



Construction Volunteers

Choose from these days and times:

A. Second and fourth Thursday evenings from 6 – 9 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

- Thursday evenings and Saturdays are geared toward individuals with less construction experience.
- To volunteer, call or email the KVHH Volunteer Coordinator.
- On the day you are scheduled to volunteer, meet at the KVHH warehouse, 1718 Fulford (corner of Fulford and Reed). Please be there 15 minutes before your start time.

Directions: Turn east off Portage Road onto Reed Street and travel five blocks to Fulford. Our warehouse is the blue building on the northwest corner of Fulford and Reed.

B. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

- Weekday shifts typically involve more skilled labor.
- Call or email the KVHH Volunteer Coordinator prior to the first time you go onsite.
- On the day you are scheduled to volunteer, call the KVHH warehouse at 553-1860 to determine where the crew will be working.

Important information:

1. All construction volunteers must be **at least 16 years old** and accompanied by an adult if under 18.
2. All tools and equipment you'll need will be provided. Feel free to bring your own hand tools (tape measure, hammer, utility knife, etc), but make sure you **label everything**.
3. Wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. Layers are usually best for the varying weather over the course of the day. Wear hard soled shoes or boots if you have them. **All shoes must be closed-toe.**
4. We take two breaks during the day. Lunch is from noon – 1 pm. If you are working the morning and afternoon shifts, please bring your own lunch.
5. If you are volunteering with us to fulfill a community service requirement, it is your responsibility to keep track of your hours. **Make sure you have someone sign your sheet on the day you volunteer.**

Tips While on Site

For Your Comfort:

- Dress for the weather: wear layers in case of weather changes or moving between inside and outside work.
- Bring drinking water and stay hydrated.
- Sunscreen protects your skin all year around.

For Your Safety:

- If something looks dangerous, it probably is.
- Look up, look down, and look all around.
- Ask if you have doubts about doing anything.
- Don't leave tools where they can fall.
- Don't stand under other workers where something could fall on you.
- Don't throw things out a window or off a roof without ensuring the area below is clear.
- Wear your hard hat if there is work overhead.
- Watch out for building materials and rough ground to avoid tripping.
- Never set a board down with the nails sticking out – always take them out.
- Stay clear of others when you are carrying materials.
- Don't overload a roof or scaffolding.
- Don't use a power tool unless you know how.
- Don't walk on unsupported scaffolding.
- Make sure ladders are firmly anchored at the base.
- Don't put together makeshift ladders or platforms.
- Wear eye and ear protection when working with power tools.
- Wear closed shoes with sturdy soles.
- Long pants protect your legs.
- Gloves protect your hands.

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