

HIGHLANDER HEART

Mars Hill Academy Serve-a-thon

We are very excited to introduce the Mars Hill Academy Serve-a-thon. As a way to expand the original Highland Hike spring event, we have designated Friday, April 30, 2010 to be a day our students will spend in service to others. We have partnered with the Salvation Army's, Camp Swoneky, to undertake several projects on their campgrounds to help them prepare for their summer camp schedule. The camp staff serves hundreds of children, ages 6-12, from mostly under-resourced families who would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend a summer camp. Our goal is to descend on their property in the morning, and leave that afternoon having made a dramatic impact. They are excited to have us join them, and we are thrilled to be serving them.

Service efforts will include:

- ✓ **Hope Grove** - Landscape project to clear undergrowth and construct sitting area and recreational space for campers.
- ✓ **Nature Walk** – Create informational stops along existing hiking trail to enhance outdoor learning.
- ✓ **Serenity Walk** – Design rest stops for quiet thought and reflection for campers along hiking trail to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of creation.
- ✓ **Garden of Peace** – Enhance the exterior of existing chapel with various plantings; add seating to expand useable area for campers.
- ✓ **Camper Care Kits** - Small care package to greet campers upon their arrival (toothbrush, toothpaste, journal, etc.)

We need your help! Project and Crew leaders will be needed on site that day, as well as many other volunteers. We want to make this day highly productive and gratifying for the students and the camp staff alike. If you have expertise in one of the above areas, let us know! We'd love to include you in the process. If you know of a business or individual that would like to partner with us via sponsorship or donation, please direct them to the Development Department.

Additional information will follow as we assemble Project Leaders and Crews.

We hope you will mark your calendars and plan on sharing the day with us at our first Annual Mars Hill Academy Highlander Heart Serve-a-thon.

In His Service,

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