

SOOP PROGRAM LOCATION LIST - United States

ALASKA

Anchorage, Alaska SOOP Anchorage

Volunteers work with local social service agencies, relating to homeless, displaced or disabled people; also in food distribution; may include teaching Sunday School and Bible studies. They relate closely to the Prince of Peace Mennonite Church.

Lodging: Housing can be arranged; RV sites available. Opportunities year-round.

ARIZONA

Kykotsmovi, Arizona SOOP Hopi Mission School

This work among Native Americans is a year round ministry with volunteers welcomed for assistance with special building or repair projects and with school-related activities.

Lodging: RV park with water, sewer and electricity (30, 40, and 50 amps) available. Unless RV is well winterized this is not an option during December, January, and February. Four single beds available in basement of staff home with kitchen and separate bath.

Phoenix, Arizona SOOP Phoenix

Trinity Mennonite Church in Phoenix hosts volunteers and plans short-term service involvements in the local food bank, homeless shelters, schools, home repair, and other social service ministries such as assisting in the counseling work of Love in Action, helping with crafts and activities at the Glencroft Care Activities Center and tutoring immigrants with Gary Tang and other adult education programs. House of Refuge, a shelter for homeless men, located at Sunnyslope Mennonite Church also welcomes volunteers to help with shelter supervision, job creation projects, cooking, and interaction with the men. **Lodging:** Options for housing are varied – on-site coordinators assist where needed.

Tucson, Arizona SOOP Tucson

Volunteers assist with a home repair service for low-income individuals and families or with projects at the peace center or work at social service agencies in town. We encourage volunteers to consider serving for a month or more. **Lodging:** RV sites available and/or housing can be arranged.

ARKANSAS

El Dorado, Arkansas SOOP El Dorado

Opportunities for service in a senior center, nursing home, Habitat for Humanity, tutoring in local schools, mentoring children at the Boys and Girls Club, sewing and projects at Mission of Hope, and a variety of volunteer tasks at First Mennonite Church (Sunday-school teachers, visitation, maintenance, yard work, small group leader, transportation). Also opportunities to work at retired senior volunteer program or assist in a Salvation Army soup kitchen.

Lodging: Housing provided - El Dorado has eight fully furnished motel type rooms and there is a common kitchen available. RV hookups also available. El Dorado is about two hours from Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA

Reedley, California SOOP Reedley

Reedley, California has many service opportunities through the Central California Mennonite Service Center. This ministry consists of a Ten Thousand Villages store, a thrift shop and other related ministries.

Specific opportunities are working at the Ten Thousand Villages store; dusting, stocking shelves, pricing, etc. In the thrift store help is needed to sort, price donations and assist with small appliance donations. The thrift store also has fabric and rug weaving departments. Volunteers can cut fabric, tie comforters, assemble MCC kits, cut up denim, weave and tie rugs. For six weeks in the summer assistance is needed for MCC's fruit drying program. The Fresno MCC relief sale is held the first weekend in April and could also use volunteers.

Lodging: Accommodations are in homes with families and couples. If preferred, there are apartments to rent and local hotels where volunteers may stay for the short term. There are also possibilities of RV hook-ups at a local RV park.

COLORADO

Alamosa, Colorado SOOP SLV Christian Community Services

Christian Community Services is an ecumenical community service and development agency. Volunteers help with home repair for senior citizens and the economically disadvantaged, and in building rehabilitation for community service agencies.

Lodging available locally. Opportunities available year-round.

FLORIDA

Brooksville, Florida SOOP Lakewood Retreat Center

Lakewood Retreat is a Mennonite Church Camp and retreat center located in central Florida. Volunteers help with maintenance, kitchen work, housekeeping, and various improvement projects.

Lodging: RV hook-ups are available

Gotha, Florida SOOP Camp Ithiel

Camp Ithiel, near Orlando, operates year-round with mostly weekend groups in the winter and weeklong sleep-away camps in the summer. Interests and talents of volunteers can be matched with a special project or task. Projects range from fix-it jobs, light construction, trimming shrubs and limbs, tree cutting and trimming, painting, spring-cleaning and housekeeping to assisting in the kitchen or office. A new dining hall is complete. New Covenant Church of the Brethren worships on site.

