

Volunteer Job Descriptions

Cleaning (10-15 people; 12:45-3 pm—Sunday Only)

JOB: Volunteers will arrive at the SOS building to prepare for incoming groups. Tasks include vacuuming dormitories, cleaning bathrooms, changing trash, sweeping and mopping cafeteria, and other cleaning jobs.

IMPORTANCE: During this time our staff is in meetings to prepare for the upcoming week. If volunteers don't do these tasks, then our staff has to cut into their prep time in order to accomplish them.

Kitchen Duty* (7-10 people; 5:30-7:30 pm—Sun., 6-8 pm—Mon., Tues, Thurs.)

JOB: Before dinner volunteers will set tables; during dinner they will supervise the dining area; following dinner, volunteers will wash dishes, sweep cafeteria, and clean the kitchen, along with other clean-up jobs. Volunteers are welcome to stay for evening chapel.

IMPORTANCE: This allows the staff to spend more time with campers before, during, and after dinner. This is also part of our encouragement ministry - the staff serves all day, and this is one time when they get served!

* This is one of our most popular volunteer activities, but please do not send more than 10 people for any given night, otherwise some volunteers won't have anything to do!

* Please do not bring children under the age of 12 for this job.

Pray (7:45-8:30 am—Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri.)

JOB: Volunteers meet at the SOS building in the morning to pray with the volunteer coordinator over the day.

IMPORTANCE: Prayer is powerful; prayer is Biblical; prayer is one way that God has chosen to communicate with his us. Praying at the building sets an example to our staff and campers for committed prayer and submission to God. This also allows the volunteers to actively participate in SOS and see what happens in this ministry.

Popsicles** (4 vehicles; 2-3:30 pm—Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

JOB: Each day we need four cars, (families, Sunday school classes, friends, etc.) to deliver popsicles to the teams at our worksites. Volunteers will arrive at the SOS facility at 2pm to receive a map to the homes. **You will then be responsible for buying your own popsicles.** The volunteer coordinator will let you know how many are needed when you arrive; and there is a Kroger's near by.

IMPORTANCE: It is hot outside. The Popsicle brigade offers a welcomed break to the campers and staff and is an integral part of our encouragement ministry.

** This job is GREAT for families with young children!

Laundry (2-3 people; 10am-1pm—Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

JOB: Volunteers meet at the SOS facility to wash and fold the summer staff laundry. We have washers and dryers here at the building.

IMPORTANCE: As an encouragement to the staff. It also gives the staff more time to invest in the lives of the campers. This is one of the most appreciated volunteer activities - the staff really appreciates it when they come “home” to clean, folded laundry.

Lunch for Staff*—Wednesday 12:30- 1pm**

JOB: The SOS staff eats lunch together on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 pm. Volunteers may cook or cater lunch for our staff. Plan for 50 hungry adults. Please arrive early enough to set up, and plan on staying to clean up. In the past groups have brought catered BBQ, home made casseroles, steaks and potatoes etc. Note: we can provide paper goods; we just need you to bring food and drinks.

IMPORTANCE: This lunch is a time for the staff to meet together, review how the week is going, encourage one another, and share what God is doing in their lives.

*** It works really well to get a Sunday school class to pitch in for this, either all making a dish, or all pitching in money for catered food, etc.

Picnic (2 people to grill - 2:30pm; 5-7 people at picnic 3-6 pm) Friday only)

JOB: 2 volunteers arrive at SOS building at 2:30 to help grill hamburgers and hotdogs for the picnic. 5 volunteers arrive at 3 pm at SOS building to help with tasks such as filling drink coolers and transporting food and equipment to the Binghamton Park (located at the corner of Bingham and Everett, just north of Poplar).

IMPORTANCE: This event is a time for all our teams and homeowners to spend time together, share the gospel, and build community. Volunteers do work that frees up the SOS staff to spend more time building God glorifying relationships with their homeowners and campers.