



# Day Volunteer Pre-Trip Information

## VOLUNTEERING WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE IN BUTTE COUNTY, CA

Thank you for partnering with Samaritan's Purse (SP) as we minister to families whose homes were damaged during the recent Camp Fire. Volunteers will assist with debris removal and content retrieval. Far beyond the physical help you will extend to homeowners, the spiritual and emotional support you offer to them is even more important. We hope your volunteer experience is rewarding and life-changing.

In this document you will find Pre-Trip Information that will be valuable in preparing for and experiencing a fulfilling trip. You will learn "What to Expect On-Site" and what you need to do "Before You Arrive".

### SITE INFORMATION

**Calvary Chapel Chico**  
1888 Springfield Drive  
Chico, CA 95928  
**530-815-8406**

**Staff:**

**Lorenzo Torres, Chandler Saylor**

### DAILY SCHEDULE

(Monday – Saturday, through February 2, 2019. This site will be closed December 21-27, 2018.)

8:00 AM – Morning Check-In and Orientation

12:30 PM – Afternoon Check-In and Orientation

4:30 PM – Work Day Ends

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

### Registration

**All Volunteers (Adult and Youth):** If you are local to the area and do not need housing accommodations, please complete the online Day Volunteer Application at [www.spvolunteer.org](http://www.spvolunteer.org). All adults and youth volunteers participating with you need to complete the Day Volunteer Application online.

**Youth Volunteers:** Complete these attached additional forms:

- **Youth Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability:** (All persons under 18) complete attached form and present it at check-in.
  - Parent signature is required.
  - If the parent will not accompany the youth, the parent signature must be notarized.
- **Youth Covenant:** (Youth Group Team Coordinator only) Complete attached form and present it at check-in. This form will also outline our Youth Group policy.

### Scheduling

Once you have registered, simply arrive at the address listed above at one of the two check-in times. Please note specific instructions regarding scheduling:

**Sundays:** At the beginning of a deployment we work limited hours on Sundays. If you'd like to serve on Sunday, please contact the site to confirm the schedule for Sunday.

**Site Closure:** This site will be closed December 21-27 for the Christmas holiday. We will reopen Friday, December 28. If you want to serve after Saturday, February 2 please contact the site the day before you plan to arrive to see if we will extend our work.

### Policies and Safety Guidelines

**Review Volunteer Policies and Guidelines online at:**

<https://www.spvolunteer.org/faq>

## WHAT TO EXPECT ON-SITE

**Transportation:** Volunteers must provide their own transportation to the work site. Transportation should be able to haul tools and supplies to the work site.

**Clothing:** While on worksites, please wear appropriate clothing.

- SP T-shirt (provided upon arrival).
- Long pants, sturdy work boots or shoes with thick soles.
- Work gloves, safety glasses, and hat.
- Inappropriate to wear: Shorts, sandals/flip-flops, tank tops, shirts that are unduly tight/revealing or contain inappropriate language/design.

**Tools:** SP provides all the tools needed for this site. Volunteers are required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

- If you choose to bring your own hand tools (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows), please make sure your tools are well marked.
- If you bring your own personal chainsaw, please bring your own PPE (including chaps, hard hat, eye and ear protection, and leather gloves).

**Meals:** Pack a bag lunch and a bottle of water.

*While serving as a volunteer, you represent Samaritan's Purse and, more importantly, Jesus Christ. Below are a few key things to keep in mind. SP Staff will also have an orientation and safety briefing with you soon after your arrival.*

**Volunteer Criminal History [Day Volunteer]:** 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 prohibited from volunteering on any North American Ministry project.

**Age Requirements:** Youth are *never* permitted to work standing on a window sill, outdoor ladder, scaffolding or similar equipment, use power tools or machines (electric or gas), operate motor vehicles, be an outside helper on motor vehicles, or do any work on or about a roof.

- **Youth Ages 14 & 15:** Are allowed to participate in the following activities only: waterproofing foundations, cleaning and polishing equipment/vehicles, clearing lots, debris removal, painting, landscaping and site clean-up, gift bag preparation, folding t-shirts, restocking vehicles with t-shirts and Bibles, office clerical work, and other similar tasks.
- **Youth Ages 16 & 17:** Are permitted to participate in general construction tasks which may include working on a short ladder indoors.

**Alcohol, Illegal Drugs & Tobacco:** We ask that you do not use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), alcohol, or drugs while serving with Samaritan's Purse. 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.

**Language:** Please do not use foul language or tell unclean jokes.

**Animals:** Accommodations will be made for ADA Service Animals, if possible. We are unable to accommodate pets or comfort animals that do not provide an ADA service. Please Note: Each project site will be evaluated for suitable and safe work for volunteers with service animals.

**Photography:** Taking photos at the job site is allowed as long as you obtain prior permission from the homeowner. Please remember this is their home and having sensitivity to what they are going through is of utmost importance.

**Conflict Resolution:** If you have a conflict with another team member, go directly to that team member or to your Team Leader to work things out. If you fail to resolve the issue, both parties and the Team Leader should go to the Program Manager for guidance.

**Safety:**

- Know your limitations, take frequent breaks, and always remember to keep hydrated.
- Youth should never be left alone at a work site or be allowed to leave the site without parent/legal guardian/grandparent/chaperone/youth leader.
- Adults must never be alone with an individual youth, unless the adult is a family member of the youth. This applies to all volunteers, SP staff, host church staff, host church members, homeowners, etc.
- Each team member should be current on their Tetanus Vaccination.
- Report all injuries immediately to the Team Lead and the Program Manager.
- SP is not responsible for lost or stolen items.