



Family & Volunteer Orientation Packet

Educating, empowering and inspiring the youth of Dania Beach
Free afterschool programs • Monday-Friday • 2:00-5:30 PM

100%

Free of charge

Ages 5-18

Students served

2 : 8

Volunteer to student

M-F

2:00 – 5:30 PM

Welcome to Love Our Nation

Thank you for choosing Love Our Nation. Founded in the State of Florida in 2013 by Ms. Ovrill Dwyer and a group of community leaders, Love Our Nation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the youth and families of Dania Beach and surrounding Broward County communities.

Our mission is to educate and empower youth with life skills that will enable them to become healthy and productive contributors in creating a more prosperous and loving community. Everything we do rests on three pillars: **health, education** and **preservation of the environment**.

We focus on the whole child. Students receive homework help and tutoring, and they are also exposed to enrichment programs many children never get access to — arts, sports, wellness, financial literacy and environmental education — all in a community-centered environment, always free of charge.

A note for families

We do not see students as numbers. We treat our students like family, take the time to know each child's strengths and challenges, and build strong relationships with parents so support at home and support in our program go hand in hand.

Program Hours & Daily Schedule

Part of the day	What happens
Arrival & hand washing	Students sign in, wash their hands and settle in for the afternoon.
Snack	A healthy snack — usually fruit or another nutritious option.
Homework & tutoring	Homework help and one-on-one tutoring with volunteers and mentors.
Daily activity	The enrichment activity planned for the day: gardening, golf, arts, dance, martial arts, swimming and more.
Closing snack & pledge	A second snack, then we close together with the Love Our Nation pledge.
Program hours	Monday through Friday, 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM, while school is in session.
Holidays & planning days	We are generally closed. Exceptions are our August Back-to-School Camp and occasional Sundays when students rehearse for our bi-annual luncheon.
Location	215 NW Fifth Ave, Dania Beach, FL 33004 — indoor activity spaces plus outdoor and garden space for Earth 2 Table.
Meals & snacks	Healthy snacks are provided daily. Health and nutrition are part of the program.
Transportation	Offered depending on volunteer availability. Please ask staff in advance.

What Students Do

Our goal is to expose students to opportunities they might not otherwise have.

- Homework help and tutoring
- Tap dance
- Financial literacy
- Mentorship
- African drumming
- Field trips and enrichment
- Earth 2 Table gardening
- Martial arts
- Guest speakers and community leaders
- Golf with First Tee Broward
- Swimming
- Back-to-School Camp each August
- Acting and singing
- Wellness and health education
- Community service and food recovery

Back-to-School Camp

Every August we run a Back-to-School Camp to help students prepare for the new school year. Students receive school supplies and resources so they walk in on day one feeling prepared and confident.

Enrollment & Registration

Cost	All Love Our Nation programs are 100% free. There are no program fees and no registration fees.
Ages served	Ages 5–18, primarily elementary and middle school students from Dania Beach, Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale.
How to register	Complete the Earth 2 Table Permission Form on our website under Forms , or contact the organization directly at 954-759-1077.
What we need	Student information, parent/guardian information, emergency contacts, medical information and signed permission and media consent forms.
Waiting list	There is currently no waiting list.

Family Expectations & Policies

Student code of conduct. Students are expected to be respectful, responsible and supportive of one another. Kindness is not optional here.

Safety and supervision. Student safety is a top priority. Students are supervised throughout the entire program in a structured environment, and emergency contact and safety procedures are maintained for every participant.

Privacy. Student and family information is kept private and protected.

Photo and media consent. Parents and guardians complete a consent form before any student photo or video is used publicly. You may decline media consent and still fully participate in the program.

Academic progress. We track grades and attendance and stay in regular contact with parents. Students share report cards with us so we can keep supporting them academically.

Volunteering With Us

Love Our Nation runs on volunteers. Our typical ratio is about two volunteers for every eight students, and volunteers help with tutoring, mentoring, activities, gardening, transportation and community events.

Who can volunteer	Community members, students earning service hours, retirees, professionals and partner organizations.
How to apply	Complete the Earth 2 Table Volunteer Application on our website under Volunteer , or contact leadership directly.
Background checks	Background checks are not currently required. As the program grows we plan to require them for all volunteers and staff working with students.
Commitment	Any consistent time you can give helps — even one afternoon a week makes a difference.

Our Community Partners

We are grateful to work alongside organizations that make these programs possible:

FLIPANY	Loafing Around	SUN Credit Union
Developing Dream Foundation	First Tee Broward	Dania Beach PATCH Community Garden

We also host community events throughout the year — bi-annual luncheons, BikeClyde food drop-offs, food recovery initiatives and student acting presentations. Families are always welcome.

Supporting Love Our Nation

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we rely on donations from neighbors, businesses and partners to keep every program free. Donations directly fund snacks, school supplies, enrichment activities, transportation assistance, field trips and day-to-day operations.

Questions? We are here to help.

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Best contact method for parents: phone or email