

VOLUNTEERING WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE IN SPOKANE, WA

IMPORTANT PRE-TRIP INFO

Thank you for partnering with Samaritan's Purse as we minister to families whose homes were damaged during the recent fires in WA. Far beyond the physical help you will extend to the homeowners, the spiritual and emotional support you offer to them is even more important. We hope your volunteer experience is rewarding and life-changing.

SITE INFORMATION

Life Center Spokane

1202 N Government Wy
Spokane, WA 99224
Phone: 719-750-7941

Staff:

Matt Campbell, Trevor von Kampen, Phil Engel

WHAT TO EXPECT ONSITE

ARRIVAL: Check-in times are only available at 5:00 PM or 8:00 PM on Sundays or Wednesdays. Arrive at the site at your scheduled time or no later than 8:00 PM. Please call the site if your arrival time changes.

TYPE OF WORK: Our response to this fire includes personal property recovery and roof tarping.

PARKING: Parking is available for volunteer vehicles. Please inquire with the IHQ Volunteer Coordinator regarding space availability for trailers and RVs.

TRANSPORTATION: Volunteers must provide their own transportation to the site and must also have their own transportation to and from the worksite each day. If flying, a rental car is required.

If you are driving an electric vehicle, please note that we cannot guarantee charging stations will be available.

LODGING/MEALS:

- Volunteers are housed in a local church.
- **Bring no larger than a twin size air mattress/ cot, and bedding.**
- There are separate sleeping quarters for men and women.
- Do not leave any valuables in your room.
- Showers are available in the Samaritan's Purse shower trailer.
- All meals are provided. We will do our best to accommodate gluten and dairy allergies and have options for vegetarians. Please let our staff know when you arrive if you have a food allergy or strong intolerance. **Please note:** Depending on the situation

DAILY SCHEDULE

6:30 AM – Breakfast & Devotions
8:00 AM – Depart for work site
6:00 PM – Dinner & Share Time
9:00 PM – 10:00 PM Quiet Time & Lights Out

we may not always be able to provide meals to accommodate your allergy or dietary restriction. We will try to provide refrigeration space for any food you may need to bring.

- Volunteers will not have access to laundry facilities. Bring enough clothes for the duration of your stay.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

FORMS: Each volunteer/ team member, including youth, should complete all Volunteer Forms online at www.spvolunteer.org. A clear Background Check is required prior to arrival. **Volunteers without completed forms or an approved background check will not be allowed to stay onsite.** Review our Youth Policy online at www.spvolunteer.org/youth-release-waiver

POLICIES: www.spvolunteer.org/faq or the NAM Volunteer Policies, pages 3-4.

SAFETY: www.spvolunteer.org/safety

Each team member should be current on their Tetanus Vaccination. **It is recommended that volunteers be free of facial hair, for best fit, when wearing P100 or N-95 masks.**

CANCELLATIONS & UPDATES

Please Note: Due to the nature of disaster relief our schedule must remain fluid. Your trip may be cancelled if work finishes earlier than expected. We appreciate your flexibility.

Updates or Changes: If you need to make any changes to your trip dates or team numbers, please call the IHQ Volunteer Coordinator at 828-588-5711 to discuss.

WHAT TO PACK – CHECK LIST

The following is a suggestion, but is not comprehensive. We discourage you from taking excessive cash or personal valuables due to risk of damage or theft. Samaritan's Purse doesn't provide insurance for lost or damaged property.

Climates vary from site to site; therefore, you may want to check the weather forecast for the location where you are serving.

Samaritan's Purse will provide T-shirts, Tyvek suit and P100 or N-95 masks.

- ☐ Bible (Journal will be available)
- ☐ **Twin** Size Air Mattress / Cot (no larger)
- ☐ Pillow/Twin Size Sheets/Blanket or Sleeping bag
- ☐ T-shirts (2 Samaritan's Purse t-shirts will be provided)
- ☐ Long Pants
- ☐ Long sleeve shirts (as needed)
- ☐ Hat (1 Samaritan's Purse hat will be provided)
- ☐ Sturdy work shoes (Boots, Tennis Shoes, Rubber Boots)
- ☐ Clothing to wear at base camp (appropriate length shorts)
- ☐ Shoes to wear at base camp
- ☐ Jacket or Coat
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ Pajamas (appropriate for communal sleeping)
- ☐ Small Backpack (to carry to worksite)
- ☐ Trash Bag (for contaminated clothing)
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Earplugs and/or Sleeping mask
- ☐ Bath Towels
- ☐ Shower Shoes
- ☐ Toiletries and Shower Caddy
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Cell Phone & Charger
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Small Flashlight & Batteries
- ☐ Snacks (for special dietary needs)

