

GSAA Service Weekend – Fall 2025

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Schedule

Friday	
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Check In / Cracker Barrel at Gray's Lodge (Camp Post)
Saturday	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Gray's Lodge (Camp Post)
8:45 am – 12:00 pm	Service Weekend Projects – Group Breakouts
12:30 pm	Lunch at Gray's Lodge (Camp Post)
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Service Weekend Projects – Group Breakouts
6:00 pm	Dinner at Gray's Lodge (Camp Post)
TBD (evening)	Informal Campfire – Camp Post Gray's Lodge
Sunday	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Gray's Lodge (Camp Post) Clean Up and Departure
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Optional: Continued Service Weekend Projects

Project List (Including Recommended Tools)

Although not required, attendees are encouraged to bring various tools and materials with them? Below is a guide for anticipated tool requirements for the Service Weekend.

Project	Recommended Tools
Camp by Camp Punchlist Location: All GSR Camps Group Size: 3 groups of 3 – 4 volunteers	- Battery powered hand tools (any and all!)
Brush Clearing at Camp Marriott Aquatics Area Location: Camp Marriott Group Size: 6 – 8	- Work Gloves - Loppers - Bow Saws
Picnic Table Repair (includes platform removal) Location: All GSR Camps Group Size: 5 - 6	- Power Drill - Impact Driver - Measuring Tape - Socket Set - Bolt Cutting Tool (Oscillating Saw, Bolt Cutters, Angle Grider, etc.) - Work Gloves
Aquatics Area Buddy Board Design and Building Location: GSR Maintenance, Camp Olmsted Group Size: 2 - 3	- Post Hole Digger / Auger - Circular Saw - Measuring Tape - Tamping Bar - Power Drill / Impact Driver - Socket Set
<i>Additional projects for when those above are completed!</i>	

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. The Service Weekend officially begins at 8:00 am, Saturday morning.

2. Where should I go when I arrive?

Upon arrival, please check in at Gray's Lodge at Camp Post, where you will be checked in. Please bring a copy of your completed Medical Form (Parts A and B) for submission with our Camp Health Officer.

If arriving Saturday morning before 9:00 am, please join us at the Gray's Lodge (Camp Post) to receive your project assignment and meet your work group.

If arriving anytime Saturday morning after 9:00 am, please go to the Gray's Lodge (Camp Post) and contact the Reservation Director, Elisabeth Warren, who can assist in pairing you with a work group.

3. Where do I sleep?

Participants are encouraged to camp out for the weekend in their own tents throughout the grounds at Camp Post. Select housing is available in the Gray's Lodge bunk room for adult male participants. If you are in need of other accommodations, please contact the Reservation Director prior to arrival.

4. Where / when do people eat during the weekend? The following meals will be served:

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

Sunday: Breakfast (8:00 am)

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

Please see the Volunteer Service Weekend Schedule on page 1 of this document.

6. 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, paintbrushes, measuring tape, carpenter's pencil, weed whacker.

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