Lodging: The camp provides electricity, water, and sewer hook-ups for RVs in a wooded, secluded part of the grounds. Nearby is the bathhouse with laundry, restrooms, showers, telephone, and covered picnic shelter.

Homestead, Florida SOOP Homestead

Homestead Mennonite Church is located in a multicultural neighborhood with many families and children. The church has a core of very committed people, but the needs in the community are bigger than the church itself can meet. The Nehemiah Project operates out of HMC and runs a community development project that rebuilds homes and places first-time homeowners in homes. Service assignments include tutoring, childcare, maintenance and lawn care, light carpentry repairs, sports, and food distribution. Opportunities year-round.

Lodging: RV site nearby

[Immokalee, Florida, is currently unlisted as a SOOP location - since SOOP has no On-site Coordinator. Service opportunity continues in this area of migrant worker population, i.e. with Habitat for Humanity, assistance to teachers in the public schools, etc. Lodging: RV sites available.]

Sarasota, Florida SOOP Sarasota

Volunteers assist at the Sarasota Christian School with tasks assigned for office, library or classroom and with the maintenance and grounds department. The retirement village, Sunnyside Village, welcomes assistance with activities and events as well as maintenance and yard work. Goshen College's Sarasota campus which offers academic adult programs also has volunteer needs. Other openings for volunteer assistance are being explored with Sarasota's homeless shelter, Resurrection House, All Faiths Food Bank, MCC Relief program, the Charis

Center, Habitat for Humanity, the Attic Thrift Store and other congregational ministries. **Lodging:** Volunteers are asked to make their own living arrangements while serving in Sarasota during the busy winter tourist season.

GEORGIA

Americus, Georgia SOOP Koinonia Partners

Koinonia is an intentional Christian community welcoming people of all faiths. Our ministries include a community outreach center with programs for youth and elders; a local home-repair partnership; hospitality to visitors; a volunteer program; and education on peace and justice, religious faith, Koinonia history, etc. To support our community we sell books, community-made arts and crafts, treats made from pecans we grow, baked goods, etc., through our store and catalog. Volunteers serve in a variety of tasks, including bakery work, pecan processing, maintenance, meals on wheels, gardening, youth center assistance, etc. Volunteers also participate in community life, share resources, live together, and study and take time for spiritual life together. Our volunteer terms are January, February-April, June-August, and September-December. For those who wish to serve for a shorter time, visits of up to two weeks may be arranged.

Lodging: Volunteers receive room and board and, if desired, a \$15 weekly stipend.

Comer, Georgia SOOP Jubilee Partners

Jubilee Partners is a Christian service community in rural northeast Georgia whose primary work is resettling refugees. Volunteers' work includes a variety of tasks, including teaching English as a second language, maintenance, cooking, childcare and gardening. Volunteers have study sessions each week on issues important to Christian living in an intentional community. There are three volunteer terms a year: January through May, June through August, September through December. SOOP volunteers are not required to stay the whole term, but those staying shorter times may not be fully integrated into the structures and activities of the regular volunteer program. **Lodging:** Room and board are provided in the community building.

Griffin, Georgia SOOP New Hope House

New Hope House is a Christian service community in rural middle Georgia one hour south of Atlanta. Its primary work is with death-row prisoners and their families and friends. New Hope House maintains a guesthouse for family members visiting death-row prisoners. Staff often travel around the state accompanying families of defendants through death penalty trials. SOOP volunteers can choose to take part in hospitality, court accompanying, building maintenance or grounds maintenance. You can work at your own pace. No previous training is needed for court work. Also glad for folks with a sympathetic ear who like to offer encouragement.

