What is a Hospitality Volunteer?

A Hospitality Volunteer is an adult who attends a YouthWorks trip with the purpose of serving behind the scenes. They help with practical tasks such as food prep, dishes and cleaning the building. There are also opportunities for Hospitality Volunteers to offer encouragement and build relationships with students throughout the trip.

Because Hospitality Volunteers serve at the housing site for all or part of the service day, **they do not count in the Adult Leader ratio** and will not be assigned to service crews. Hospitality Volunteers can visit service sites during the service day as long as they have access to a vehicle during the trip.

DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

- Assist in the kitchen with meal preps and cleanups. Tasks could include:
  - Preparing the kitchen in advance for meal prep.
  - Preparing the kitchen for cleanup.
  - Helping to prepare and/or clean up a meal.
  - Finishing dishes and cleaning up after a meal.
- Assist with various cleaning and organizing tasks around the housing site.
- Offer encouragement and moral support to participants on the trip.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

- Attend Community Activities.
- Attend large group worship.
- Attend Church Group Time.
- Visit service sites during the service day (as long as they have access to a vehicle during the trip).

Have an adult who is interested in attending your mission trip as a Hospitality Volunteer? Reach out to the Service Center for more information and to register your Hospitality Volunteer at no cost.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What does it take to be a good Hospitality Volunteer?
   Good Hospitality Volunteers are adults interested in serving who enjoy completing tasks that do not put them in the spotlight. Good Hospitality Volunteers are comfortable doing basic food prep and tasks related to cleaning. If you love completing a list of tasks and often take initiative with a positive attitude, you'd be a good fit for the Hospitality Volunteer role.

2. How much does it cost to be a Hospitality Volunteer?
   YouthWorks would like to gift Hospitality Volunteers a space on their group's trip, so the Hospitality Volunteer's spot on the trip costs nothing. As the Hospitality Volunteer you will receive the same trip accommodations, meals, activities and showers as everyone else on the trip. Your church, group or organization may or may not choose to charge you for any transportation costs.

3. Is the Hospitality Volunteer responsible for preparing any meals on their own?
   YouthWorks staff will oversee the preparation, serving and cleanup of every meal on site. Church groups will be assigned to prep and clean up each meal, as well. Hospitality Volunteers can be as much a part of this process for each meal as they are able and willing, but they will never be expected to prepare a meal on their own.

4. How much flexibility will the Hospitality Volunteer have during the day?
   Generally, outside of meals and the time spent preparing for and cleaning up after meals, the Hospitality Volunteer's time will be their own. During this downtime they will be free to hang out at the housing site, take a nap or, if they have a vehicle available to them, visit students at service sites.

5. Can the Hospitality Volunteer go to service sites?
   Hospitality Volunteers are not counted as an Adult Leader when calculating adult to student ratios and will not be assigned to a service site crew or expected to chaperone students at service sites. If they have a vehicle available for them to use, Hospitality Volunteers may drop by service sites to say hello, serve for a couple of hours, drop off treats or encourage students with affirming words and reminders.

6. Can the Hospitality Volunteer go to Community Activities?
   Yes! We'd love for the Hospitality Volunteer to experience the community alongside their group during Community Activities.

7. Can the Hospitality Volunteer bring their own vehicle?
   They can if they'd like, but it is not required.

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