



## SERVE 2026 Planning Calendar

**September 1, 2025-** SERVE 2025 theme announced.

**October 1, 2025-** 2024 SERVE Sites announced at ThereforeGo.com.

**October 2025-** Choose a SERVE experience. Invite input from fellow leaders, students, parents and church leadership.

**November 3, 2025\*\*-** Registration opens at Noon EST. Save your spots by placing a deposit of \$50 per person. You will only need to indicate the number of youth and adult spots at this time. Sites are filled on a first come, first served basis! *\*\*Note, this is usually on November 1, but since that's a Saturday this year we've moved it to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Monday, this year*

**November 2025- March 2026-** After you receive your confirmation letter of your site placement, your group can then complete the individual online registration by providing specific participant information.

**April 1, 2026-** Complete your online registration by April 1.

**April 1, 2026-** Scholarship Application are due by April 1.

**April 2, 2026-April 15, 2026-** Any registrations will be charged a \$25 late fee.

**April 16, 2026-** Any registrations on or after this date will be charged a \$50 late fee.

**May 1, 2026-** Final balance due for all SERVE Sites.

**May 15, 2026-** Adult Leader background checks are due into the TGM office. To qualify as current, background checks must be completed after June 15, 2023.

### Before your SERVE experience

- Collect Liability Waiver forms from each student and adult participant. Bring these with you to your SERVE site or email them to [serve@thereforego.com](mailto:serve@thereforego.com) and we will pass them along to your host team. If you opt to email them, please send Liability Waivers for your entire group in one email
- Ensure each adult leader has a current background check on file with Therefore Go Ministries. More information can be found at [ThereforeGo.com/background-check-information](https://ThereforeGo.com/background-check-information)
- Have a leaders' meeting to review the Leader Handbook, Spiritual Life Guide, and Expectations of a Leader document.
- Have a students' meeting: teach from the 2026 pre-trip theme lessons and review the Student Handbook.
- Ask your congregation to pray.