

The ASP Summer Staff: Your Partners, Facilitators, and Co-Workers

They apply in the fall, knowing their work hours will be long and the pay small! They give up a weekend in the winter to meet with administrative staff for an interview. Their work is hot, dirty, often frustrating; hours extend from sun up to past midnight each day. **Who are these people?**

They are ASP's **summer staff!** In teams of 4 or 5 workers, these staff members diligently and responsibly facilitate the summer work of the ASP. They will work harder than they could imagine and yet they will become "richer" because of the experience. Here's a "typical" day for a staffer.

1. **Each day begins with vehicle maintenance on a donated van or truck.**
2. **While volunteers have devotions in the morning, one staff person is out buying supplies for work crews. The other staffers facilitate devotions, breakfast, and last-minute volunteer needs/questions.**
3. **As soon as the staffer is back from the hardware store, the day's tasks are divided, supplies are dispersed, and staff do daily runs in pairs.**
4. **"Runs" consist of visiting each work site to provide construction advice, moral support, and a time to get to know the families and volunteers. An average of 10 houses per week means that runs consume most of the day.**
5. **Also during runs staff travel to the bank, post office, meet with inspectors, help unload the warehouse supply truck, visit with Johnson City administrative staff, make construction and programmatic decisions, run errands, evaluate homes, and build lasting relationships all around.**
6. **After runs, staffers may find time to do paperwork (yes, we have lots of it!), make calls, and rarely rest. The emotional and physical demands of the position are a challenge.**
7. **At dinnertime, staff learn about the volunteers' day and collect the supply sheets for the next day.**
8. **On some days, staff meet with group leaders to make sure all is going well.**
9. **Evening Gatherings (EGs) are conducted by the staff or by an invited guest. Planned by the staff, these generally focus on servanthood, built around the ASP experience. Volunteers can reflect on their work, what it means to the area, to them personally and to their faith in God. Singing, discussion, scripture, sharing and topics about the region all are found in EGs.**
10. **For the rest of the night until the staff meeting, staff time is filled with laughter, ice cream, talks about the week, questions about families, and relaxation with the volunteers.**
11. **At staff meetings each night, homes are reviewed, EGs planned, and any other business pending is discussed. Plans are made for the next day, followed by prayer and bedtime.**

"Well done, Good and Faithful Servants!"

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