Lodging: New Hope House provides room and board. Accommodations include three bedrooms, one and a half baths, equipped kitchen, spacious living room and dining area, washer and clothesline (a dryer in the guesthouse). Two couples can occupy the space. Staff persons, Ed and Mary Ruth Weir, live in the other side of the duplex. The guesthouse is separate from the duplex. Both are on the same property. Volunteer time can be flexible. New Hope House is located in a rural area. The site is very wooded. Grocery and other stores are 20 minutes away. Feel free to take time off for personal trips, etc. The beautiful and historical city of Savannah, and Tybee Beach on the Atlantic Coast, are four hours away. It's a four-hour drive to the Florida state line.

ILLINOIS

Metamora, Illinois SOOP Illinois Menn Heritage Center

Six-acre campus includes library, museum, archives, barn and agricultural museum, grandfather house, prairie grass and native trees. Open April through October. Ongoing tasks for volunteers are to assist with filing, labeling records and photographs, working with preservation care of artifacts, mailings, genealogical research, data entry to computer programs and a wide variety of maintenance tasks including cleaning and painting and grounds work. **Lodging:** Prefer volunteers to have their own car and accommodations.

INDIANA

Elkhart, Indiana SOOP Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries

Volunteers will live on campus in apartments and be in a setting that provides theological education for pastors, teachers and service workers. Interaction with students, faculty and resource people from around the world are added possibilities. Service opportunities include maintenance, childcare, library services, meal preparation and service, switchboard and mailroom, light clerical and computer data entry, and hospitality services in guesthouse. Service opportunities in the spring and summer would be working with campus grounds care.

Lodging: Accommodation includes a rent-free apartment with volunteers only paying utilities.

Shipshewana, Indiana SOOP Menno-Hof

Menno-Hof, a Mennonite-Amish Visitors Center, presents the Anabaptist faith story to visitors from all walks of life. Opportunities for service: host and hostess for the Center - this includes conducting tours during open hours and occasionally at other times for special tours, janitorial work, some light housekeeping and/or tending the vegetable garden. Volunteers would be expected to work from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Menno-Hof would give each volunteer 1 to 2 days off per week as well as Sunday.

Lodging: Two lovely furnished apartments complete with kitchen accessories, towels, bedding are provided.

IOWA

Monticello, Iowa SOOP Camp Courageous of Iowa

Camp Courageous is a year-round recreational and respite care facility for persons with disabilities of all ages and capabilities. Volunteers who would like to work directly with campers can serve as counselors for a weekend of respite care, a week of regular camp, or a long-term assignment for a season or a year. Others can work in maintenance, office help, housekeeping, or kitchen work. **Lodging:** Room and board is provided. Those volunteering for more than two months receive a stipend and restricted medical coverage. Volunteers must be interested in working with the disabled and have a love for nature.

KANSAS

Hesston, Kansas SOOP Hesston College

Volunteers needed in food services, clerical services, facilities maintenance, construction, and repair. Other opportunities available — depending on qualifications.

Lodging: RV park two miles from campus and short-term guest housing on campus available.

KENTUCKY

Booneville, Kentucky SOOP Morris Fork Crafts

Position consists of mainly traveling and managing shows at churches for Morris Fork Crafts, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to developing craft skills, marketing hand crafts, and returning a higher-than-normal percentage of the selling price to the craft persons. Morris Fork "holler" lies deep in the hills of southeastern Kentucky. The holler is about three and a half miles long and serves as home to about 140 people. The terrain is typical of the eastern Kentucky area served. It is very isolated, especially in the winter. Responsibilities include assisting with operation and maintaining the craft center; selling crafts at various church, civic affairs and festivals; maintaining close contact with the craft producers; corresponding with customers, writing newsletters; speaking to groups when requested; etc. Financially self-supporting persons are preferable.

Lodging: Housing, utilities and travel expenses for the agency are provided. A two bedroom fully equipped mobile home with washer and dryer is available.

