

What to expect

WHAT EVERY VOLUNTEER WISHED THEY KNEW BEFORE SERVING



DAILY SCHEDULE

- 6:00 Wake up
- 6:30 Make your own bag lunch
- 7:00 Eat a hot breakfast
- 7:30 Group devotions
- 7:45 Get your job assignment
- 8:00 Load tools & head to job site
- 12:00 Eat lunch
- 4:00 Clean up job site
- 5:00 Return to camp or home
- 6:00 Eat supper
- 7:00 Wash dishes
- 7:30 Free time or sharing time
- 10:00 Bedtime

Wednesday evenings are set aside for worship, fellowship and sharing. Local residents are often invited to share their stories with volunteers.

Weekends for those who stay around may include time for rest, preparation for the following week, camp maintenance and group activities. Church attendance is expected Sunday morning.

THE BASICS

1. Be prepared to be flexible.
2. Serve 40-45 hours a week on the job site.
3. Commitment to quality work.
4. Be willing to work as a team and take direction from project leadership.
5. Take time to listen to homeowners and community members. (Do not make promises to homeowners that you cannot personally fulfill.)
6. Serve and share accommodations and meals with other individuals and groups.
7. All meals are provided Monday through Friday when overnight stays are required.
8. Participate in orientation, devotions and Wednesday evening sharing. You may be asked to lead a devotional.
9. Help with nightly and end of the week cleanup (vehicles, building, camp maintenance, dishes).
10. Alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, illegal substances and firearms are not acceptable at MDS projects and job sites.
11. Pets are not permitted in MDS buildings or vehicles, at job sites or volunteer gatherings.
12. Be sensitive when taking or using photos. Some volunteers or clients prefer not to have their picture taken. Never share any photos without permission of the subject(s).

ESPECIALLY FOR RV VOLUNTEERS ...

- ▶ Serve four 6-hour days a week.
- ▶ Live in your recreational vehicle (must be self-contained).
- ▶ Make your own meals.
- ▶ Commit to a minimum of four weeks.

