

Serve Erie Frequently Asked Questions

STEPS AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Register yourself and your group for the appropriate project.
 - a. Be aware: Depending on the nature of your project, you may be subject to a 10-year background check
2. Invite your group members to sign up and register for the project you picked for them.
3. Expect more detailed information to come to you once you complete the registration and the event gets closer.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is SERVE ERIE?

Serve Erie is led by cooperating BRN churches in the region as well as other cooperating partners across the state and region. The focus of this initiative is to inspire others to engage in compassion ministry by providing opportunities to churches and volunteers to participate in ministry projects in the Erie region. The goal for the BRN and these churches is to be the vehicle by which the love of Christ is both seen and felt as they serve the city.

How long is SERVE ERIE?

Serve Erie will take place over the weekend of September 20-21, 2024 – Friday and Saturday. Volunteers have the opportunity to serve on **one** or **both** days.

What is the Rally?

The Rally will take place at the Polish Baptist Campground on Saturday evening, September 21 at 5:00 p.m. We will gather for a meal and then for a time of celebration and reports from all the projects we were able to complete over the two days. It is a great celebration of what happens when we all work together to do good!

What is the cost per person?

There is no cost for the event.

What is the deadline to register?

Projects will remain open until they reach maximum capacity for volunteers. Projects are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Look at various projects and sign up for the one that best fits you. If a project is full, look at others as alternatives. Only sign up for one project per day.

Is there an age requirement?

There is no age requirement to serve but we do encourage children under the age of 12 to serve with an adult (21 years of age and older) who will supervise them and serve alongside them for that day. Because of the nature of the different projects, be sure to check the age requirements ("Family/Kid Friendly" or ("16 and Up")) for individual projects.

What transportation is provided?

All teams and volunteers will be responsible for their transportation. Volunteers will meet at their Hub on the day of the project and can decide to carpool or drive separately to their project site after they meet with project leader.

If I am traveling from out of town, where will I be staying?

We have reserved the Polish Baptist Camp as an affordable option for volunteers and teams to stay, but space is limited. You can contact the BRN Help Desk (helpdesk@brnunited.org) for the contact information to book your room as well as a list of local hotels.

What meals are included?

Lunch will be provided for each day, Friday and Saturday. We will have pastries and coffee at the Hubs each morning. Dinner at Saturday's Rally will be provided as well.

What types of service or projects will we be doing?

The project types will be anywhere from light construction, painting, landscaping, food distribution, cooking, crafts, etc. Each Hub has different range of projects to choose from.

What Should I Bring to the Project Site?

Please bring:

- Closed toe shoes – no flip flops or sandals
- Casual but appropriate/modest clothes (depending on project you sign up for – may be painting or landscaping – so be prepared for clothes to get dirty)
- Work gloves, if needed
- Ministry project equipment (if applicable – example – if doing landscaping and you want to bring a rake, shovel etc.)