

Goshen Staff Alumni Association (GSAA) Work Weekend – Spring 2024

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Schedule

Friday, April 19, 2024	
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Check In / Cracker Barrel at Olmsted Dining Hall
Saturday, April 20, 2024	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Olmsted Dining Hall
8:45 am - 12:00 pm	Work Weekend Projects - Group Breakouts
12:30 pm	Lunch at Olmsted Dining Hall
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Work Weekend Projects - Group Breakouts
6:00 pm	Dinner at Olmsted Dining Hall
TBD (evening)	Informal Campfire
Sunday, April 21, 2024	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Olmsted Dining Hall Clean up and Departure

Project List (Including Recommended Tools)

Although not required, we always encourage attendees to bring various tools and materials with them! Below is a guide for anticipated tool requirements for the 2024 Spring Work Weekend.

Project	Tools
Rearrange Camp Ross Trading Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work gloves
Marriott Chapel Bench Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crowbar - Hammer - Power drill - Impact drill - Circular saw or miter saw - Work gloves
Tent Platform Building and Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power drill - Impact drill - Circular saw or miter saw - Measuring tape
Sign Routing, Painting, and Posting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dremel tool - Paint brushes - Paint rollers - Paint trays - Paint clothes - Socket wrench
Building Painting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paint brushes - Paint rollers - Paint trays - Paint clothes
Spar Pole Cutting and Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chainsaw and safety equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be experienced and hold BSA Chainsaw Certification
Chuck Box Cleaning and Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleaning gloves - Dustpan and brush
Picnic Table Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power drill - Bolt cutting tool (oscillating saw, bolt cutters, angle grinder, etc.)
Latrine Pad Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small jack - Power drill - Impact drill - Circular saw or miter saw
Campsite Clean Up (Plat Removal Edition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crowbar - Hammer - Work gloves

GSAA Work Weekend Packing List

Equipment:

- Tent*
 - Ground tarp and rain fly*
 - Sleeping pad*
 - Sleeping bag
 - Pillow
 - Towel
 - Day pack
 - Water bottles
- *Substitute with sheet if staying in Gray's Lodge or Camp Post Cabin

Clothing: (*Remember that it gets cold at night!*)

- Hiking / work boots
- "Camp shoes" (e.g., sneakers)
- Shower shoes
- Hiking socks
- Work clothes
 - Long pants
 - Shirts (long and short sleeve)
- Undergarments
- Comfortable clothing (for post work)
- Jacket
- Hat

Other:

- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, medication, etc.)
- Work gloves
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Aloe vera
- Charger
- Snacks
- Sunglasses

Optional (but recommended!):

- Board games / cards
- Tools (see project list)
- Knee pads
- Matches
- Mosquito net / citronella candles
- Folding chair

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. When should I arrive?

We recommend arriving Friday evening, beginning at 5:00 pm, although some arrive early Saturday morning. There is no formal check-in process, but there will be a Cracker Barrel available Friday night to meet other participants. The Work Weekend officially begins at 8:00 am, Saturday morning.

2. Where do I sleep?

Participants are encouraged to “camp out” for the weekend in their own tents at Camp Post or Camp Olmsted, however other housing is available in the Gray’s Lodge Bunk Room and select Camp Post cabins.

3. Where should I go when I arrive?

If arriving Friday night, we recommend attending the Friday night Cracker Barrel at the Camp Olmsted Dining Hall to meet other Goshen Alumni and event attendees.

If arriving Saturday morning before 9:00 am, please join us at the Camp Olmsted Dining Hall to receive your project assignment and meet your work group.

If arriving anytime Saturday morning after 9:00 am, please go to the Olmsted Dining Hall and contact the Reservation Director, Elisabeth Warren, who can assist in pairing you with a work group.

4. Where / when do people eat during the weekend?

The following meals will be served:

Friday: Cracker barrel (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Saturday: Breakfast (8:00 am), Lunch (12:30 pm), and Dinner (6:00 pm)

Sunday: Breakfast (8:00 am)

Please note that dinner on Friday night is a small cracker barrel, not a full meal.

Meals are prepared by the Goshen Scout Reservation Food Service Director and GSAA volunteers.

5. What is a typical itinerary for a Work Weekend?

Please see the GSAA Work Weekend Schedule on page 1 of this document.

6. What do I do with my car during the weekend?

You likely won’t need it while you’re there, so feel free to park it in a parking lot or a durable surface near your tent.

7. What tools should I bring?

Please see the “Project List (Including Recommended Tools) page for recommendations for tools to bring to assist with specific work weekend projects. Other commonly used tools include:

Drill sets, Impact drivers, saws and sawzalls, bolt cutters, socket and ratchet sets, safety glasses, work gloves, work boots, ear protections, paint rollers, paint brushes, measuring tape, carpenters pencil, weed whacker.

Note: Do not bring a chainsaw unless you are BSA chainsaw certified and have arranged with the coordinators.