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MISSION

The Agape Service Project fosters service, community, and prayer as participants encounter Christ and uphold the dignity of our farmworker brothers and sisters.






GOALS

- To serve the migrant community of Whatcom County by providing food, clothing, and community support with the ultimate goal of building personal relationships with those we serve
- To teach participants about Catholic social justice, especially in response to issues affecting the migrant community
- To inspire and encourage participants to continue answering the call to service throughout their lives
- To create a space where participants can grow in their faith and meet Jesus through prayer, people, and service
- To do everything with agape love

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Welcome to Agape 2022! We are truly excited for you to be joining us in our mission: fostering service, community, and prayer as participants encounter Christ and uphold the dignity of our farmworker brothers and sisters. Our hope is that through service, participants will understand Christ's presence in every person they meet, and through this recognition, positively impact the migrant farmworker community.

We are excited and blessed to partner with you this 19th year of Agape. We hope you find this packet helpful as you prepare for the summer. Please be in contact with your group leaders if you have any questions. Thank you!

In Christ's Love,

Kelsey Harrington
Agape Service Project, Director

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Please also fill out the following forms provided by the Group Leader:

- **Parent/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver**
 - *Includes Photograph & Video Consent*
- **Code of Behavior and Norms for Youth Participants**
- **Archdiocesan COVID waiver**

Overall Agape Information

Arrival Time: Please have your group arrive **by 3:00pm on Sunday** and ready to start. When you arrive, you will unpack your gear and donations. Dinner will be provided Sunday night.

Packing: Please pack lightly. Everyone will be living in community for a week and sharing a room with others.

Clothing: Be mindful in your attire. Tank tops must be wider than two-fingers, shorts must be no shorter than your fingertips, no exposed midriffs, and no saggy pants.

Money: Drivers/Groups will be responsible for purchasing gas for their vehicles. There will be an opportunity for individuals to buy an Agape Sweatshirt (\$30 – cash, check & card accepted). Other than that, there will not be any need for money during the week. All your meals and snacks are provided.

Free time: There are designated free times during the service week. When there is free time, youth must remain with the group. Youth may **not** leave the facility to go beyond the parish premises unless they are in the company of a chaperone. We ask that you check in with the Program Directors and your adult leaders before leaving to make sure there is time to do so.

Cell Phones/Music: No cell phones, mp3, or iPods. There will be opportunities for music throughout the week. Please be aware that music shared *must be appropriate* for a church retreat/service experience.

Chores: Small Groups will be assigned chores each day, such as meal set up/clean up, straightening the parish hall, bathrooms, etc. Each small group with their adult leader will be responsible for the various tasks. This is a large part of the experience of living in community, as well as serving those in your group.

Food: In keeping with the spirit of Agape, the meals and lodging are simple. This is to help us grow in solidarity and bring us closer to those we are serving.

- All food for meals is provided. The kitchen is not to be used by youth outside of meal times, unless there are special dietary reasons. Please do not bring any snacks.
- *Please notify your group leader in advance of any special dietary needs, some may require the participant with special dietary needs to supplement their daily meals with food from home.*

Lodging: Groups will stay at St. Joseph Parish in Lynden and/or Assumption Catholic School in Bellingham. Participants will stay in the parish hall and parish/school classrooms. Groups will sleep in separate rooms according to gender and will be sleeping on the floor. Mattresses from CYO Camps will be provided for each participant. Showers will take place on two days at a local swimming pool or gym.

Medications: All medications, whether prescription or over the counter, will need to be bagged and labeled with the participant's name and instructions for dispensing. Follow your group leaders rules regarding medications. Ensure that your parents complete the medication portion of the Parent/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver.

Departure: Plan to depart by 12pm on Thursday of your mission week, a large brunch will be served on Thursday, but not lunch.

Agape Expectations for the Week

These are some basic expectations that we ask everyone to follow and keep in mind during our week of service. We will have a great week if we all strive to apply these while we live in community and serve!

- **Be Respectful:** To everyone in your group, adult leaders, Agape staff, parish staff & facility, the farmworkers, and everyone we encounter at service sites.
- **Think About Others and Live in Community:** We are working, living, and eating in community this week. Challenge yourself to think about the needs of others before yourself. Get to know new people! Clean up after yourself and help with chores. Respect the space and items of other group members. Honor the current COVID safety protocol.
- **Keep Quiet Hours Quiet:** Keep the noise level to a minimum during parish office hours (8am-5pm) and quiet hours (10pm-7am).
- **Be Mindful of the Dress Code:** Be mindful in your attire. Tank tops must be wider than two-fingers, shorts must be no shorter than your fingertips, no exposed midriffs, and no sagging pants.
- **Use the Buddy System:** When we are on service outings, you will need to stay in groups of three and have adult supervision.
- **Be Positive:** Strive to have a positive attitude towards all activities, reflections, and experiences.
- **Serve the Lord and Have Fun!:** Do everything with sacrificial God-like love (agape!).

