

GLOBAL CITIZIENS

SERVICE CAMP 2026 – St. Francis Xavier Parish, Stoney Creek



If there were more love, the world would be different; if we loved more, there would be less war. It all comes down to this: Do your best for your brother, and therefore there will be peace on earth.

~ St. Dulce Lopes Pontes

This year's Service Camp will focus on issues of social justice that are facing humanity on a global scale, and how God is calling us to respond from where we are.

Centred around the truth that we are one global family, participants will have the opportunity to share the gifts of their time and talents by engaging in a variety of age-appropriate service projects in our local community!

The camp days will also include group bonding games, learning activities, and time for prayer, reflection, and faith-sharing.

Age Group: Students entering Grades 7 – 9 in September 2026

Dates: Monday, August 10 – Friday, August 14

Times: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$50 (includes a camp T-shirt!)

Registration deadline: Friday, July 17 **(Spots are limited and may fill up before the deadline.)**

How do I apply for a spot?

Please bring your application and payment to the parish office (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek).

- ✚ Forms can be put through the mail slot in the office's front door before/after-hours.
- ✚ If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Francis Xavier Parish".
- ✚ Applicants will be contacted within a few days of submitting their form.
- ✚ Details about the specific service projects and what to bring to camp each day will be e-mailed to participants in advance.

Any questions?

Please feel free to contact Wes Moga (SFX Youth Minister) at (905) 662 – 8593 ext. 6 or

wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com.

This box will be completed by parish staff: Paid by: Cash _____ Cheque _____ Initials _____

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Application Form (Students completing Grades 6 – 8)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade for 2025-2026 School Year: _____

School: _____

T-shirt: **YOUTH** (Unisex sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL): _____ or **ADULT** (Unisex sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL): _____

*Recommendation: GIRLS choose 1 size smaller than they normally wear in girls' or women's sizes
BOYS choose 1 size larger than they normally wear in boys' or men's sizes.*

ADULT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Contact (Primary Contact): _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

*****Note: This will be our main way of contacting you with camp information and updates.**

Emergency Contact (if Primary cannot be reached): _____

Relationship to participant: _____ Phone Numbers: _____

Who will be dropping off and picking up this student?

PARTICIPANT MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Does your child have any allergies (i.e. bee stings, peanuts, medications, seasonal, etc.):

Does your child carry an EpiPen?

Yes No

Does your child carry an inhaler for asthma?

Yes No

Does your child have any additional medical/physical/emotional concerns that the camp leaders should be aware of (i.e. behavioural conditions, anxiety, etc.)? If so, how can we help them to have a great experience?

Will your child require prescription medication while at camp? If so, please specify the medication, dosage, and time of day that it should be given.

*****Note: For safety purposes, any medications other than inhalers and Epipens must be turned in to our First Aid team upon arrival each day and will be in their keeping while the child is at camp.**

REQUESTS

Would you like to request that your child be in the same travel group as a friend or sibling for the week? If so, please write this person's name below.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Would you be interested in volunteering your time and talents with this year's camp? We are looking for help with such things as running activities, general supervision, First Aid, handling sign-in and sign-out, transportation to the service projects, preparation of supplies, setting up the camp spaces, and clean-up.

Adult volunteers are required to complete the Diocese of Hamilton's screening procedures, including a brief interview, a reference check, and a Vulnerable Sector Check from the local police department.

If you would like to be involved, please share what you might like to do below and you will be contacted soon!

PERMISSION STATEMENT

I, the parent/guardian of _____ (student name), give my permission for them to participate in St. Francis Xavier Parish's 2026 Global Citizens Service Camp.

- I agree to hold the parish and its staff and volunteers harmless for any untoward event that may occur (injury, damage to or loss of belongings, etc).
- I give permission for my child to be transported to and from the week's service projects by volunteer drivers from the parish.
- I give permission for medical care to be sought for my child if it is deemed necessary and/or in the event that I cannot be reached.
- I give permission for the designated adult supervisors to dispense my child's medications during camp, as I understand that medications are not permitted to be kept with personal belongings.
- I confirm that either myself or the above-named Emergency Contact will be available to come pick this student up in a timely manner if needed.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

QUESTIONS FOR THE STUDENT APPLYING FOR A SPOT IN SERVICE CAMP

****These questions should be answered by the student themselves, rather than by a parent on behalf of the student.**

Why would you like to take part in Service Camp this summer?

Have you had experience volunteering before? If so, please tell us a bit about it!

What strengths do you feel that you would bring to camp? What leadership skills do you hope to grow in?

How do you hope that participating in Service Camp will help to support you in growing your relationship with God?

Expectations of Participants

- I understand that by participating in Service Camp, I am representing St. Francis Xavier Parish to the wider community.
- I will be kind, courteous, and helpful to my fellow students, the camp leaders and drivers, and anyone that I encounter in the community throughout the service projects and other camp activities.
- I will be committed to fully participating in each service project the camp group takes part in, which may involve some physical labour.
- I will use appropriate language and wear appropriate clothing while participating in camp.
- I will listen to instructions and always demonstrate safe behaviour.
- If I will be bringing a cell phone to camp, I will only use it during free time and ensure that any apps, music, games, etc. are appropriate for the church.
- ***I understand that the failure to meet any of these expectations may result in my not being able to continue as a Service Camp participant.***

I have read and understand the “Expectations of Participants” listed above and agree to abide by them.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Thank-you very much for applying for a spot in Service Camp! We will contact you soon.