
WELCOME TO GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY



Dear Volunteer,

We are delighted to have you join us in working together to provide food for the poor and needy all around the world!

Please read the following information carefully and ask one of our full time staff members if you have any questions or needs.

May God bless you as you prepare for your trip, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

-Your Gleanings Booking Staff



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Early Morning Prayer:	6:00 am – 7:00 am (Tues & Thurs only, optional)
Breakfast Served:	7:00 am – 7:15 am
Breakfast Clean Up	7:30 am – 7:55 am
Worship / Prayer:	8:00 am – 9:15 am (approximately)
Morning Break:	After Worship
Lunch Served:	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm
Lunch Free Time or Clean Up:	12:30 pm – 1:00 pm
Afternoon Break:	3:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Workday Concludes:	4:30 pm – 5:00 pm (varies with assignment)
Supper Served:	5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS:

Monday Morning: Introductions at Chapel

Monday 6:30 pm: Missions Night. Staff members rotate sharing about the Gleanings' ministry, in addition to sharing personal experiences of distributing food and doing mission work abroad.

Thursday 5:30 pm: Love Feast – a special banquet to honor that week's volunteers.

Friday Morning: Team Sharing during Chapel.

MEALS & DINING ROOM CLEANING:

Meals are served buffet style. There is typically one main course selection with two or three side dishes. Lunch and supper include salad bar with various toppings.

[Please inform us of any food allergies](#) you may have either on the online Release of Liability form or directly to the kitchen staff. We will make every effort to accommodate them.

[A weekly CLEAN UP schedule](#) is posted in the dining room where Mission Builders are asked to perform cleaning duties after each meal. These duties typically include clearing and wiping down tables, taking out the garbage, as well as sweeping and mopping the floor. [Each person is asked to sign up for at least one meal shift during the week.](#)

Helpful Information

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Fall, winter, and spring are collectively termed the “soup” season. During this time, the soup plant is active and volunteers can participate in mixing and bagging trail mix or soup mix. Others may assist with sorting and preparing items for shipment.



In addition to the soup production there are numerous opportunities for service all over the base. Maintenance tasks include painting, landscaping, kitchen assistance, housekeeping, automotive and machinery repair, repairing fruit drying trays, and bucket washing. The quilt room is open for anyone who would like to make (or learn how to make) quilts. Occasionally, there will be special projects such as new construction, event planning, etc.

If you have any problem or difficulty with an assigned activity, please do not hesitate to speak with your supervisor. However, **please come with an open heart and willingness to serve in whatever capacity is needed.**

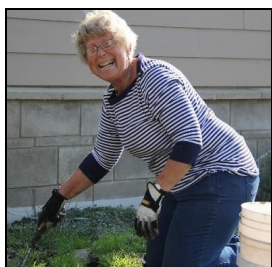
WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

In keeping with our standards of conduct, dress is casual and modest at Gleanings. Many service projects require that you get dirty or coated in food dust, so it would be best to bring clothes you consider as “grubbies”. You may desire a set of nicer clothes for time off from work.

Feel free to bring special gloves, a face mask (*work in the soup plant can be dusty*), tools, or any other item that you would like to use while engaging in the work activities.

Each person will need to bring personal items such as soap, shampoo, sunscreen, hat, and Bible.

A laundry facility is available during your stay. A suggested donation of \$1.00 per load is requested and should be given at the office or included in your donation.



Important Notices

IMPORTANT: All our volunteers and teams need to sign our *mandatory Release of Liability form before working on site*. You can sign the online version via the email link sent, or if you prefer, you can sign a paper copy at the office when you arrive.

- **CHECK IN:** Suggested arrival time is **Sunday afternoon, between 4 pm and 5 pm**. Please be informed that there will be **no dinner** served and no official program **Sunday evening**. There is a bulletin board near Room 4 of the 8-plex that lists all room and RV space assignments. Please refer to this if you need to locate someone in your group or on campus.
- **CHECK OUT:** Please check out by **Friday, 12:00 pm**, even if you are staying for lunch. **Before you leave, you are required to clean your room**. A detailed cleaning list will be found in your room on the wall next to the door. Please **notify office staff** when you have vacated your room.
- **WATER:** We are required by Tulare County Environmental Health Services to inform you that our well water is high in nitrates. Excessive levels of nitrates in drinking water can cause serious illnesses and sometimes death in infants less than six months of age. Pregnant women should also not drink water with high nitrate levels. **Water used in the dining hall for cooking and served in drink dispensers, including the ice, has been purified and is safe to drink.**
- **SEPTIC:** Wastewater at Gleanings is handled by two septic tanks and one leach field. **Please do not put anything but toilet paper in the toilet. Do not use bleach** or similar items in the laundry or for cleaning.
- **PETS:** Pets are **only** allowed **for guests staying in their own RV**. **Dogs must be leashed at all times, and any waste products must be picked up and disposed of.**
- **GATE:** **The front gate is locked daily at approximately 9:00 pm**. If you plan to leave the campus and anticipate returning after 9:00 pm, please see staff member to obtain gate code. To exit when the gate is closed, push the red button.
- **PROPERTY LIMITS:** The property around Gleanings is not available for our use. **Please do not climb the mountain**. The owners of the orchards graciously allow us to walk through their orchards on the roads, but we ask you to be respectful

and not leave any trash. **Please stay on the concrete or grass when it is raining:
AVOID THE MUD.**