



Social Activities Volunteer Opportunity

Have a group that wants to provide support to our guests? Consider a group activity that our guests find useful *and* enjoyable! We are looking for ways to incorporate group activities into our work to supplement our housing and employment programs, so you might be the answer. This opportunity is great for youth groups as well.

Suggested Activities:

- Ice Cream Social
- Coffee Social
- Board Games and Snacks
- Trail Mix Bar
- Barbers

Opportunities:

- **Ice Cream Social (4-8 volunteers)**
 - Bring ice cream and toppings for at least 100 guests.
 - Bring paper bowls, napkins, spoons, and ice cream scoops for the event.
 - Please clean up after your event (throw away trash, make sure tables are clean, etc.).
- **Coffee Social (4-8 volunteers)**
 - Bring coffee, creamer, and sugar for at least 100 guests
 - Bring donuts or some other kind of pastry for at least 100 guests
 - Bring the coffee **READY TO SERVE**.
 - Bring paper plates, paper cups, napkins, and coffee stirrers.
 - Please clean up after your event (throw away trash, make sure tables are clean, etc.).
- **Board Games and Snacks (6-12 volunteers)**
 - Bring your favorite board games to play with our guests.
 - We strongly recommend bringing refreshments and drinks for at least 100 men (coffee + donuts, ice cream, etc.).
 - Please clean up after your event (throw away trash, make sure tables are clean, etc.).
- **Trail Mix Bar (4-10 volunteers)**
 - Bring large paper bowls, scoops for ingredients, ziploc bags, and trail mix ingredients.
 - Trail mix ingredient tips:



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- Consider items like popcorn, goldfish, or Chex cereal as a base for the mix. Popcorn is the easiest to purchase in large quantities. Please bring the popcorn pre-popped.
 - Our most popular ingredient is M&M's, and in general, sweet ingredients are widely enjoyed.
 - Dried fruit, nuts, and pretzels tend to be less popular.
- **Barbers (1-4 volunteers)**
 - Bring the necessary equipment to cut men's hair (mirrors, clippers, trimmers).
 - Please clean up after your event (sweep up any hair).
 - All barbers need to be certified and licensed.

Available Times (For Any Group Activity):

Tryon Campus

- Weekend
 - 1st Saturday
 - 10:00am-11:30am
 - 3rd Sunday
 - 2:00pm-3:30pm
- Weekday
 - 2nd Tuesday
 - 7:30pm-9:00pm
 - 4th Thursday
 - 2:00pm-3:30pm

Statesville Avenue Campus

- Weekday
 - 1st Wednesday
 - 7:30pm-9:30pm

Location:

1210 North Tryon Street or 3410 Statesville Avenue (28206)

Requirements and Understanding:

- We recommend 12 years of age and older. All minors must be accompanied by an adult (18 or older for barbers).
- Respect for guests experiencing homelessness.
- Patience.



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- Enjoy working with diversity of people.

On-Site Contact:

You will be working with a Shelter Specialist and possibly a Kitchen Staff Member.

For volunteer questions, please contact Volunteers@MensShelterofCharlotte.org.

Scheduling:

Sign up for time slots here: <https://umc-msc.volunteerhub.com/>

Please Keep In Mind:

We outlined experiences above that work best for our guests, but if you have another idea, please contact us at: Volunteers@MensShelterofCharlotte.org.

We don't normally engage in "give-away" events, but if that is your interest, please contact us for further conversation.