



Step Up 2009

Free March Break Program

- *Skills* • *Experience* • *Teamwork* • *Community*

Applicants must be youth who are:

- 13 - 16 years old and living in Flemington Park/Thornccliffe Park
- Interested in teamwork
- Wanting to volunteer in the community and earn volunteer hours
- Wanting to strengthen leadership, job and life skills
- Available to participate from approximately 9:30 am until 4pm during March break for five days, beginning Monday, March 16th and running until Friday, March 20th. Attendance is very important. Participants must be available every day of programming.

Participants in the program will:

- Participate in games, activities and workshops in order to challenge one's self and develop teamwork and leadership skills
- Volunteer with a team of diverse youth in community projects
- Strengthen confidence, communication and conflict resolution skills
- Go on a one-day adventure-based challenge outside the city
Thursday, March 19th, we will leave (by school bus) for our retreat at 8am. and will return by 6pm.
- Receive a \$25 Achievement Award upon completion of the program and attain a total of approximately 10 volunteer hours.

There will be a pre-program Info Session on March 11th
*Please include your e-mail address and contact info on your registration form
so we can provide details and invite you to this session.

Deadline for program registration is Thurs., March 5th, 2009

SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER SOON!!!

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that your child is registering to be involved in the *Step Up March Break* Program (a partnership between Serve! and Flemingdon Health Centre). We will participate in educational workshops, volunteer with community agencies and take part in other fun activities. We will visit different agencies in the local community and may use the TTC (at these times, transportation will be provided free of charge).

We have in place a 'Safe Arrival System'. 'Safe arrival' means that if your child has not arrived on time for the program day we will make a phone call home (as soon as we are able) to try to let parents/guardians know of their child's absence or lateness.

Your child will be expected to attend the March Break Program from Monday March 16th until Friday March 20th, 2009 (for a total of five days). We will be participating in a one-day retreat Thursday March 19th, and participants will be required to meet at 8:00am, returning by 6:00pm, because we are traveling out of the city. More information about this activity will be provided to participants on the first day of the program. The retreat is an important part of the program, and all participants will be attending.

If you know your child will have to miss a day or half a day from the program due to religious, cultural or family obligations please inform us as soon as possible so we can accommodate your needs (though this may affect the volunteer hours and achievement award your child will earn).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 416-933-2950.

Thank you,

Elaine Munro
Program Manager



(Please complete and return this portion with the program registration **by March 5th, 2009 or by first day of program.** Thank you!)

Participant's Name _____

Health Card # _____

Your Home Phone # _____ Daytime # _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name Phone#

I understand and agree that all photographs/videos taken of my child while in the Serve! program, by Serve! staff or designated photographers, are the property of Serve! and can be used for the purpose of promoting the organization or program without further consent of the individual.

YES NO

I, _____, give my child permission to fully participate in
(name of parent/guardian)

all aspects of the Serve! March Break Program _____
(signature of parent/guardian)