Hazard, Kentucky SOOP Lotts Creek Community School

Lotts Creek Community School is a nonprofit community school (K-12) located in the Appalachian Mountains. Volunteers help with carpentry, repairs and minor plumbing, light landscaping, tutoring, art, music, sewing, library, office work, and playground help. This is an isolated location and is more suitable for small groups.

Lodging: A guest house is available for up to six people. Opportunities year-round.

Neon, Kentucky SOOP HOMES Inc. HOMES Inc. (Housing Oriented Ministries Established for Service) is a nonprofit agency located in the

Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky. HOMES has a strong Mennonite background with three Mennonite volunteers serving on the board of directors. HOMES builds new homes and repairs existing houses for low-income families in the area. Volunteers with carpentry and repair skills needed. HOMES will accept short-term volunteers throughout the year with the only requirement being that they provide their own tools and on-the-job transportation. Preferred assignment time September to March.

Lodging: Dormitory style accommodations for short-term volunteers and one standard house for long-term volunteers.

Whitesburg, Kentucky SOOP MCC Appalachia

MCC Appalachia is a Christian relief and development program that works directly in communities of Appalachia in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Appalachia is a beautiful place to visit and there are many opportunities for service. SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) is a home repair program. SWAP is looking for carpenters, cooks, material drivers, site coordinators, and persons to lead evening sessions. Volunteers may also serve at a local food pantry and clothing bank, sorting clothes and distributing food. MCC needs assistance in picking up material aid and building supplies from outside locations, such as Akron, Pa. and Goshen, Ind. Trips can be planned year round as volunteers are available -- vehicles and travel costs are usually provided for these trips. MCC owns and uses a number of properties in Eastern Kentucky in need of upkeep. Assistance with the maintenance allows MCC workers to focus more time on program work in Appalachia. This maintenance includes cutting lawns, minor building repairs, and painting. If there are other skills that volunteers bring - MCC Appalachia will look within the community to match interests with the needs here (i.e. education, reading, crafting, etc.) **Lodging:** Able to accommodate RVs in several locations. Also available are two self-contained small homes. And there are bedrooms in the group facility, which has a large shared space for other volunteers.

MICHIGAN

Cassopolis, Michigan SOOP Camp Friedenswald

Camp Friedenswald, located on 300 acres next to Shavehead Lake in southern Michigan, is affiliated with the Mennonite Camping Association and has a rich history as a church camp. Friedenswald, which means peaceful wood, seeks to provide people of all ages the opportunity to gain a better understanding and love for God, self, others and nature. The mission is accomplished through program camps, outdoor education, guest group rentals, and special events. The camp utilizes volunteers year round. Volunteer opportunities include food service, operating a dishwasher, housekeeping, maintenance and/or office work.

Lodging: Two apartments are available (each with full kitchen, bathroom w/ tub, and sleeping quarters for 2 to 4). Laundry facilities are on-site. In addition to the apartments, sleeping rooms with attached bathroom are available as well. RV hook-ups may be used during the warmer months, and have full electrical and sewer hook-up. Shower facilities are available. All meals served at the camp would be available to volunteers.

Onkama, Michigan SOOP Little Eden Camp

Individuals or couples needed for general services, including kitchen, laundry, cleaning and maintenance. Year round service opportunities available. **Lodging:** Room and board provided and RV space available.

Three Rivers, Michigan SOOP The Hermitage

The Hermitage is a retreat center committed to creating an environment of attentiveness to God. We are a place of welcoming hospitality to individuals and small groups. Daily and seasonal responsibilities include: greeting guests, meal preparation, cleaning, laundry, yard work, landscaping, building maintenance, forestry tasks, gardening, and canning and freezing produce. Each day begins with morning prayers. Meals are taken in community. Retreat days and spiritual direction are offered as desired. **Lodging:** Room and board is provided. RV space is also an option (electric hook-up only). People may volunteer for several weeks, a month, or just one week. The Hermitage is located 34 miles from Goshen/Elkhart.

