Service Projects & More!
We are very excited to offer service projects for the first time as a part of Fall Orientation Week, and even more pleased that so many of you plan to participate. Service projects are a great opportunity for ALL of us to contribute to our community!

Special thanks to the Dr. Nicki Cagle, K–12 Pathway Programs, Director, for helping us connect with these two wonderful organizations, and I want to extend my gratitude to the service project staff coordinators: Park Watson, Brandon Toney, Mel Adragna and Erika Lovelace – and thanks to the other Student Services and Nic School staff who have volunteered to help!

Orientation Schedule

Off–Campus Service Project

On–Campus Service Project

Wednesday, August 22
9:30–11:30am (Field Auditorium)
The service project will end at 11:30am with lunch.

The Nicholas School of the Environment leads and hosts many pathway/pipeline (as well as mentoring) programs directed at K–12 pre–college students. These programs seek to engage and educate pre–college students in the STEM field. We invite a small group of students to help develop a lesson plan, for one of the pathway/pipeline programs, for K–5 students.

This service activity involves developing a one hour lesson plan geared towards students aged K–5. The activity should be straightforward, group–oriented, address simple
Wednesday, August 22  
8:30–11:30am

We will start in Field Auditorium (8:30–9:00) with an intro and check–in; We will leave promptly at 9:00am and return to campus by 11:30am for lunch.

In partnership with Keep Durham Beautiful Inc., a non–profit organization that focuses on waste management, litter prevention and community greening, the Nicholas School of the Environment’s on–campus professional students will participate in a community clean–up project.

Second year students/POD leaders and Nicholas School staff and faculty have been invited to participate. Transportation will be provided by the school.

- View SAFETY guidelines and what to WEAR
- The staff will provide light snacks, water, and other necessities
- View Participation Agreement (all participants are required to sign and submit the participation agreement before we depart. We will have hard copies available in the morning. However, please take a few minutes to read and review the participation agreement now.

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Global Connections: Scavenger Hunt and Dinner

sciences and improve numeracy and/or literacy skills. A simple example would be counting tree rings: an activity improving numeracy skills which can easily be coupled to exploring why trees are important for an ecosystem. The designed lesson–plan well be used in the Nicholas School – Durham Public School (DPS) Mentoring Program, a weekly community and outreach initiative in which Nic students are paired with kids from DPS to encourage environmental awareness and expose kids to STEM.

Participants, please make sure to bring your laptop/IPads etc. or whatever electronic device you feel comfortable writing on!

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Other Upcoming Events

- August 27/28: On–campus Library Tours; learn about library resources, how to reserve books and journals, and find out what tech resources are available in the library. RSVP now – choose either Monday, Aug 27 or Tuesday, Aug 28

- Tuesday, September 4: Theater Delta Presentation and Dinner; this is an on–going orientation event; more details to come
Thursday, August 23
4:00–6:00pm

This event is open to ALL current Nicholas School students (undergrads, Master’s and PhDs), faculty and staff.

Please join us in welcoming each other to the Nicholas School, Duke University, the Durham Community, and to the start of a new academic year!

Following the photo scavenger hunt, the Nicholas School is hosting an international Smörgåsbord dinner on the EH Patio!

Photo Scavenger Hunt: Meet in Environment Hall, 1st Floor Lobby
Dinner: Immediately following

- Saturday, September 8: Nicholas School Field Day: games, food and fun in the Duke Forest (family, friends and pets are welcome!); more details to come

- Friday, September 14: Take a Guided Tour of the Duke Forest; RSVP now here; the tour can take up to 15 people

- Saturday, September 15: First year students Visitation Day at the Duke Marine Lab
Questions?
Send an email to e.love@duke.edu.

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