

WORK WEEKENDS at CAMP TOCCOA

Work Weekends at Camp Toccoa are an opportunity for alumni, staff and friends of Camp Toccoa to come together and show their dedication to the Camp Fire motto “Give Service.” Held monthly September through May, these weekends are a fun and exciting volunteer opportunity for campers of all ages! Projects vary each month. Those wishing to be put on the email list should contact Sue Edwards at wohelo2000@gmail.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the purpose of Camp Toccoa’s work weekend program?

Our Work Weekends are an opportunity for alumni, staff and friends to show their commitment to the Camp Fire USA motto of “give service.” They are a chance for meaningful and necessary work to be completed by those wishing to give back to our organization. For our teen volunteers, they can also be an opportunity to complete service hours and build leadership skills through service-learning.

When are work weekends?

Work Weekends are held monthly from September through May. Once dates have been set, they can be found on our website at www.camptoccoa.org/news.html or by contacting the Camp Toccoa office at 706-886-2457. Details on specific work weekends are sent by email to all those who sign up for our email list. Please email Sue Edwards at wohelo2000@gmail.com if you would like to be added to this list and receive Work Weekend updates.

What do volunteers do at work weekends?

Projects vary each month, but some examples are:

Trail Maintenance, Painting, Construction and Building, Facilities Maintenance, Cleaning, Grounds cleanup (raking, mowing, weed-eating, seeding), Gardening, etc.

Work times are Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Those coming in Friday night must arrive by 11:00 pm and check in upon arrival.

Who can be involved?

Whether you have experience in maintenance work or not, we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers happy to put in a hard day’s work to benefit our facilities and programs. Campers of all ages are welcome, however, unaccompanied minors must be in at least the 11th grade. Volunteers younger than 11th grade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are new to Camp Toccoa but would still like to be involved, please contact our office to request a volunteer application.

How do I sign up?

If you would like to attend a work weekend, you first need to RSVP to Sue Edwards at wohelo2000@gmail.com. You will also need to review our participant agreement, complete the participation release and return it to us by mail (92 Camp Toccoa Drive; Toccoa, GA 30577), fax (706-886-5123) or email (info@camptoccoa.org). Unaccompanied minors will need to have a parent/guardian contact us to RSVP prior to each weekend they will be attending.

What about food and lodging?

If you would like to stay the night, our cabins can be available for housing. If you will be staying at camp but leaving property at night, you need to return by 11 pm and all camp policies must be followed. Please check-in at the camp office upon arrival to receive your cabin assignments. Cabin assignments will be at the discretion of the camp director. For meals, camp will provide lunch on Saturday; all other meals will need to be on your own. Our staff can assist you if you would like to keep food refrigerated or would like to prepare your own food while you are here. Occasionally additional meals can be provided by camp.

Camp Toccoa

Work Weekend Participant Agreement

Thank you for volunteering to participate in Camp Toccoa's Work Weekend. The following policies are meant to ensure a safe and successful weekend for all participants. Please read through before your arrival.

- 1) Participants should RSVP to Sue Edwards (wohelo2000@gmail.com) no later than the Wednesday prior to the weekend. This is so that projects can be planned and prepared for and housing and meals can be arranged.
- 2) Remember to dress appropriately for your projects, considering your comfort as well as your safety. Sturdy shoes must be worn for all maintenance projects and long pants may also be required. Some projects require eye protection: you can wear your own sunglasses or our stylish safety goggles! Also, because we work rain or shine, please bring whatever you will need to be comfortable indoors and out along with an extra set of dry clothes just in case.
- 3) All participants must complete the information and release form to protect yourself as well as camp. Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian signature to participate.
- 4) Alcohol, drugs, tobacco products and weapons are not permitted on camp property.
- 5) Participants spending the night on camp property who choose to leave property in the evening are asked to return no later than 11 pm.
- 6) Housing assignments are at the discretion of the camp director and will be given out at check-in.
- 7) Because housing is shared among all participants, quiet hours in units begin at 10 pm. Please be mindful of other participants when using shared housing. If you would like to utilize other areas of camp beyond the quiet hours, please ask the director what areas are available.
- 8) For participants under the age of 18 **not** accompanied by a parent or guardian, permission to leave camp on their own and/or with other participants must be given by parent or guardian. Please complete the appropriate section on the information and release form.
- 9) Unfortunately, we are not able to allow pets to join us at work weekends.

Camp Fire USA Georgia Council

Volunteer Information and Release Form

The Camp Fire USA Volunteer Information and Release Form **MUST** be signed with **NO** additions, deletions or changes, for the volunteer to perform services. We want to make sure you understand the risks involved with our volunteer opportunities.

PLEASE PRINT

Participant's Full Name: _____ D.O.B. ____/____/____ Age: ____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone (____) _____ Other Phone (____) _____

Do you have any health concerns or special needs that our staff should be aware of?

If yes, please explain: _____

Please provide the following information in case of an emergency:

Person to notify: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Must be completed only for participants under the age of 18 who will not be accompanied by a parent/guardian (check one):

My child **DOES** **DOES NOT** have permission to leave camp property on his/her own and/or to leave camp property with other staff/volunteers.

Release Form: The Camp Fire USA Volunteer Program that you have signed up for involves physically demanding activities in an outdoor setting. It may include using hand and power tools, working with hazardous chemicals, building and demolition, and other forms of maintenance. You will be working with Camp Fire USA staff and other volunteers. It is possible that you may be injured while volunteering either because of your own conduct, conduct of others in the group or the nature of the work itself. We want to make sure that you understand the risks of injury before you decide to participate in the program. It is required that you read the following very carefully, make sure you understand it and sign it before electing to volunteer your services.

I CERTIFY THAT, IN ADVANCE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY OR PROGRAM IDENTIFIED HEREIN, I HAVE RECEIVED ANY AND ALL INFORMATION WHICH I DEEM NECESSARY OR IMPORTANT IN MAKING AN INFORMED CHOICE REGARDING MY OWN OR MY CHILD/WARD'S PARTICIPATION IN SUCH ACTIVITY OR PROGRAM. IN CONSIDERATION FOR CAMP FIRE USA/ CAMP TOCCOA, ALLOWING MYSELF, MY CHILD OR WARD TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY, I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISKS OF MY OWN, MY CHILD'S OR MY WARD'S PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS CAMP FIRE USA/CAMP TOCCOA, ITS SUCCESSORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DAMAGES OR EXPENSES WHICH I, MY CHILD OR WARD HAVE OR MAY HAVE ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO MY PARTICIPATION, OR THAT OF MY CHILD OR WARD, IN SUCH PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY, INCLUDING DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS OF ANY KIND, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE ACT OR OMISSION OF CAMP FIRE USA/ CAMP TOCCOA, MYSELF, MY CHILD OR WARD, OR OTHERS. FURTHER, I HEREBY GRANT FULL PERMISSION TO CAMP FIRE USA/ CAMP TOCCOA THAT ANY PHOTOGRAPH OR ANY OTHER RECORD OF MYSELF, MY CHILD OR WARD AT THEIR EVENT OR PROGRAM MAY BE USED FOR LEGITIMATE PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES. I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION FOR CAMP FIRE USA/ CAMP TOCCOA., TO ADMINISTER BASIC FIRST AID OR TO SEEK APPROPRIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PARTICIPANT LISTED ABOVE.

_____ Date _____
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE (all participants must sign)

_____ Date _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF PARTICIPANT IS YOUNGER THAN 18