

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CORPS (SINGAPORE)
Youth Volunteer Involvement Programme 2008



A. Introduction

The Youth Volunteer Involvement Programme (YVIP) is organised by the *Student Volunteer Corps (SVC)*. Since YVIP's inception in 1988, it has been very well-received by participating schools as well as various Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs).

B. Objectives

The objectives of YVIP are to:

- a. Introduce students to volunteering.
- b. Develop students with a passion in making a difference.
- c. Equip students with basic volunteering skills.

C. Contents of the Programme

The programme has four components:

- Pre-Camp Briefing (22 November 2008)

Besides getting a brief idea of the programme which they will be undergoing, participants will also be informed of the camp-kit and itinerary. There will also be a brief introduction to the various Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) that are working with SVC for YVIP 2008.

- 4-Day/3-Night Camp (2 – 5 December 2008)

During this 4-day/3-night camp, participants will attend creative workshops which espouse knowledge sharing, experiential learning and problem-based scenarios. These workshops introduce participants to basic volunteering skills and enhance their self-development. Participants will also get to interact with one another and establish rapport with current volunteers through team-building games.

- Agency Attachment (9 - 19 December 2008)

After the camp, participants will attend an attachment programme at various VWOs. This attachment is activity-based (i.e. about 3 – 5 activities within the stipulated time period), flexible and organised according to the VWO's schedule. During this attachment period, students will be able to interact directly with the beneficiaries. Some of the past activities organised include excursions, treasure hunts, cooking competitions and comic opera performances. Past programmes have seen students joyfully putting their creativity into the projects and have a better understanding of their beneficiaries. This has reinforced our belief that this attachment programme can and will benefit both the VWOs and the student participants.

- Afterglow (27 December 2008)

Afterglow is the grand finale of YVIP where participants will be given the opportunity to share their volunteering experiences and be introduced to various VWOs benefiting from their involvement. Participants are highly encouraged to continue volunteering after YVIP. Certificates of participation will be presented to participants who have successfully completed the programme.

It is compulsory for participants to attend all 4 components of the programme.

D. Who can participate?

YVIP is open to students who are between **15 and 19 years old**. Each school can send a maximum of 10 students to participate. Any excess application will be considered only if vacancies are available. ***Students who are below 15 years old will not be accepted.***

E. What is the cost of the programme?

The programme is heavily subsidized and each participant needs to pay only **\$70.00** (payable by Edusave). This will cover the camp component expenses which include food, lodging and camp materials. Fees are not refundable. However, if applicant is rejected by SVC for whatever reason, the fee will be refunded.

Cheques are to be crossed in favour of “**Student Volunteer Corps (Singapore)**” and send to:

Secretariat
Student Volunteer Corps (Singapore)
InQBuzz, 113 Somerset Road
#01-02 National Youth Centre
Singapore 238165

Attention: Miss Nurhazimah Halim

Tel: 81285107

Note: Please write on the back of the cheque “YVIP 2008”.

The school is to submit **both** the registration form (to be completed by the school) and the particulars form of individual students (to be completed by the participant).

G. Other Matters

Applicants with any medical condition must produce a letter from either their doctor or parents before the camp to certify that they are medically fit to attend the camp. We reserve the right to reject participants who have any medical condition.