

Project Descriptions of Community Service Opportunities for Campout 2017

Do you want to give back to the community? Escape the craziness of campout for a few hours? Then volunteer for community service!

If you volunteer for community service, you will be exempted from check-ins from 9am until 2pm on the Saturday (9/23) of campout. You will be expected to volunteer for 3 hours at one of the projects described below, and then have time to take a quick shower before coming back. Transportation to and from the site will be dependent on you. However, if you volunteer to be a sober driver, or a team leader, you qualify for extra check-ins. You heard that right, **you will have extra check-ins if you volunteer to help organize your community service team.**

Also, to ensure that everyone who signs up follows through, you will also be penalized if you do not participate in community service after signing up by having **negative check-ins** applied to your account.

Tip: Many of these projects are outside, and involve manual labor in parks and campuses. We highly recommend volunteers bring closed-toe shoes, t-shirts and longer shorts/pants.

Bethesda Elementary School

Bethesda Elementary is a part of the Durham County School System. Volunteers will be cleaning up the garden area and helping in organization activities for Bethesda's students and faculty.

Cleveland Holloway Neighborhood, in partnership with SEEDS NC

The Cleveland Holloway Neighborhood has been a vibrant community staple for decades. SEEDS NC has been a proud member of this community for the past 23 years, operating as a local non-profit organization to grow the life and leadership skills of young people who live or attend school in Northeast Central Durham. Volunteers will be building a step-level system to limit run-off into their pond and making the garden plot more accessible for their students. Also, participants will be turning a patch of the additional lot to prepare for the next planting/community free-pick areas.

Durham Central Park

Durham Central Park is a 5-acre city-owned park that is operated by Durham Central Park, Inc. a 501c3 non-profit organization. Projects that volunteers will be doing - general park cleanup, bushwhacking, mulching, weeding, and beautifying the park's gardens.

Durham Rescue Mission

As Durham, NC's oldest and largest long-term shelter, the Durham Rescue Mission currently serves 400 men, women and children a day, 365 days a year throughout the Triangle by providing safe shelter, addiction recovery programs and much more.

Forest View Elementary

Forest View Elementary is a part of the Durham County School System. Volunteers will be helping in the school's gardens, the art room, and the science lab on various projects to support the Forest View faculty and students.

GROW

The Green Roof and Orchard Workforce (GROW) is a Duke student group that maintains Environmental Hall's green spaces. Volunteers will be helping maintain Environmental Hall's rooftop garden, including weeding and replanting.

Indian Trail Park

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, the Latino Fiesta & Soccer Challenge will continue with some of the old traditions of the Latino Festival. The Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) will host a larger soccer tournament and have awards for participants. Activities include: information vendors, food trucks, a Kid's Zone with face painting, arts and crafts, games, etc., and we'll have music provided by a local Hispanic Radio Station.

Keep Durham Beautiful

Keep Durham Beautiful, in partnership Duke's Graduate Christian Fellowship (GCF) volunteers, will be working at Forest Hills Park. Keep Durham Beautiful is a beloved Durham organization who helps to maintain Durham's many public areas for the enjoyment of Triangle citizens. Volunteers will be doing natural area maintenance including gardening and weed pulling for the Forest Hills Park and its community members. Long pants, long shirt, water bottle, and closed toed shoes are recommended.

NC Diaper Bank

The Diaper Bank of North Carolina was founded on the simple belief that all children deserve clean diapers. For families in need, something as small as a diaper can have a significant impact. The temperature inside the warehouse is the same as the outside, so it is important to dress appropriately and to also wear closed-toe shoes.

NC Mountains To Sea Trail

The Mountains-to-Sea Trail is North Carolina's state hiking trail. It stretches 1175 miles from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks, stopping at many of our state's most beautiful places along the way. The work is all done with hand tools, and is hard physical and often muddy work. We will be building new hiking trail. This is part of a project to reroute and improve the Cox Mountain Trail at Eno River State Park. We will be using hand tools (rakes, shovels, mattocks, rock bars, saws, clippers) and building the trail tread, filling holes, moving rocks.

Partners for Youth

Threshold Community Clubhouse, in partnership with Partners for Youth Opportunity (PYO), will be collaborating to do general maintenance work at the Threshold facility, including mowing, weeding, painting, etc. Threshold Community Clubhouse is an organization that hosts life skills and support programming for adults with "serious mental illnesses" or differences.

Partners for Youth Opportunity is a non-profit who aims to work with the community to provide Durham youth with opportunities to connect, develop, and contribute through mentoring, employment and educational support. Volunteers will be working alongside PYO Youth Student for all these activities.

Sandy Creek Park

Sandy Creek Park is an environmental site located on one of Durham's oldest sewage treatment plants. Recent improvements, including adding restrooms and picnic facilities, have been installed with the help of volunteers. Volunteers during campout will help with campus beautification, including weeding and mulching.

Student Association of Wetlands Scientists

The Stream and Wetland Assessment Management Park (SWAMP) is on a restored section of the Sandy Creek stream and floodplain within Duke Forest near Duke University's West Campus. Volunteers will be working with the Student Association of Wetlands Scientists (SAWS) to clean up the overgrown branches on the paths to SWAMP sampling sites, the bird blind, and boardwalks. We will also be picking up trash along the Al Buehler Trail.

TROSA

TROSA is an innovative, multi-year residential program that enables substance abusers to be productive, recovering individuals by providing comprehensive treatment, work-based vocational training, education, and continuing care. Volunteers can expect to help with tagging, hanging, sorting, sizing clothing and other items.

Veterans Helping Veterans of America

Veterans Helping Veterans Of America is a non-profit organization for the purpose of reintegrating veterans back to civilian life, with help with education, educational training, health advice, mentor program, and employment. Volunteers are needed for general clean up, yard work, and helping to get our arts and craft center in order. Some heavy lifting may be required, and dust to clean.