Issue: Sustainable Living, Native American Rights
Community Partner: Once Upon A Time
Location: Maryville, TN
Estimated Price: ~$350
*Fee does not include meals, tolls, and leisure activities
Dates: Sunday, March 15th - Saturday, March 21st

Trip Descriptions: Once Upon A Time works with a variety of local agencies in and around the Cherokee Nation and Appalachia. Days could be split in activities in the Snowbird Cherokee community, Cherokee National Forest, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Service activities could include volunteering at the senior citizens center, fixing homes, learning about cherokee culture, trail maintenance, invasive species removal or other such projects.

Issue: Affordable Housing, Native American Rights
Community Partner: Cheyenne River Housing Authority
Location: Eagle Butte, SD
Estimated Price: ~$400
*Fee does not include meals, tolls, and leisure activities
Dates: Sunday, March 15th - Saturday, March 21st

Trip Descriptions: Cheyenne River Housing Authority is an organization located on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation that focuses on repairing homes for residents of Eagle Butte, SD. You will be immersed in Lakota culture and interact with the residents on the reservation. The reservation has two of the poorest counties in the nation and many residents lack basic necessities. The volunteer elements will be focused on interior and exterior work such as flooring, wiring, insulation, painting, and more. Volunteers of all experience are welcomed.
*Wifi is very spotty
Issue: Disabilities & Special Needs, Environment
Community Partner: Fowler Center
Location: Mayville, MI
Estimated Price: ~$110
*Fee does not include meals, tolls, and leisure activities
Dates: Sunday, March 15th - Saturday, March 21st

Trip Descriptions: The Fowler Center is a year round camp for children and adults with disabilities. Activities could include running activities, lawn maintenance, administration, equestrian work, or other special event work. Most of the work will likely be engaging with campers during the programs and helping them form peer relationships and get involved in daily activities.

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Issue: Immigrant Rights
Community Partner: New American Pathways
Location: Atlanta, GA
Estimated Price: ~$425
*Fee does not include meals, tolls, and leisure activities
Dates: Saturday, March 14th - Sunday, March 22st
*longer than the rest of the trips since it is a two day drive

Trip Descriptions: New American Pathways works to promote safety, stability, self-sufficiency, success, and service for refugees in Georgia. Educational components will likely focus on the history and current state of the refugee crisis and cultural and self awareness. Service work could include helping with after school programs, apartment set-ups, grocery shopping for new arrivals, organizing storage facilities, or more!
Issue: Homelessness
Community Partner: Variety of Organizations
Home Base Organization: Porchlight
Location: Madison, WI
Estimated Price: <$175 (We’re working on finalizing it, ask in your interview)
*Fee does not include meals, and leisure activities
Dates: Sunday, March 15th - Saturday, March 21st

Trip Descriptions: Homelessness is an issue gaining national attention at this moment. And it is a highly visible issue in Madison, where the streets students tread is the same that people make into temporary homes. This trip will bring visibility to the issue of homelessness in Madison focusing on structures which some community members benefit from while disadvantaging others. This trip will strive to educate individuals about the intersection of various institutions in order to capture the complex, and dynamic causes and iterations of housing insecurity.

This trip will work primarily with Porchlight preparing their various units for spring. Additionally, we will engage with a variety of other service providers in order to understand the unique experience of homelessness and non-profits that have risen to meet those unique needs. We will engage with scholars and programs dedicated to early education, criminal justice system, LGBTQ youth, and mental health as they intersect with homelessness.

There may or may not be a sixth trip. If there is and you have already applied you will get an email asking your interest.