

## Goshen Staff Alumni Association (GSAA) Service Weekend – Spring 2026

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### Schedule

<b>Friday</b>	
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Check In at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall
8:45 am – 12:00 pm	Service Weekend Projects – Group Breakouts
12: 30 pm	Lunch at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall
1:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Service Weekend Projects – Group Breakouts
6:00 pm	Dinner at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall
	Campfire at Gray's Lodge
<b>Sunday</b>	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall
	Service Project Wrap Up 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 service weekend.

Project	Tools
<p><b>Picnic Table Building</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PPE (work gloves, eye protection, ear protection)</li> <li>- Work Gloves</li> <li>- Power Drill</li> <li>- Socket Set (Power drill or handheld)</li> <li>- Bolt cutting tool (oscillating saw, bolt cutters, angle grinder, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ridge Pole and Upright Creation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PPE (work gloves, eye protection, ear protection)</li> <li>- Power Drill</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tent Platform and Picnic Table Repair</b>            (includes platform removal)            Location: All Camps            Group Size: Two groups of 4 – 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PPE (work gloves, eye protection, ear protection)</li> <li>- Crowbar</li> <li>- Hammer</li> <li>- Power drill</li> <li>- Impact Driver or Power Drill</li> <li>- Circular Saw</li> <li>- Bolt cutting tool (oscillating saw, bolt cutters, angle grinder, etc.)</li> </ul>

Additional projects are planned if this list is completed!

## 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. The Service 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. Hot water is available at Gray’s Lodge.

3. Where should I go when I arrive?

If arriving Friday night, please join us at Gray’s Lodge at Camp Post for fellowship with other GSR Alumni and event attendees.

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

If arriving anytime Saturday morning after 9:00 am, please go to Gray’s Lodge 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:

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 GSAA 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 protection, paint rollers, paint brushes, 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.*