



Devon Prep Students Participate in Summer Mission Trip - 2016

Several Devon Prep students gave up part of their summer vacation to work outside in extremely hot weather, sleep on hard classroom floors, and help those in need. They participated in the school's annual Mission Trip organized through Catholic Heart Workcamp (<http://heartworkcamp.com/>). This year's trip took the boys and their chaperones, Devon Prep Teacher Mr. Joe Lewis and alumni parent Mr. Sam Young to Allentown, PA to do some much needed cleaning, painting, landscaping, weeding, moving and more for a hospital, convent and personal residence.

Two hundred students and adults from as far as Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Missouri and New Jersey participated in the trip. They spent six days in the area sleeping on the classroom floors of St. Joseph the Worker School at night and working together during the day. The Devon Prep students included rising seniors Willson Camp, Thomas Hang, Tyler Keough, Grant Kowalewski, Jack Marquis, Brandon Smoot, and Paul Yoo and rising sophomore Graham Misko and rising freshman Dylan Smoot.

One of the biggest projects for the team was building an eight foot high fence around an eight acre tract of land used to grow an assortment of vegetables for soup kitchens and homeless shelters in the area. The fence was needed to keep animals away from the crops.

“This was one of the more difficult but rewarding jobs we did,” said Mr. Lewis. “We were able to finish the work and the people were especially grateful. It was an extremely difficult week to be working outside as the temperatures were in the mid 90’s throughout the week. But the boys never complained. We had a very successful and rewarding trip.”

Much of the service work was done at Sacred Heart Hospital and the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus convent. There the participants moved furniture and boxes and helped clean. At the Mission of St. Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem the students worked on the grounds creating a walking path and clearing trees and bushes to make way for an outdoor Stations of the Cross. They also painted and cleaned for an elderly resident and a local soup kitchen.

Catholic Heart Workcamp is a non-profit organization established to offer quality service projects and evangelical programs for Catholic young people and their leaders. Their mission is twofold: first, to share the love of Jesus and serve the neglected, brokenhearted and marginalized; second, to empower participants to live as Disciples of Christ through serving others.



