



## Volunteers For Peace 2024 MLTV Program







Volunteers For Peace (VFP) is a US non-profit organization founded in 1982 and located in Burlington, Vermont. Through international voluntary service VFP promotes intercultural education, service learning, and community development. Each year we support local communities by organizing and promoting about 20 short, medium and long-term service projects in the USA and many projects in Haiti and Nicaragua. We have exchanged over 31,000 volunteers worldwide and offer over 3,000 projects in more than 90 countries around the world. Through these projects, nations join together to improve life on our planet. Our volunteers experience a microcosm of our world within the international group, and communities are able to create goals that improve life for their members.

We provide opportunities for volunteers to build cultural understanding and connections around the world while exploring grassroots community development and leadership roles. Volunteers will be encouraged to learn, share and plan effective ways to address local and global challenges together. Through these experiences, our volunteers gain valuable skills and an enhanced global consciousness, which we believe will help them become citizen diplomats, global leaders, and advocates for a more peaceful world! For more information visit our website at [www.vfp.org](http://www.vfp.org).



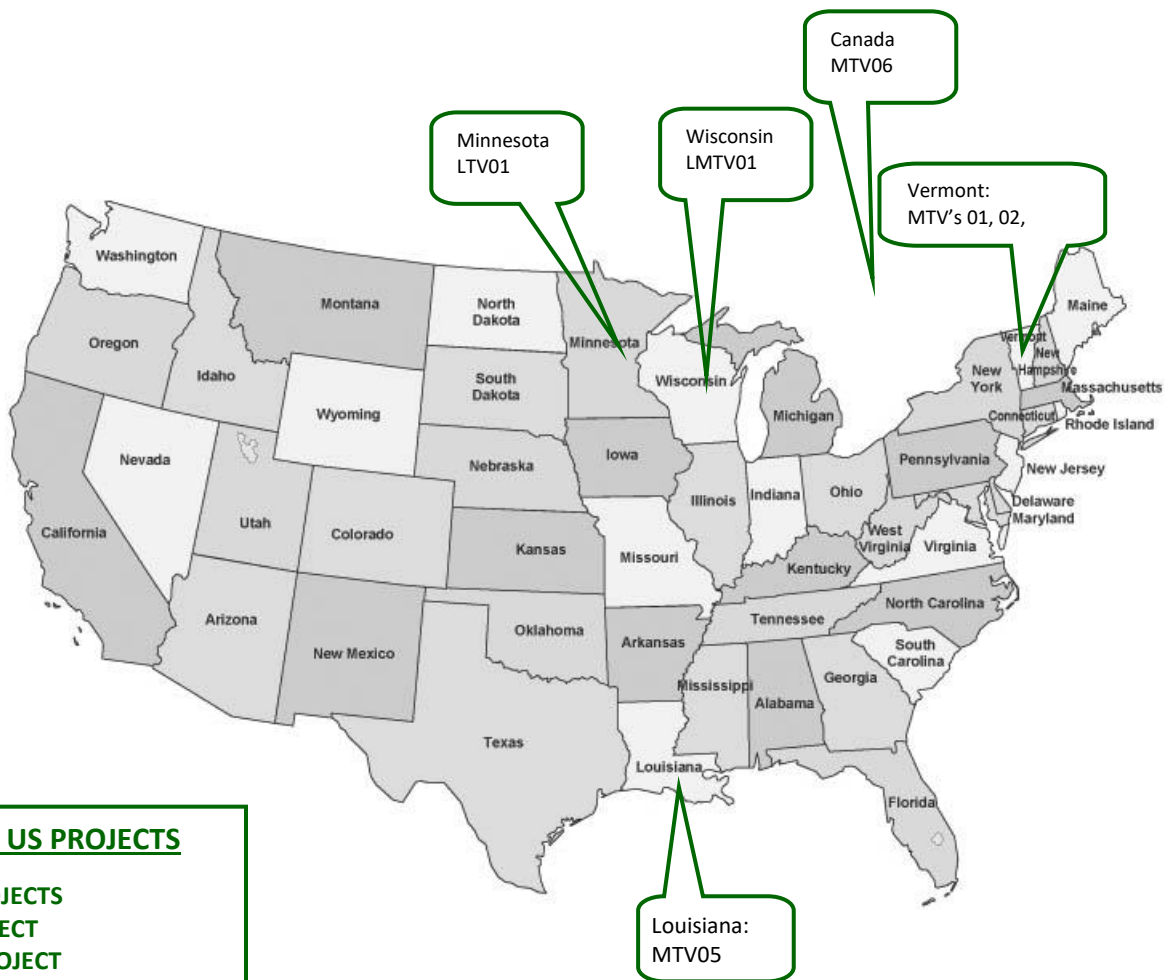
## VFP 2024 CAMP NOTES & CONDITIONS

- **INSURANCE:** Volunteers must obtain health and accident insurance for the duration of your travel and stay in the US. This insurance must cover you for all medical eventualities. You must bring your insurance card or receipts with you. If you cannot prove that you have insurance on arrival, you will not be allowed to take part in our workcamps. Some travel related insurance carriers are World Nomads, HTH Worldwide, and Global Rescue LLC
- **CONFIRMATION:** Volunteers must email VFP a confirmation of their participation before the camp begins. A Confirmation form is provided along with the information sheet. Please include specific arrival details to the project on the confirmation form along with a confirmation that you have received a visa (if applicable). Participation in a project may be cancelled if we do not receive confirmation.
- **VISA INFORMATION:** Regulations have changed and the US Department of State makes it very clear that an invitation letter will not make a difference in whether you receive a visa or not. You must be sure you meet and understand the requirements to get a visa before you apply to the project. Follow the link for more information on visa requirements from your country.  
(<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html#overview>)
- Volunteers should be motivated to work at least 30 hours per week, or as indicated in project description.
- **INFORMATION SHEETS:** These will contain more detailed information, including travel information and what to bring, and will be available now.
- **TECHNOLOGY FREE:** There are positive benefits to spending a little time away from technology and we hope you will be fully present to the volunteer experience. There will be designated times for volunteers to stay in touch with family and friends. In some project locations there is little or no cell phone service available.
- **VFP MOTIVATION FORM:** VFP or Partner's Motivation form is required for all MTV's
- **VFP CHILD PROTECTION FORM:** Volunteers working with children may need to complete a Child Protection form before they can begin work. This form will be given to volunteers on the first day of the project.
