



### **What Is Transit Service Line?**

Transit Service Line is an experience designed to create a serving opportunity for rising 8th graders and their parents. We believe that middle school is the perfect time for a student to experience a new culture or a set of circumstances different than their own, and we think parents should have a front-row seat to that!

### **When & Where Is Transit Service Line in 2022?**

Transit Service Line will be from June 12 through June 18, 2022. While we don't have the specific location yet, we will be serving somewhere along 30A in the panhandle of Florida.

### **Who Is Our Serving Partner in 2022?**

This year, we are serving with Lighthouse Family Retreat. Through our partnership, a team of rising 8th-grade students and their parents will head to Florida to help provide a week of relaxation, relational connection, and fun for families battling childhood cancer. For more information about our partner, check out [Lighthouse Family Retreat](#).

### **How Do I Sign Up For Transit Service Line?**

Transit Service Line is an application-based experience. Applications will open on December 5, 2021, and close on January 3, 2022. Spaces are limited for this trip, and not all who apply will be accepted. You can find the application at [southside.org/transit](https://southside.org/transit). Parents and students fill out one joint application.

### **What Does Transit Service Line Cost?**

This year's cost for Transit Service Line is \$1400 per person. While this sounds steep, don't panic. As a serving team, we will all spend time fundraising for this trip. Each student + parent team will be required to put 10% down in January and fundraise the rest of the cost of the trip.

### **What Is Included In The Cost Of The Trip?**

Funds raised for Transit Service Line will cover lodging and meals in Florida, transportation to and from the retreat, supplies needed for the retreat, and any supplies required for team training, fundraising, etc. Any excess funds after the trip will all be donated to our serving partner.

### **What Are The Transportation Arrangements For Transit Service Line?**

The entire team will travel to and from Florida by charter bus. The Transit team will have cars on-site to assist with any supply needs or emergencies should they arise.

### **What Are We Doing While Serving At Lighthouse Family Retreat?**

You'll be the Lighthouse family's assistants and companions during their stay. You'll have the opportunity to serve them by cooking, cleaning, sharing meals, and taking the kids to Lighthouse activities like movie night, the talent show, and night of worship. You'll also care for the kids while their parents attend a counseling session or enjoy an evening out. Over the course of the week, you'll be amazed to see how your family and the Lighthouse family form a truly amazing bond.

We're looking for a caring and compassionate team with a heart for serving families who have been struck by childhood cancer. You'll help provide a week of relaxation, relational connection, laughter, and kindness to a specific family as you partner with Lighthouse to create a fun, restful, and memorable experience. This is a meaningful way to serve families that need a vacation from the weight of living with childhood cancer. If you want to create some joy by sharing the sunshine and the sand with these families, here's your opportunity!

### **What Are The COVID Protocols In Place This Year?**

As of December 2021, Lighthouse has put a few protocols to help battle COVID while on retreat. All team members serving will be required to present a negative COVID test before the retreat and participate in daily health checks. Masks will be required in situations where social distancing isn't possible - mainly around treatment families. At this time, vaccinations are not required.

### **Where Can I Schedule A COVID-19 Test?**

Your Primary Care Physician, local Passport Health clinics, and many local pharmacies offer rapid and PCR COVID-19 and COVID-19 antibody blood tests. Some locations may provide walk-in services, but we highly recommend scheduling your appointment in advance.

### **Can Both Parents Take Our Student On This Trip? What About Adult Siblings Or Other Adults?**

Because we have limited spots on this trip, we will only take one parent per student to Transit Service Line. Because of the nature of the experience, we prefer that students attend alongside their parent. One exception to this exists and is listed below.

### **I Have Twins! What Are My Options?**

In the case of twin students, you have a couple of options. Either one parent could service with both students or both parents could attend the experience!

### **How Will The Serving Team Be Selected?**

We will choose teams based on several criteria:

1. Southside Campus Representation
2. Gender (So Trips Are Balanced)
3. Reference Checks
4. Needs (E.g., if we need a nurse, etc.)
5. First Come, First Served

### **What Other Requirements Exist Outside Of The Trip?**

We will have two team meetings leading up to departure to prepare for the trip. These will be critical times for training, fundraising, and team bonding. All participants are required to attend. After the trip, we will also have a third team meeting to debrief and celebrate. Team members will be asked to follow all guidelines and expectations put forth by Lighthouse Family Retreat and agree to a Transit Service Line Team Covenant.

### **What If My Student Or I Have A Food Allergy?**

Would you mind indicating this in your application? We will do our best to accommodate any food allergies.

### **Will There Be A Medical Professional At Transit Service Line?**

Yes. Lighthouse will have trained medical professionals present throughout the event and access to local medical professionals and hospitals.

### **What Is The Cancellation Policy?**

All cancellations must be sent in writing to the Transit Team. Cancellations made after being selected for the team will forfeit all fundraised money, which will be donated directly to Lighthouse Family Retreat.

If you have further questions, we would love to help address those. Feel free to reach out to the email addresses below for more information:

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