



Dove Youth Development

Volunteer / Visit Procedures

Options

1. **Visit** – 30-minute visit (maximum) to see our center and learn about our programs and classes. (\$20 cash transportation fee). After your initial visit we encourage a volunteer day due to class disruptions.
2. **Half day Volunteer:** Morning session 9:45- 12:30 pm or afternoon session 1:45-4:00 pm (depending on pick up location)
3. **Full day Volunteer:** 9:45-4:00 pm (depending on pick up and drop off location)

If you are a volunteer who also would like to bring a lesson plan to work on with the kids, we would love to hear about it and make it happen!

Weekly schedule (except Holidays)

- Sunday: Closed
- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Primary students (boys 6-11 years old) secondary students (teens 11-19 years old)
- Wednesday: Primary students (boys 6-11 years old) secondary students (teens 11-19 years old)
- Thursday: Primary students (girls 6-11 years old) secondary students (teens 11-19 years old)
- Friday: Primary students (girls 6-11 years old) secondary students (teens 11-19 years old)
- Saturday: Both boys and girls all ages

NOTE: Our children who come during the week will come for either the morning or afternoon. Since school is only required for half day, our children will come to our center before or after school. Some of our children are in school all day or in private school, therefore will only come on Saturdays. Many of the children who play sports will have a very busy schedule and will come when they can between school and sports.



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Prices for Volunteer Days:

- Full day in the field: \$75 per person
- Full day for families (up to 2 adults and 2 children): \$250 per day
- Half day in the field: \$45/person
- Half day for families (up to 2 adults and 2 children): \$150/day
- 5-day weekly rate: \$350 per person. (The Center is open Tuesday-Saturday, except for Dominican holidays).
- If you need transportation from Sosua, please add a fee of \$25/per group per day. If you need transportation from Cabarete, please add a fee of \$30/per group per day.

Booking your day with Dove Process:

1. Email Lauren (volunteer coordinator) at volunteer@dovemissions.org with the following information:
 - Visit or volunteer day?
 - Full or half day volunteer (if applicable)
 - How many people will be joining?
 - Full names of those joining:
 - If you currently sponsor a child or anyone in your group does please notate the sponsor child's name (we can try our best to line up your visit or volunteer day to when your child will be there:
 - Preferred day to come to Dove (it is recommended that we receive a few weeks' notice so we can accommodate your request):
2. Lauren will confirm the above information and work on your request and book it based on availability as well as confirm your pickup and drop off times. Your request will be answered within 24 hours.
3. If you have any specific questions on items your child needs or what our center needs at that current time Lauren will advise of that as well. A lot of items are needed depending on the season and time of year! So please always check with us 😊
4. We will pick you up to come spend time at Dove Youth Development Center!



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What a volunteer day looks like:

- Tour of Dove
- Spending time with our children by participating in arts and crafts, English class, games and many other classes we offer.
- Tour of the Barrios (neighborhoods where our children are from).
- Dominican style lunch in the city (provided for full day volunteers only).

Leadership team at Dove:

- **Martina Hiresova** - Field director who works directly with our children and with our volunteers onsite at Dove Youth Development.
- **Lauren Belardinelli** - Coordinates anything related to coordinating your visit or volunteer day. Lauren works alongside Martina to schedule these days. All inquiries related to this or asking what is needed for Dove or your sponsor child should go through Lauren as well.
- **LeeAnn Marks** - Handles anything related to setting up child sponsorship and providing updates throughout the year to our sponsors of their children. LeeAnn can be reached at childsponsorship@dovemissions.org
- **Liz Rooney** - Founder of Dove Missions and executive Director. Liz is a member of our board, founder and apart of all our committees. Behind the scenes Liz is always working on new projects and ways to grow!
- **Volunteers** - Behind the scenes we have many volunteers who participate in monthly committee meetings where we can discuss new ideas, goals, future growth, social media, classroom lessons, reports and many more items.
- **Board** - We are also run by a group of board members who assist Liz in decision making and the ins and outs of the Youth Center. Each Board member oversees one committee where we go over all our strategy and ways to expand and raise more money for our children!

Please note: All communication with your sponsor child must be through Dove Youth Development. Any communication outside of Dove with your child is not allowed as we do not want our children or their family asking for money or anything outside of what Dove provides.



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If you are looking to gift your sponsor child with something special, we recommend sponsoring a pizza party with cake. We will hold this on the day the child comes to the center for them to enjoy with the other children who come on that day!