trip airport food, one dinner out and spending money.

Forms:

A medical information form, church waiver, and a permission slip are required for the trip. These forms are available on our church website:

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

Go to > youth programs > youth service trip > there you will find the links to print out the forms. Please mail the forms and check to me at the church, drop them off in my church mailbox or send them in with your child to confirmation or HSYG.

Other Info:

A packing list and other necessary information will be sent out as the date approaches.

**It is important to note that we must know our numbers for the trip no later than February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Numbers:

max. 48 youth

### Goals of Participation

*This is a Wellesley Village Church Youth Programs trip. Its goals include serving others, engaging our faith in a concrete way, learning about issues of poverty and justice, continuing to build relationships and transform our way of thinking about the world. We expect and hope that the energy and positive experience of this trip will be integrated into the continuing life of our church.*

*In addition, the following is expected of each participant:*

- It is important that everyone going on the trip be an active part of the youth group before we head off on our journey, For this reason **anyone going on the trip is required to attend youth group at least twice every month from now until we leave in April.**
- To attend worship service on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The congregation will bless and commission the youth for this service trip.
- To sell **a minimum** of \$200 from our Service Project Travel Catalogue (designed in the same way as Heifer Project Catalogue)