Please do not bring:

- Snacks—all food is shared and eaten as a community
- Cell phones or personal communication devices, iPods, mp3 players, etc. We are trying to serve Christ in each other and our technology can often get in the way of that
- Illegal drugs, alcohol, fireworks, or weapons of any kind

Agape Packing List

For Sleeping:

- *Twin mattresses from CYO Camps will be provided for each sleeper*
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Ear plugs for sleeping (suggested)

Personal Hygiene

- Towel/washcloth
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, brush, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Baby/Body wipes (if desired)
- Sunscreen
- Small bag (like a drawstring backpack or reusable shopping bag, to carry shower gear)
- Shower sandals (if desired)

Clothing

- Jeans or other pants (2-3 pairs) (make sure to include clothing you can work on a farm in)
- T-shirts (tank tops must be at least two-finger width wide)
- Shorts (must be at least fingertip length)
- Tennis shoes (for playing games at the camp and being on your feet for extended periods)
- Underwear and Socks
- Sweatshirt/Jacket – check the weather for Lynden, WA (many of our activities are outside)
- Pajamas
- Hat or visor
- Swimsuit for showering
- Shoes for farm work (ex: tennis shoes or boots that are ok getting dirty)

Other

- Work Gloves (Optional)
- Water bottle (A MUST!)
- ID Card for showers (if 16+ or an adult)
- Good Attitude and a Servant's Heart
- Book, board/card games for down time, journal for additional reflection (an Agape journal will be provided)
- \$30 cash or card if interested in purchasing Agape sweatshirt
- Any medications – follow the distribution guidelines of the group leader

Please remember to be mindful in your attire. Tank tops must be wider than two-fingers, shorts must be no shorter than your fingertips, no exposed midriffs, and no sagging pants.

Please do not bring electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, etc.). No weapons, fireworks, or illegal substances.

PLEASE PACK LIGHTLY!

Sample Agape 2022 Schedule

****This schedule is tentative and is subject to change****

<p>Sunday: 3:00 - Groups arrive, unpack & get settled 3:30-4:15 – Program orientation, community building, intro session 4:45-6:45 - BBQ dinner & activities at camp for farmworker families 7:00 - Return, unpack, unwind 7:30-8:30 - Opening prayer & reflection 8:45-9:15 - Adult meeting 8:45 - Group free time</p> <p>Monday: 5:30 - Wake up & breakfast (<i>solidarity morning</i>) 6:30 - Morning Prayer & Reflection 7:30-10:00 - Farm work 10:30-11:00 - Adoration at St. Joe’s Lynden 11:15-12:00 - Lunch 12:15-1:00 - Showers 1:15-3:00 – Break (nap, hang out, chores) 3:30-5:00 – Solidarity dinner activity 5:30-7:00 – Enrichment Activities at Camps 7:30-8:30 - Prayer & reflection (including snack) 8:45-9:15 - Adult meeting 8:45 - Group free time</p> <p>Tuesday: 7:15 – Wake up & Breakfast 8:15 – Morning Prayer & Reflection 8:45-10:30 – <i>Farm work OR extended formation activity</i> 11:00-11:45 – Showers 12:00-12:45 – Lunch & Chores 1:00-2:30 – Food Bank Prep/Sorting 3:00 - Prep dinners & pack for camps 4:00-8:00 - Food Distribution & Enrichment Activities at Camps; Promo flyers for food bank <i>Dinner eaten ‘on road’</i> 8:30-9:00 - Short prayer & reflection (snack) 9:15 Adult meeting & group free time</p>	<p>Wednesday: 7:15 – Wake up & Breakfast 8:15 – Morning Prayer & Reflection 9:00-11:15 - Food Bank Set Up 11:30 - Food Bank Opens <i>Lunch shifts & snacks throughout food bank</i> <i>Rotate stations/jobs throughout food bank</i> 5:00 - Begin tidying & initial packing 5:30 - Food Bank Closes 6:00 – Tentative Spanish Mass at St. Joe’s Lynden 6:45 – Dinner & Chores 7:30-8:30 - Prayer & reflection 8:45-9:15 - Adult meeting 8:45 - Group free time</p> <p>Thursday: 7:15 – Wake up, light snack, pack & deep clean 9:00 - Mass at St. Joe’s Lynden 9:45 - Celebration brunch 10:30 - Advocacy Formation & Work 11:30 - Concluding session & sending forth 12:00 - Groups depart (lunch not included)</p>
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The schedule is subject to change depending on needs of service projects, facilities, and activities. You will be given an updated schedule upon your arrival at Agape.