

About the Sites



Environmental and Energy Issues

West Virginia

SBO West Virginia is hosted by the Appalachian Institute of Wheeling Jesuit University and gives participants the opportunity to think critically about energy issues by hearing the stories of people directly affected and meeting with stakeholders on all sides of the issues. Participants will learn about the personal and immediate effects that energy decisions have on the local communities in our energy-producing regions.



Prison Reform

Baltimore

SBO Baltimore provides an opportunity to learn about the human implications of the U.S. prison system in our home city of Baltimore. Group members will also learn about the many challenges faced by people who have been incarcerated in their effort to reenter society, such as difficulty finding housing, employment, and support after being released from prison.

Participants will engage in service opportunities in a number of agencies and hear local activists, people who were formerly incarcerated, and residents speak.



Urban Poverty

Washington, DC

Group members will learn about urban poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity in our nation's capital. The team will stay at the Steinbruck Center, a ministry of Luther Place Memorial Church, a program that offers education, service, research and training opportunities to address the root causes of homelessness and urban poverty. Participants will learn about the affordable housing crisis and the state of Washington DC's poverty through walking tours, immersion, and lectures. Group members will also serve at various meal programs across the District.