- **INTERVIEWS:** Phone or Skype interviews required for placements in most MTV projects. Volunteers must include a Skype address on their VEF. Allow at least two weeks for these placements.
- **PARTICIPATION FEES:** (ONLY PROJECT THAT HAS AN EXTRA FEE IS VFP-MTV05): "All volunteers are asked to contribute a project fee of \$60, which helps to cover expenses associated with project coordination and supervision, as well as materials, fuel, safety equipment, insurance and tool and vehicle maintenance. We can also provide accommodation at an added cost for those who need it while they are volunteering with us: \$250 per person per week for the first three weeks (includes three meals/day) \$200 per person per week from the fourth week until three months in (also includes meals) No charge past three months for people who step into leadership roles (possibility of a minor fee past that date for people who aren't comfortable stepping into those roles. There is a sliding scale if folks are economically disadvantaged or bring skills to the organization that are badly needed. This fee is due in US Dollars at least one month prior to service payable online through lowernine's website."  
<https://lowernine.org/>

## VFP VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

VFP hosts, staff and co-leaders work hard to ensure a rewarding and unforgettable experience in the USA. Please read the following expectations below.

- Every volunteer is an important and valuable part of the group. You are expected to be an active member, contribute to the work project, assist with cooking and cleaning, and participate in work and free-time activities. Please bring recipes, photos, music, cultural information, group games and other information and activities to share with other volunteers and the community.
- Work activities will take place for about 6 hours a day, 5 days a week. Some days and projects may have longer or shorter work periods depending on the weather, leadership, motivation, availability of materials and other factors.
- VFP and your local hosts will provide many fun and cultural free-time activities during the project. If volunteers decide to travel to a different location as a group or plan their own free-time activities they will be responsible to cover the expenses. The camp leaders will be able to share how much free-time activities will cost.
- Co-leaders, workcamp hosts and work project leaders are there to help you plan activities, understand your tasks, teach you how to use tools and many other things. If you have concerns or issues please raise them with a leader and work with the leader to engage the group in finding a solution that works for everyone.
- Volunteers are expected to live as a group. You are expected to stay for the entire duration of the project and are not allowed to arrange your own activities and spend days or nights away from the project.
- Smoking use is on the decline in the USA and in most of the communities where you are serving you will not see people smoking. It is prohibited in many buildings and also public spaces. You must be 18 years old to purchase cigarettes in the USA.
- The drinking age in the USA is 21 years old. It is illegal to purchase alcohol for a person younger than 21. Excessive drinking is a major social problem and is an obstacle to overcoming the social and economic problems that afflict the world community today. Please check with the host regarding alcohol consumption where you are staying and if you choose to drink please be responsible and only do so during free-time.
- Any illegal drug use is strictly forbidden.



