



JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

Spring and Summer Overview

We look forward to being in touch with you and all incoming Jesuit Volunteers during the months leading up to your Orientation retreat. The following is a timeline of our communication with you as well as important dates and comments about material we need from you. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Cronin, Program Associate, at ncronin@jesuitvolunteers.org or 410-244-1733.

Welcome Packet

- This packet you have received contains important forms that we need returned to JVC by **May 2, 2016 (June 1 for those placed in April or later)**. Please mail the following to 801 Saint Paul Street; Baltimore, Maryland 21202; fax to 410-244-1766; or e-mail to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org.
 - Medical Clearance (to be completed by a physician/physician assistant; you will need to schedule a doctor's appointment)
 - Health and Wellness History (completed by you)
 - Consent for Use of Name, Voice and Likeness (signed by you)
- Also, **please e-mail a clear .jpg photo of yourself** (head shot preferred) to use for Orientation materials (send to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org).

Ignite!

- *Ignite!* will be JVC's main way of staying in touch throughout the coming months. You will receive issues of this e-newsletter periodically throughout the spring and summer.
- **It is important that you read *Ignite!* to receive crucial information about JVC deadlines that will not be announced elsewhere.** You will also read about each of the four values; get recommendations for books, articles, and films to check out; get to know JVC staff members and agencies; and hear updates on the Send Me to Serve fundraising efforts.
- Please notify us if you will not have access to email at some point this spring/summer or if your email address changes (especially if you will no longer use a school address). *Please add @jesuitvolunteers.org to your spam filter so you receive these emails in your inbox and not your spam folder.*

Send Me to Serve

- JVC expects you to fundraise prior to arriving at Orientation. The Send Me to Serve fundraising program helps you to share your JVC experience with friends and family and allows them to share your journey with you. It also helps us spread our mission and raise the dollars necessary to support you throughout your term of service. You will be fully supported in your fundraising efforts by the staff of JVC.
- Information on fundraising is provided in this packet, as well as specific instructions for setting up your own JVC Send Me to Serve online fundraising page. A JVC staff member will contact you soon via email with even more information and support for this work. Please look for that email as it contains time-sensitive material. We look forward to working with you to share the mission of JVC with family and friends!

July Mailer

- JVC will be mailing out another packet in July with information about your community members, your house, and specifics for Orientation. You will be able to contact your community members, learn what to pack for the year, and continue your exploration of the JVC values.
- This packet will be mailed the week of July 1, so please remember to share your updated address.

Orientation Retreat

- The program year begins on **(your mailer will have your specific date and Orientation info)**. This retreat is a five-day introduction to JVC and to an alternative way of life. You will meet new JVs, the JVC staff, and others who have committed themselves to promoting justice in the service of faith. The week will include workshops and presentations on the four values of JVC: spirituality, simple living, community, and social justice. JVC will coordinate travel directly from Orientation to your placement city where you will participate in a local orientation before you begin your first day of work.
- **We ask that you please arrange your own transportation to Orientation.** Whether you are flying, taking a bus or train, or arriving by car, we can provide helpful logistical information you need to plan your travel to Orientation. So that we may better assist you in your arrival, we will be sending you detailed information with all the specifics in an issue of *Ignite!* and asking you to complete an online survey this summer to help us welcome you at the retreat in August.

Starting Work at (your mailer will have contact info for your specific agency)

We look forward to staying in touch this spring and summer in preparation for your JVC experience!