



## Freshmen Service Program 2018-2019

A commitment to serving the Coachella Valley community is at heart of a Xavier education. Students are asked to offer their time and energy in an effort to better understand what it means to be “men and women with and for others.” Xavier Freshmen will have the opportunity to serve in various ministries which promote true Christian charity. These experiences illumine students’ studies and personal faith journeys, instilling a personal responsibility in building a more just society and a call to action. Xavier administration, faculty, staff, and alumni believe this service experience will foster a lifelong commitment to justice.

### Requirements for Freshmen Service Program (FSP) Hours:

- Freshmen must complete a total of TEN (10) hours of service for credit. Students are welcome and encouraged to go beyond the required total of 10 hours.
- Five (5) of the required hours must come from the Easter Eggstravaganza Event, in which students will be partnered with local special needs children during an afternoon of Easter festivities and an egg hunt. Easter Eggstravaganza 2019 will occur on Sunday, April 7, 2019. Should you be unable to attend, you will be responsible for contacting the Service Office and making up the five hours outside of Xavier.
- See the Approved Sites and Agencies for further details on the different options for completing the five (5) remaining hours. You are not required to choose from this list; however, these sites are highly encouraged. You may complete service hours at any non-profit organization, such as schools, camps, museums, and events. Babysitting, working with family members, coaching Xavier sports teams, or paid work do not qualify for Freshmen Christian Service hours. If in doubt, please reach out to the Service Coordinator.
- Any Christian Service Hours completed over the summer will count as *magis* hours, not towards the ten hour requirement.
- Students will be responsible for completing and submitting a Service Hour Log. Papers may be found online or in the Service Office. For all completed hours, students will need to list the name of the site or event, date, number of hours, supervisor’s contact information, and valid signature from the site supervisor. Xavier faculty members qualify as site supervisors for activities and events.
- Completed Service Hour Logs are due to the Christian Service Coordinator by Friday, May 17, 2019. It is wise to keep a digital copy of the completed form in case you damage, misplace, or lose your form.
- Freshman Service will count towards the Theology I grade and Xavier graduation requirements. Students’ final Theology I grades may reflect the ten hours upon theology teacher’s discretion. This service will also affect their Freshmen Service Program (FSP) grade, which is pass/fail. The FSP grade is part of the graduation requirements for Xavier College Preparatory High School. FAILURE TO COMPLETE YOUR HOURS MAY PREVENT YOU FROM RECEIVING YOUR DIPLOMA UPON GRADUATION.

Freshman Service Program Requirements are subject to change. Updates will be communicated via email and posted on the Freshman Service Google Classroom page and Xavier Website.

*If you have any questions about the specifics of the requirements for FSP or questions on what is an acceptable site, please contact Ms. Denise Barradas, Christian Service Coordinator, at [dbarradas@xavierprep.org](mailto:dbarradas@xavierprep.org) or (760) 601-3900 x6197.*

**PLEASE RETURN THIS CONTRACT SIGNED AND COMPLETED TO YOUR THEOLOGY TEACHER BY  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**



## Freshman Service Program Contract

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Theology Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have carefully reviewed this contract and agree that I will complete my Freshman Service Requirement of 10 hours. I acknowledge that failing to fulfill my service requirement may result in a point penalty in my Theology I class and may put me at risk from graduating from Xavier College Preparatory High School.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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