Inappropriate to Wear:

- Shorts at Worksite
- Sandals and Flip-Flops at Worksite
- Shirts that are tight/revealing or contain inappropriate language or design
- Tank Tops at Worksite
- Partial clothing when travelling from sleep areas, bathrooms, or showers (you should be fully dressed before exiting any of these areas)



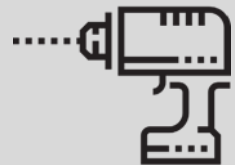
TOOLS

To Bring (Optional):

- Tool Belt & Small Hand Tools

If you bring your own personal chainsaw (with chain brake), you are required to bring your own PPE:

- Chaps
- Hard Hat
- Eye Protection
- Ear Protection
- Leather Gloves (Recommended)



STAY INFORMED

Facebook: [facebook.com/SamaritansPurseUSDisasterRelief](https://www.facebook.com/SamaritansPurseUSDisasterRelief)
Samaritan's Purse Website: www.samaritanspurse.org

NORTH AMERICAN MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER POLICIES

YOUTH POLICY: Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older at the time they volunteer. All youth and at least one of his/her parents must complete the Youth Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability form. This form requires a **notarized** parent/legal guardian signature if the parent/legal guardian is not accompanying the youth on the trip. Without this form youth will not be allowed to volunteer. Youth ages 14-15 must be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian/grandparent and youth ages 16-17 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone, unless they are part of a Youth Group. The chaperone must be the same gender, to provide the presence of an adult with them in the sleeping quarters.

If a team includes Youth, the team leader must complete the Youth Policy Covenant, for all youth groups. Youth groups must have both male and female adult leaders who are not related to each other when a group has both male and female youth members. Youth groups are required to have an adult leader to youth ratio of 1:3. If the group arrives without this ratio, the entire group will be sent home. Leadership for each youth group will be responsible for enforcement of this policy and all other rules and instructions of Samaritan's Purse.

Review full Youth Policy at: <https://spvolunteer.org/youth-release-waiver>

CRIMINAL HISTORY POLICY: As an organization, Samaritan's Purse believes individuals previously convicted of criminal acts can be fully restored through the work of Christ in their life. We also strive to be good stewards of our resources and diligent in our concern for the safety and security of all volunteers, homeowners, staff, and resources affiliated with the ministry. Therefore, volunteer applicants who have been convicted of crimes against minors or sexual offenses are automatically disqualified from serving as a volunteer for any North American Ministry project. Other felony convictions that involve crimes against persons or crimes that, in the sole discretion of Samaritan's Purse, indicate the volunteer applicant is unsuited for this ministry opportunity will require a clean record for at least five (5) years after the conviction or release from prison, whichever is later. Samaritan's Purse reserves the right to restrict or deny volunteer opportunities to any applicant who Samaritan's Purse reasonably believes may jeopardize the safety and security of its volunteers, homeowners, partners or staff.

SAFEGUARDING: Samaritan's Purse holds to the highest levels of integrity as we serve God together. With that in mind, we want to provide volunteers a way to report any concerns about the activities of the Ministry that may be illegal, unethical, immoral, or violate the Ministry's Christian Code of Conduct. Reporting may be done through the Compliance department through the Report of Misconduct site: www.samaritanspurse.org/compliance, emailing compliance@samaritan.org, or through the "Integrity Hotline" at 1-828-278-1088.

SERVICE ANIMALS: We are unable to accommodate pets or comfort animals that do not provide an ADA service. Accommodations will be made for ADA Service Animals, if possible. Please Note: Each project site will be evaluated for suitable and safe work for volunteers with service animals. Inquire with the Volunteer Coordinator for details. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to the individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government. Service Animal Release and Waiver of Liability should be completed for each service animal onsite. This will be provided by the Volunteer Coordinator.

ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS & TOBACCO: The use of tobacco products (i.e. cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and including vaping products and e-cigarettes), alcohol, and illegal drugs (or other substances) while serving with Samaritan's Purse is strictly prohibited. These products or their use are not permitted at the volunteer housing site, in Samaritan's Purse vehicles, or within the homes or neighborhoods of families being served by Samaritan's Purse. Those who cannot abide by this policy will be asked to leave.

FIREARMS: Volunteers are not allowed to bring firearms or other weapons into Samaritan's Purse facilities; this includes the volunteer housing site, in Samaritan's Purse vehicles, or within homes of families being served. Firearms are to remain locked in your vehicle at all times.