

How long are we expected to volunteer/can I come for part of the day?

- Volunteers are expected to be at the **central meeting location at 8:15 a.m.** for your orientation and safety briefing. **Yes! You must attend this even if you've been onsite before. Late arrivals might be turned away.**
- All volunteers are asked to stay for the entire day. Plan on staying until about 3:30 p.m.

What should I wear?

- Please remember that ALL volunteers must wear closed toed shoes. No flip flops. Sneakers or boots are best.
- Wear comfortable clothing that isn't too baggy or revealing but you **MUST wear LONG PANTS or JEANS!**
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Do I need construction experience to volunteer with Habitat?

- No! All skill levels are welcomed to volunteer with us! If you are skilled please help those around you.
- Trained staff and volunteers will help you along the way.
- Please note that construction is a physical task and you should be comfortable being on your feet for extended periods of time.

What about Lunch?

- Lunch takes place in the middle of the day, around 11:30 a.m.
- Volunteers need to bring their own lunch. We ask that you don't leave the construction site for lunch.
- Feel free to have food delivered to the site.

Do I need to bring my own tools?

- If you have hand tools/tool belt feel free to bring them, but volunteers are not required to bring their own tools.
- Please do not bring any power tools with you.
- If you lend something, ask for it back and if you borrow someone else's tool please return it.
- We recommend that you bring work gloves if you have a pair.
- Safety and protective equipment (gloves, goggles, hardhats, etc.) are available on site.
- **Please note all volunteers are required to use the appropriate safety equipment as instruction by Habitat's construction staff and Crew Leaders (including but not limited to hard hats and safety goggles).**

What will I do as a construction volunteer?

- We probably won't be able to tell you that until you have arrived onsite.
- Volunteers work on the building needs as determined by construction phase and the Construction Team.
- Please remember that we ask you come with a willingness to try new things!

Do we work in the rain/snow/heat?

- As long as it is safe and productive...YES! If the weather gets really bad, we will stop working early, or put in a half day.
- ***In the event of inclement weather, please call the construction hotline at (301) 541- 8356 for information regarding build day status. The hotline will be updated by 7am.***

How do I volunteer and can I volunteer more than once?

- All volunteers must pre-register. Do not just arrive onsite and expect to build.
- Yes, you can come more than once! Please keep in mind Saturdays are often booked months in advance but we do build Wednesday-Friday during the week.
- If you are interested in volunteering on a reoccurring basis you should consider becoming a Regular or a Crew Leader. Talk to the volunteer coordinator for more information.

Why aren't there more volunteer openings online? Tell me again.

- Our construction site is typically booked up three to four months in advance by groups who want a private team build. This means we have a very limited number of build opportunities for our at-large and individual volunteers on the construction site even though we build four days a week.
- Think beyond the hammer – more than 80% of our volunteers are utilized at our ReStore. When you can't get onsite, think about volunteering at ReStore instead! [Click here for more information.](#)

Please turn over!

LOST? Call (301) 910-6597

Where is the construction site located?

- Since we have multiple construction sites, everyone will meet at a central location: The First Assembly of God Church parking lot located **12805 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20906** (*Directions are below!*)
- Parking near the construction sites is very limited so we will **carpool** to the construction site. Volunteers will be asked to use their personal vehicles to transport volunteers from a central meeting location to the construction site and back to the central meeting location at the end of the day.

What else should I know?

- Bring a water bottle. We're trying to go GREEN! We'll have water available for you to drink onsite. Remember to drink plenty of water *before, during, and after* your build.
- Smoking is allowed in designated smoking areas only.
- Refrain from using any MP3 players or headphones while working on the construction site. We recommend leaving these items at home or in your car for the duration of the day.
- Before you begin, you must have a valid waiver on file to volunteer with Habitat. If you have not signed a waiver, you may fill one out on site.
- Remember to wear long pants or jeans!

Any additional questions may be directed to
Molly Pelzer, Volunteer and Family Services Manager, 301-990-0014 x 18 or molly.pelzer@habitat-mc.org
Volunteer & Family Services Assistant, 301-910-6597 (day of questions)

DIRECTIONS to the CENTRAL MEETING LOCATION

The Central Meeting Location is Metro Accessible!

The First Assembly of God Church is located near the Glenmont Metrorail station, which is on the Red Line. It's less than half a mile walk from the metro to the church.

- Leave the Glenmont metro station and head NORTH, away from Randolph Road
- Walk northwest along Georgia for about 10-15 minutes and you'll arrive at 12805 Georgia Ave, the First Assembly of God Church

Driving Directions: Please note these are only suggested.

From D.C.

- Go NORTH on Georgia Avenue/US-97
- The church will be on your right after the Glenmont Metro Station
- End at 12805 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD, 20906

From the Beltway

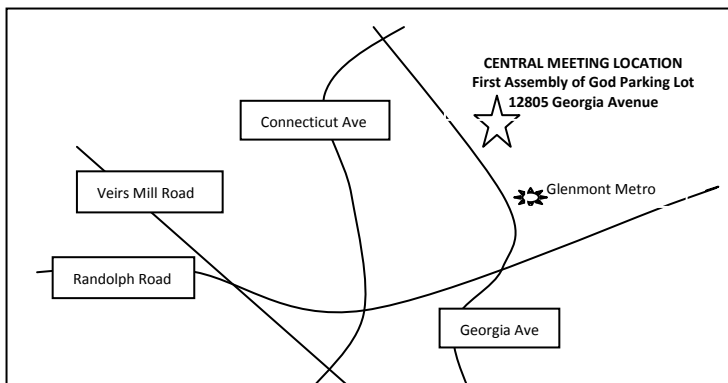
- Take Exit #31 and head NORTH on Georgia Avenue/US-97 toward Wheaton
- The church will be on your right after the Glenmont Metro Station
- End at 12805 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD, 20906

From Rockville/Gaithersburg

- Head SOUTH on Veirs Mill Road/MD-586
- Turn LEFT at Randolph Road
- Turn LEFT at Georgia Avenue/US-97
- The church will be on your right after the Glenmont Metro Station
- End at 12805 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD, 20906

From Burtonsville

- Head SOUTH on US-29/Columbia Pike
- Turn RIGHT on Randolph Road
- Turn Right at Georgia Avenue/US-97
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