MISSISSIPPI

Meridian, Mississippi SOOP Pine Lake Fellowship Camp

Pine Lake Camp is located just outside of Meridian. The camp is owned and operated by the Gulf States Mennonite Conference and is a major ministry of Jubilee Mennonite Church in Meridian. Service opportunities include general maintenance, small repairs, occasional cooking and housekeeping year-round. During the months of June and July, additional opportunities would include cooking, maintenance, food ordering and purchasing and camp nurse responsibilities during the summer camping program. **Lodging:** A small duplex with kitchenette is available, as well as RV hookups.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Center Harbor, New Hampshire SOOP Geneva Point Center Inc

Geneva Point Center is an ecumenical conference center with a long and rich Christian history. Volunteers are asked to serve five to six hours a day, five or six days a week. Volunteers serve in areas like maintenance, dining room, ice cream and gift shop, hosting office and housekeeping. Security check required of all volunteers assigned to working with children. Geneva Point opens in May and closes near the end of October.

Housing: Room and board provided. RV sites with hook-up also available.

NEW MEXICO

Carlsbad, New Mexico SOOP Carlsbad

Volunteer opportunities in Carlsbad include Boys and Girls Club, possibly Habitat for Humanity, Living Desert, Head Start, thrift store, soup kitchen, maintenance/repair, nursing home and hospice. Carlsbad is a small town in southeastern New Mexico. The climate is dry and mild. The famous Carlsbad Caverns are close by, as well as other recreational activities, including affordable golfing. The local Mennonite church is small, so it offers many possibilities to become actively involved. **Lodging:** RV parks and long-term motel arrangements are available. Opportunities Christmas through March.

NEW YORK

Lowville, New York SOOP Beaver Camp

Beaver Camp is a Christian camp and retreat center located in the Adirondacks in northern New York. Volunteers will help with maintenance, kitchen work, housekeeping and other tasks as needed.

Lodging: All food and housing is provided, but volunteers may bring their own RV if they prefer.

Westbrookville, New York SOOP Camp Deerpark

Volunteer hosts are expected to work Friday through Sunday, and enjoy the scenic Northeast Monday through Thursday. Camp Deerpark welcomes weekend visitors who come from the inner city. Volunteers would help prepare and serve meals and snacks, and help guests find their lodging upon arrival.

Lodging: A basement studio room with a shared bathroom; able to accommodate one RV.

NORTH CAROLINA

Hickory, North Carolina SOOP Unique World Gifts

Unique World Gifts is a not-for-profit store that operates year-round. Will match the interests and talents of volunteers to tasks that include bookkeeping, advertising, speaking engagements, off-site sales, promotions, and assisting in the store two to three days each week. Hickory Mennonite congregation will appreciate the support and encouragement of volunteers. Volunteers welcome year-round with greatest need from September to mid-December. Minimum service time of one month is encouraged for those with no prior experience working in a Ten Thousand Villages store. Work is also available with local Habitat for Humanity projects. **Lodging:** RV location; efficiency apartment available.

OHIO

Columbus, Ohio SOOP Agora Christian Fellowship

Agora Christian Fellowship meets in a community ranked 13th in the nation of all neighborhoods of major cities referred to as our nation's worst "white ghettos." Heavy emphasis is given to work with children. A couple is desired to clean and repair existing facilities and teach children's classes, tutoring, organizing Sunday morning childcare and Saturday children's church program. Time commitment is flexible. **Lodging:** Accommodations to be arranged.

Orrville, Ohio SOOP Camp Luz

Volunteers at Camp Luz, a Mennonite Church camp, help with maintenance, grounds-keeping, food service, cleaning, office work, and summer youth camp ministry. Position available year-round: a shorter stay will be considered. **Lodging:** All food and housing is provided, but volunteers may bring their own RV (electric hook-up only) if they prefer.

OREGON

Lincoln City, Oregon SOOP Drift Creek Camp

Volunteers have opportunity to assist with building projects, maintenance, kitchen and office work. Opportunities year-round, from one week to several months. Opportunity to interact with children, youth, adults, school and church groups; summer programs and retreats. A beautiful place in the coastal mountains, just 11 miles from the ocean.