#### VFP 2024 US PROJECTS

4 MTV PROJECTS  
1 LTV PROJECT  
1 LMTV PROJECT

### 2024 MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

**VFP-MTV01 COMMUNITY REENTRY and SOCIAL JUSTICE, BURLINGTON, PERMANENT SOCI/MANU, Female or Male volunteers only, AGE 21+ 4 Vols, Only 1 volunteer serves at a time, Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months**  
Burlington Dismas House provides transitional housing and opportunities to men and women getting out of prison so that they can successfully transition back into the community

**WORK:** Volunteers will assist in a variety of tasks including but not limited to: administrative support in the office, helping with fundraising activities, supporting the residential community by helping with planning and participating in house activities and Residential Advisor duties (See below). The type of work and number of hours varies but is usually 4 – 6 hours a day. Volunteers live on site and participate in all house activities including evening meals and all outside activities.

**STUDY THEME:** Criminal Justice

**ACCOMMODATION:** Shared room in large Victorian house, meals & laundry provided.

**LOCATION:** Hartford, Vermont. is a beautiful small town in Windsor County, population 10,000. The small city is located right on the shore of the White River and Connecticut River. Group activities and sightseeing is offered.

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES:** Recreation includes house activities and many festivals and events in area. Volunteers will participate in house outings including baseball games, hikes, camping, etc. Time off for travel may be approved.

**TERMINAL:** White River Junction VT where they will be met by a Dismas House Staff Member. [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)  
[www.dartmouthcoach.com](http://www.dartmouthcoach.com)

**SPECIAL REMARKS:** Only 1 volunteer serves at a time. Minimum 3 months. No drugs or alcohol. Must be 21 or over - Need either the partner's or VFP's motivation form. Skype interview required.

**VFP-MTV02 COMMUNITY REENTRY and SOCIAL JUSTICE, WINOOSKI, PERMANENT SOCI/MANU, Male volunteers only, AGE 21+ 4 Vols, Only 1 volunteer serves at a time, Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months**

Winooski **Dismas House** provides housing and opportunities to men and women getting out of prison so that they can successfully transition back into the community. <http://www.dismasofvermont.org/>

**WORK:** Volunteers will be working as a Resident Advisor as well as on administrative tasks in small office. Volunteers are also expected to support the residential community by participating in group activities.

**STUDY THEME:** Criminal Justice

**ACCOMMODATION:** Shared room in a house, meals & laundry provided. Access to Wi-Fi is also available.

**LOCATION:** Winooski, Vermont. Winooski borders Burlington and has a population of ~8,000. There are colleges and universities nearby, the lake and mountains and much to do. Volunteers For Peace is located in Burlington and we welcome the volunteers in our office as well. Dismas has a house in Burlington and Rutland Vermont as well.

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES:** Recreation includes house activities and many festivals and events in area. Volunteers will participate in house outings including baseball games, hikes, camping. Time off for travel may be approved.

**TERMINAL:** Burlington, Vermont is easily accessible by bus or plane from Montreal, Boston or New York City.

**SPECIAL REMARKS:** Only 1 volunteer serves at a time. Minimum 3 months. Must be 21 or over No drugs or alcohol. -

Need either the partner's or VFP's motivation form Skype interview required Looking for male volunteers only. Available Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **VFP-MTV05 HOUSE BUILDING RESTORATION, NEW ORLEANS CONS/RENO PERMANENT AGE 18+ 30VolS**

**Minimum 1 Month; Maximum 3 Months**

**LOWERNINE.ORG**, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA is a non-political, secular, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the long-term recovery of the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, Louisiana in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the levee breaches of 2005. The organization completes residential building projects so that pre-Katrina residents of the neighborhood can return to their homes. <http://lowernine.org>

**WORK:** Unskilled and experienced carpenters, roofers, plumbers, painters and other tradesmen needed for rebuilding homes in the flood-damaged Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. Unskilled volunteers will be trained by skilled staff. All aspects of home rebuilding will be addressed, from roofing to finish carpentry. 5-day week of full work days from 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM. Volunteers provide free labor to neighborhood residents, so they can return home after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Isaac. Work can be difficult and it is hot in New Orleans!

