



unCommon Construction Volunteer FAQ

Q: What does an average day volunteering with uCC look like?

A: Volunteers work alongside the team of high school apprentices and build managers to accomplish the daily construction goal. Depending on what the current stage of the build process is, volunteers might help framing walls, installing exterior siding, painting or another activity. Once your group confirms your volunteer date with uCC, a staff member will inform you of the project of the day.

Here's a brief timeline of what to expect:

- 8:15 - 8:30 - Volunteer Arrival, Welcome and Safety Orientation
- 8:45 - 11:30 - Work Time
- 11:30 - 12:15 - Lunch (remain on site)
- 12:30 - 3:45 - Work Time
- 3:45 - 4:00 - Closing Circle

Q: How long is a volunteer day at uCC?

A: Volunteers need to arrive at 8:15 am and work will end by 4 pm.

Q: Is prior construction experience required?

A: No! Volunteers of any skill level are welcome. Our skilled staff and apprentices will work alongside volunteers all day to supervise tasks and ensure worksite safety.

Q: Is there an age requirement for uCC volunteers?

A: Yes. unCommon Construction can not host any volunteer below the age of 16, and we prefer if most volunteers are at least 18.

Q: What should volunteers bring with them to work?

A: Please bring:

- clothes you don't mind getting dirty (they *will* get dirty)
 - If the daily activity involves painting, uCC staff will inform your group so you can plan to bring clothes that can get paint on them.

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- closed toes shoes
- water bottle
- recommended: a hat and sunscreen

For safety reasons, we require long hair to be tied up and any loose jewelry to be removed before entering the build site.

Q: Should I bring my own lunch?

A: We believe that informal time is just as important for community building as structured build time so we ask all volunteers to remain on-site during lunch. Volunteer groups can choose to bring their own lunches or be included in a group lunch order. Please coordinate with our staff your choice in advance.

Q: What if it's raining?

A: Our time with you and our apprentices is too valuable to cancel in the event of rain. If it rains, we'll open up indoor projects on the house or will build our team through challenges, shared readings, reflections and discussions. The volunteer day will be cancelled or postponed only in the case of extreme inclement weather or hurricane.

If you have any other questions, please ask them in the contact form on the unCommon Construction website or email stephen@uncommonconstruction.org

Thank you and we look forward to working with your group!



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