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RAMP IT UP! WITH YACHAD

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"An amazing experience! I learned so much, not only about construction and carpentry, giving back, and leadership, but about myself and my capabilities. I surprised myself with how much I was able to do."

- Ramp it Up! Participant

ABOUT

This year Yachad is offering three weeks of Ramp it Up! There will be a one week, traditional session, that will run like years past and will offer 30 hours of community service hours. We are also thrilled to announce that there will also be a two-week session, run in conjunction with American Jewish Society for Service, that will offer 60 hours of community service hours as well as additional programming. Please read about the offered sessions below for more information.

Spots fill up QUICKLY so get your application in ASAP.

All students must have completed their freshman year in high school.

SESSIONS OFFERED FOR 2013:

June 24-28: One Week Session

Ramp it Up! with Yachad is a summer program for high school students (must have completed Freshman year). Students spend a week building an accessibility ramp for a lower-income homeowner with disabilities. Work is done under the supervision of a professional carpenter and counselor. Using team work, 4x4s and power tools, students develop leadership skills, learn about issues of poverty, civil rights and the Jewish values of *tikkun olam* - repairing the world.

Approximately 30 SSL/Community Service Hours are generally awarded.

\$400

June 17-28*: Two Week Session with Yachad & American Jewish Society for Service

Yachad and American Jewish Society for Service are teaming up this year for a special two-week summer program for teens. Like the traditional Ramp it Up! program, area high school students (must have completed Freshman year) will build an accessibility ramp for a lower-income, local homeowner with disabilities. The extra week will provide an opportunity for the teens to spend time off the work site engaging in other accessibility and special needs activities, participating in group discussions about social justice, and experiencing sensitivity training designed to help them better understand what it is like to live with disabilities and truly appreciate the impact they are making by building a ramp.

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\$750

About American Jewish Society for Service (AJSS)

AJSS has been building Jewish leaders while simultaneously providing meaningful service to communities in need across America for over 60 years. They do this by providing opportunities for participants to engage in authentic and needed work while creating their own community of young Jewish teens. Throughout the summer they challenge the way our participants view the world, link social justice with Jewish values and encourage them to experience a life very different from the one they have at home.

Answers to FAQs

- Each work day is from about 9am to 4pm but may vary slightly.
- All locations are near the Beltway, and reasonably close to a Metro stop.
- Carpooling and rides to and from the Metro may be possible.
- The Participation Fee is not tax-deductible and is collected after acceptance.
- Students must have completed their freshman year to participate.
- Approximately 30 hours of community service hours can be awarded for successful completion of the One Week Session and approximately 60 hours for the Two Week Session.
- Locations of project sites will be announced shortly after acceptance.

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