**STUDY THEME:** Carpentry, construction, community building.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Housing is in dormitory style bunkrooms, and volunteers are responsible for all cleaning and cooking. No smoking in the house. No drugs allowed. No alcohol

allowed in the house or on the property. Vegetarian meals available.

**LOCATION:** New Orleans, LA, 2 miles east of the French Quarter.

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES:** Volunteers will have ample opportunity to partake of the abundant cultural offerings of the most unique city in America on weekends and after work hours.

**TERMINAL:** Louis Armstrong International Airport; Amtrak and Bus station downtown.

**SPECIAL REMARKS:** Minimum 1 month. Available all year Need either the partner's or VFP's motivation form.

To be accepted, volunteers must follow instructions found at <https://lowernine.org/volunteer/>

**EXTRA FEE:** All volunteers are asked to contribute a project fee of \$60, which helps to cover expenses

associated with project coordination and supervision, as well as materials, fuel, safety

equipment, insurance and tool and vehicle maintenance. We can also provide

accommodation at an added cost for those who need it while they are volunteering with us:

\$250 per person per week for the first three weeks (includes three meals/day) \$200 per

person per week from the fourth week until three months in (also includes meals) No charge

past three months for people who step into leadership roles (possibility of a minor fee past

that date for people who aren't comfortable stepping into those roles. There is a sliding scale

if folks are economically disadvantaged or bring skills to the organization that are badly needed.

This fee is due in US Dollars at least one month prior to service payable online through

lowernine's website. <https://lowernine.org/>

## **VFP-MTV06 PURPLE RAVEN FARM, ONTARIO, CONS/ENVR, AGE 18+ 1-2 Volunteers CANADA**

**Between June and October – various length of stay allowed (Only taking volunteers from May through October**

**ABOUT**

Website: [www.purpleravenfarm.com](http://www.purpleravenfarm.com)

Contact David or Cassandra at [purpleravenfarm@gmail.com](mailto:purpleravenfarm@gmail.com)

**WORK**



This year we will be building a “Green Barn” which is an experiment in northern, cold climate greenhouse heating. Our goal is to utilize a combination of sustainable greenhouse heating techniques that we can demonstrate to others in cold climate situations as a viable and attractive option while expanding our growing season and increasing our food production.

Our long-term goal here at Purple Raven Farm is to produce healthy food in ways that remain resilient under growing climatic, resource and economic pressures so that we can continue to produce food for those in need as we move into this future. We have a wide range of different projects including,

Garden work, vegetable, herb and flower maintenance, wild herb harvesting, garden bed expansion building, taking care of goats, trail building, wood harvesting, building a wood shed, composting, mushroom cultivation, wood chipping, clay oven building, wild berry harvesting, rock moving, soil building.

See [www.purpleravenfarm.com](http://www.purpleravenfarm.com)

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

A tiny house. See [www.purpleravenfarm.com](http://www.purpleravenfarm.com) for more details

#### **LIESURE ACTIVITIES.**

Canoeing, hiking, bicycling, arts and crafts, ping pong, firepit socializing, outdoor pizza making

#### **ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

Take a bus from Ottawa or Toronto to Cobalt, Ontario or North Bay, Ontario and we can pick you up from there.

#### **SPECIAL REMARKS:**

Only taking volunteers from May through October

#### **VFP-LTV01 Camphill Village, Sauk Centre Minnesota, SOCI 3-5 Vols, AGE 21+ 1 – 3 volunteers serve at a time, Minimum 1 year**

**Camphill Village Minnesota (CVM)** is a life-sharing, residential community of fifty people, including adults with disabilities. Our lives, work and celebrations are woven into the rhythms of nature found in the rolling hills, sparkling waterways, and prairie grasslands of Central Minnesota. Our community is deeply rooted in the belief that every individual, regardless of limitations, is an independent, spiritual being. Each person is part of the fabric of Community experience and is worthy of recognition, respect and honor. Website: <http://www.camphillmn.org>

**WORK:** Volunteers will assist in a variety of tasks including but not limited to: Assisting adults with developmental disabilities in their daily living activities in the home and managing crews in workplaces such as gardening, farming, cooking, food preserving, cleaning, woodworking, weaving, baking, or arts. The type of work and number of hours varies but is usually 5 – 10 hours per day. At least 5 hours per day will be spent in the workplace and another 3-5 hours per day in the home. Volunteers live on site and participate in all house activities including meals and all outside activities.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Volunteers (Coworkers) will live together family style in homes within the community. Each person has their own bedroom. All meals, hot showers, toiletries, linens & towels are provided. There is a fleet of vehicles that each person with a driver's license is welcome to use.