Lodging: A private room is available as well as one RV hook-up.

PENNSYLVANIA

Akron, Pennsylvania SOOP Ten Thousand Villages - Akron

The Ten Thousand Villages offices and shipping warehouse is located at 704 Main St, Akron within walking distance from Mennonite Central Committee headquarters. The Ten Thousand Villages Retail Shop and Tea Room in Ephrata is located about three miles from the offices. Short-term volunteers assist in positions in either the Akron or Ephrata locations. At the warehouses, short-term volunteers pull orders for packing, and pack orders for shipment, as well as repair damaged items and process items that have been returned. Short-term volunteers assigned to the retail store serve primarily as sales clerks assisting customers in selecting merchandise, operating the cash register, changing displays, keeping the store neat and clean, and stocking the shelves. The Tea Room is a small international restaurant, and volunteers can expect to do some or all of the following: cooking, baking, food preparation, serving, cleaning up and other kitchen-related duties. Every attempt is made to use the special skills of each volunteer. **Lodging:** Housing will be provided in a small, furnished apartment if volunteers commit to a length of service.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania SOOP Paxton Ministries

Paxton Street Home provides low-cost housing and a caring atmosphere for up to 90 residents, most of whom struggle with mental illness or mental retardation. Volunteers help in the kitchen, maintenance, housekeeping, and activities with residents.

Lodging: Housing provided or arranged. Three meals per day provided; donations for meals and housing accepted, but not required. Opportunities year-round.

Mt Bethel, Pennsylvania SOOP Tuscarora Inn

Located in the rolling hills of the Pocono Mountains in eastern Pennsylvania, just a few miles off I-80 near the Delaware Water Gap. Peaceful setting of 27 acres surrounded by orchards. The Center provides a facility for small group retreats. Opportunities for service are maintenance, landscaping, library, and housekeeping. Able to use volunteers in the fall, winter and spring.

Lodging: Accommodation provided in motel-like units that have cooking and refrigerator units.

Mt Pleasant, Pennsylvania SOOP Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center is a conference and retreat center in the Laurel Mountains of southwestern Pennsylvania. The facilities are available year-round to churches, synagogues, schools, service clubs and families. Summer programs bring single-parent families, Association of Retarded Citizens, developmentally disabled persons, and other culturally diverse groups. Volunteers have the opportunity to serve guests in our dining hall, work in the kitchen, maintenance, or housekeeping. Laurelville welcomes volunteers any time of the year but help is most valuable in the summer and fall.

Lodging: Housing and meals are provided. RV parking available at camp or hotel-type lodging.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Viborg, South Dakota SOOP Swan Lake Christian Camp

Volunteers needed year-round to help with mowing, maintenance, painting, cooking, cleaning or as camp nurse.

Lodging: Housing and meals provided. RV parking available or hotel type lodging.

TEXAS

Brownsville, Texas SOOP Brownsville

Volunteers will work with the Mennonite Partnership Initiative, a home repair service for low-income families in Brownsville and Mexico, completing such projects as roofing repairs, handicapped ramps, or other minor household maintenance. Other service could include quilting, teaching, or helping prepare for the Rio Grande Valley MCC Relief Sale, usually held in February. Volunteers relate to Iglesia Menonito del Cordero, whose services are bilingual, but volunteers are welcome to visit other churches in the area as well.

Lodging: There are three small houses available on the grounds of the del Cordero church, along with 12 RV sites which include electricity and water.

San Antonio, Texas SOOP Mary/Martha House

La Casa de Maria y Marta (Mary/Martha House) is a service-learning center located one mile south of the downtown area of San Antonio. Volunteer assignments are mostly concentrated in a low-income Mexican/American section of the city's west side. Volunteers are primarily asked to provide hospitality for visiting guests and groups at La Casa, which includes preparing rooms and washing towels and bedding. Cleaning and other maintenance tasks may also be needed at the house or at nearby San Antonio Mennonite Church. Other volunteer work in the community is available, including teacher or library assistants for kindergarten to fifth grade, soup kitchen, tutoring, home repair. SOOP participants may set their own schedules with service agencies. Participants are encouraged to take time to relax and enjoy the city of San Antonio. Opportunities from January to May and September to December.

