

Goshen Volunteer Service Weekend – Spring 2026

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Schedule

| Friday | |
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| 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Check In / Cracker Barrel at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall |
| Saturday | |
| 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 |
| 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Service Weekend Projects – Group Breakouts |
| 6:00 pm | Dinner at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall |
| TBD (evening) | Informal Campfire – Camp Post Gray's Lodge |
| Sunday | |
| 8:00 am | Breakfast at Camp Olmsted Dining Hall 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 |
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| <p>Picnic Table Repair (includes platform removal) Location: GSR Maintenance Area Group Size: 6 – 8 people</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power Drill - Impact Driver - Measuring Tape - Socket Set - Bolt Cutting Tool (Oscillating Saw, Bolt Cutters, Angle Grider, etc.) - Work Gloves |
| <p>Tent Platform and Picnic Table Repair (includes platform removal) Location: All Camps Group Size: 6 – 8 people</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPE (work gloves, eye protection, ear protection) - Crowbar - Hammer - Power drill - Impact Driver or Power Drill - Circular Saw - Bolt cutting tool (oscillating saw, bolt cutters, angle grinder, etc.) |
| <p>Brush Clearing Location: Camp Olmsted Sites 5 & 6, Hiking Trails, and Shotgun Range Group: Troop 1372</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPE (work gloves) - Loppers and Bow Saws (provided by Goshen Scout Reservation) |

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 the Camp Olmsted Dining Hall, where you will be checked in. Please bring a copy of your completed Medical Form (Parts A and B) and submit them to Ryan Alford, Superintendent. Your medical forms will be returned to you at the end of the weekend prior to departure.

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 Goshen Maintenance Yard, where you will be paired with a 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 and Olmsted. 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 Superintendent 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.