**LOCATION:.** Sauk Centre is a small town in the heart of Minnesota. CVM is less than an hour from St. Cloud and Alexandria and about 2 hours from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES:** There is a rich social life within the community. During down time coworkers can be found doing yoga, group workouts, playing pool, canoeing, hiking the land, playing music/ singing, or going to the nearest town to see a movie at the theatre. Community members are able to go to larger cities on their days off. For year long Coworkers 3 weeks of vacation is offered.

**TERMINAL:.** You must send your arrival details to [lindsey@camphillmn.org](mailto:lindsey@camphillmn.org) so we can arrange to meet you. Depending on departure point, volunteers can fly directly to Minneapolis, Minnesota airport (MSP).

LANGUAGE: English

**SPECIAL REMARKS:** 13 volunteers at a time minimum 1 year, No drugs Must be 21 or older Skype interview required Host will conduct background check Must be fluent in English. Applicants must also fill out an application at <https://www.camphill.org/communities/camphill-minnesota/>

#### **VFP-MTV/LTV01 Community Homestead, Osceola, Wisconsin, SOCI 3-4 Vols, AGE 18+ Minimum 3 months, No extra Fee**

**Location:** Nestled into the bluffs of the St Croix River Valley, we are on the border of Wisconsin/Minnesota. An hour from the twin cities of Minneapolis/St Paul, two hours from the Great Lake of Superior, we are surrounded by rolling farmland and waterfalls, biking and hiking trails, and the friendly outreach of our picturesque small town, Osceola, just 4 miles away.

**About:** Centered upon an organic dairy farm and large garden, Community Homestead is a sustainable non-profit living and working with people with developmental challenges. We believe that everyone has value and importance, and can contribute to a purposeful life no matter their abilities. In teams of people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, we run the farm, bakery, kitchens, gardens and craft groups, look after each other and create a happy home and social life. We live in extended family households within walking distance of the farm and find our high energy, friendly lifestyle fulfilling and welcoming for us all.

Website: <http://www.communityhomestead.org>

[https://www.facebook.com/communityhomestead/?tn-str=k\\*F](https://www.facebook.com/communityhomestead/?tn-str=k*F)

**WORK:** Volunteers are welcomed and live as part of a household where they help with the running of the home they also enjoy. During the work week they join a team on the land, bakery, food preserving kitchen, construction/woodworking, or crafts, facilitating, learning, and helping the team reach their goal. Weekends and evenings are filled with social and vocational opportunities. The type of volunteer work is matched to the individual's tastes and strengths to optimize the most fulfilling experience for all. The hours vary and follow a farm-life structure with some early mornings and late nights in the growing season and a creative, co operative, and flexible attitude to social opportunities and travel to best suit everyone. Coworker position requires a motivated person who enjoys being part of a team. Practical idealism, an appreciation of the outdoors, and a wish to make a real difference in the world helps! Previous agricultural experience or experience of people with disabilities is not necessary, but an open mind and a wish to learn definitely is.

**Accommodation**

Volunteers live together family- style in homes lead by long term volunteers in the community. Each person has their own bedroom. All meals, and use of amenities (computer, wifi, toiletries, house phone, workshops) is included. We can insure drivers over 21 with a clean driving record to use our vehicles.

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

We live in the middle of a conservation area with hiking and biking trails, waterfalls and a pristine river to canoe and kayak. Our friendly small town offers shopping, coffee shops, parks, community theater, swimming pool, gym, basic amenities, and local festivals. Museums, concerts, theaters and events can be accessed an hour away in Minneapolis/St Paul. While there is no public transport, people over 21 with a clear driving record can often drive our vehicles and those who can't are offered rides and use of bikes for shorter distances. We make it possible for volunteers to camp, visit Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee, (4-7 hours away) and Lake Superior depending on their interest and enjoy connecting them to opportunities see more of the USA in and outside the tourist areas. Year-long volunteers can expect to have about 3 weeks of vacation offered through the year.

**ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

You must coordinate your arrival so we can pick you up from the airport Christine.elmquist@communityhomestead.org. Fly into Minneapolis/St Paul international Airport (MSP)