

Volunteering at Lutheran Lakeside – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of Projects will we do?

A: We have a variety of projects for all ages, interests, and abilities. Some volunteers have worked in the office, some have done creative painting around camp, some have done building projects, some of done forestry work, some have helped with campers, worship, games, bible studies, and in the kitchen. We talk to you, find out what you like to do, what you're able to do and then find the perfect project for you at camp.

Q: Where will we stay?

A: Volunteers stay in our retreat centers with comfortable beds, linens provided, AC, WiFi, fire places, private bathrooms, and common spaces.

Q: What will we eat?

A: If volunteers come during the summer and meals are being served, volunteers are welcome to participate in those meals. If volunteers come in the off season you would be responsible for your own meals, possibly cooking in the retreat center.

Q: What does it cost?

A: Volunteers who are here for a day or two aren't asked to pay anything, if volunteers stay longer than that and are eating with campers we ask they pay \$10 per day for food costs. If a large group comes for a week we encourage the group to bring a suggested donation of \$500 so we can purchase materials for the projects. Volunteering at Lakeside also qualifies for Thrivent Action Team Cards, and this could be \$250 or more for supplies. – Call the office for more details about Thrivent Action Team Cards.

Q: How long do we work in the day?

A: We are very flexible with volunteer schedules, if the group is staying a week a typical work day is 9am to 3pm. Volunteers who come for shorter stays work out the projects they want to do and spend as much time as they are able and willing to complete the project.

Q: Will we see campers while volunteering?

A: Volunteers who come during camp, will see campers but have their own things to be doing during the day. Volunteers are invited to worship and fellowship with campers, but this is optional.

For volunteers helping with worship, games, crafts, or cabins there is lots of interactions with campers. We do not recommend this type of volunteering for parents of campers.

Q: How much notice do I have to give before coming?

A: We want to be prepared for volunteers and make sure we have projects, housing, and staff to accommodate them. We like a couple weeks' notice to prepare for larger groups, and at least a week to prepare for individuals or smaller groups.

Q: How old do volunteers have to be?

A: Volunteers under 16 need to be with a parent or guardian. Volunteers 16 and older can volunteer alongside our staff or with other adult supervision. Volunteers 18 and older can volunteer on their own.

Q: Can I volunteer while my child is at camp?

A: YES! We would love for parents, grandparents, or other relatives to volunteer while they have campers here. We do encourage limited interactions, so campers can embrace their camp experience. There will be separate schedules and programming, but deliberate times to be together like meals, worship, and fellowship time.

Q: How do I sign up?

A: Contact us via phone, email, or inquiry. We will arrange dates, projects, and accommodations. There is also some paperwork we have you fill out. Paperwork can be done in advance or onsite.