Lodging: Volunteers live at La Casa along with other SOOPers and overnight guests.

Waco, Texas SOOP World Hunger Relief, Inc.

World Hunger Relief, Inc. is a Christian organization committed to the alleviation of hunger around the world.

God calls us to: Train individuals in holistic ministry that equips them to work with communities in developing sustainable farming techniques, educate those with an economic abundance on methods of conserving and sharing resources and participate in local and international sustainable development programs. World Hunger Relief is a 42-acre working farm that provides practical and classroom training to interns who wish to work in the developing world and education to local area residents who wish to learn about how to be better stewards of God's creation. As a working farm, there is always more work to be done than there are hands to do the work. From skilled work such as carpentry, masonry, electrical work, machine maintenance/repair, clerical, kitchen/food prep - to unskilled labor in the gardens and grounds, there are plenty of tasks for people of all ages and aptitudes. Volunteers are encouraged to connect with Hope Fellowship, a local Mennonite congregation, involved in the ministry of World Hunger Relief.

Lodging provided in a dormitory that can house a large number of people. There are separate shower and bathroom facilities for men and women, a full kitchen and common areas. One RV hook-up is on-site, with two large RV parks within 1/4 mile of the farm. Meals are of no cost to volunteers; the farm offers fresh organic produce, milk, meat and eggs.

VERMONT

Plymouth, Vermont SOOP Bethany Birches Camp

Lush, green mountains in the summer, deep snow in the winter and lots of color in between! Come stay in Vermont at Bethany Birches Camp and be part of this thriving ministry. 30-50% of the campers in the summer months have no church affiliation and are hungry for the Good News that Jesus of Nazareth brought many years ago. Come stay a week or a summer. RV hookup is available, or if you prefer, stay in our staff cabin with other staff. Summer responsibilities are various and range from worship leading, cooking, maintaining grounds or playing 4-square! If you like winter fun come and be part of our snow camps or even lead the snow camp program. Also in the winter there is need for a host. This person would greet rental groups, clean the cabin and report to the Executive Director frequently. Spring and fall duties would depend on the skills the volunteer(s) bring. [The summer camping program extends from late June through most of August.]

Lodging can be arranged and apart from summer would be at the camp director's residence with a private bedroom, bathroom and shared kitchen.

VIRGINIA

Harrisonburg, Virginia SOOP Crossings Creek Therapeutic Farm

Crossing Creeks Farm is located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, just 20 minutes from Harrisonburg. This is a 150-acre farm with hilly terrain, great hiking - rural, but near towns and universities. Volunteers can expect to live as part of this developing and thriving community of support for residents who suffer from mental illness. Short term and long term volunteers are needed and play an important role. Volunteers help in a variety of ways - by assisting the house manager in working with residents to accomplish chores and activities of daily living, socialization and fun activities, shopping and cooking instruction, maintenance, work with other volunteers, facility/program tours, and other opportunities of service that you as an individual may bring and share.

Lodging: Room and board is provided. Cooking and other tasks are communal.

Toano, Virginia SOOP Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

WCRC is affiliated with Virginia Mennonite Conference and is located near colonial Williamsburg in southeast Virginia. Facilities include motel-style accommodations, two cottages and a RV campground. Volunteer opportunities in food service, housekeeping, maintenance and/or program. WCRC has service opportunities year-round. **Lodging:** RV sites with full hook-up (30 amps) and a guest room for shorter-term volunteers with private bath, small refrigerator, sink, and microwave.

Many Mennonite camping ministries welcome the assistance of older adult volunteers. Just ask – we will gladly explore other locations and opportunities for service not listed.