

Adult Service Corps

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Dear Participant,

We are so glad you want to join the Adult Service Corps! We look forward to having you on the team.

Service Corps offers us an opportunity to help Ghost Ranch with our labor and work, and it offers a wonderful time for camaraderie and fun. Our work is often laced with laughter and good stories. If you are joining us for the first time, know that you have a great week or weeks ahead of you – and for the old friends who are returning, it will be marvelous to see you again!

As a member of the Service Corps, you will volunteer a total of 22 hours during the week and you will receive a special rate for room and board. That comes out to about 4.5 hours of work a day. You get to pace yourself. We will meet daily to plan our tasks and teams. You can choose what you do from our list. Perhaps you want to learn something new – or you have specific skills to offer.

We have several co-leaders to give us the organizational structure and technical expertise to provide you an enjoyable experience while we accomplish a lot together. We will typically have indoor and outdoor projects to work on. Please let us know if you have a physical condition that prevents you from doing some tasks. We want everyone to be safe and to take care of themselves.

Please bring work clothes, gloves you can use for work outdoors, boots or shoes in case it snows, warm hats and coats, sunscreen, and a water bottle. Please also bring your stories and laughter to share with us. I'm excited to meet you and share the ranch with you. Please email me at the address below with any questions you might have. I'll do my best to find you an answer. The link for transportation services to the ranch is also below.

Just in case it is helpful, we have prepared a packing list for you. If you've been to the ranch before, you may not need it. It's here for you just in case.

See you at the ranch!

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Optional packing list for a week of Adult Service Corps (6 days/nights)

In Winter / Spring / Fall:

- 6 pairs underwear
- 6 pairs socks
- 6 base layer tops, like t-shirts or long sleeve shirts
- 3-5 next-layer tops, like flannel shirts, hiking shirts
- 2-3 warmer layers, like hoodie, fleece, or sweater
- 2-3 pairs jeans or work pants or hiking pants
- 1 pair hiking boots
- 1 pair additional shoes, like light hikers or athletic shoes
- 1 pair bath shoes, for use in showers, at the spa, in your room
- 1 set of pajamas

- 1 robe (if you booked a room with bathroom down the hall)
- 1 scarf for warmth on cold mornings
- 1 bandana just because they're handy
- 1 warm hat
- 1 baseball cap and/or other hat with a brim for sun protection
- 1 pair of gloves for cold mornings
- 1 warm jacket (we like a packable down jacket)
- 1 additional jackets, such as a lighter or mid weight jacket that can layer over the down jacket
- 1 swimsuit (for the hot springs*** - if you forget: buy a men's suit there \$25, a women's suit \$75)
- 1 pair work and gardening gloves - if you have them, if not, the ranch has some to loan
- Toiletries: Soap, Shampoo, chapstick and body lotion (it is a dry climate!)
- Basic first aid kit and your personal medications
- Charger for phone and other electronics
- Sunscreen and bug repellent
- Sunglasses, ideally with a strap so you don't put them down and lose them
- Headlamp or flashlight for walking back to your room at night
- Water bottle with your name on it, and maybe an insulated coffee mug
- A few packages of tissues
- Comfy daypack to carry your water bottle and an extra layer on hikes

In Summer:

More t-shirts and shorts, fewer warm clothes. Bring long sleeves to protect against the mid-day sun and at least 1 warm fleece or hoodie for early morning hikes, also a light rain jacket. Electrolyte powder to replenish salts and minerals if you will be taking long hikes.

A note on cell service / wifi:

Wifi and cell service can be spotty. Your visit to the ranch is a great time to unplug. Let folks at home know you will be offline for a little while. We think you will find that refreshing - and you will be glad you did.

***If you are able to fit in a visit to the nearby
<https://ojosparesorts.com/ojo-caliente/>, do it!