

PASTORS AND CAMP DIRECTORS



A Nazarene Lay Ministry

Why not engage a ROAM team to help on your next project!

RVs on A Mission (ROAM) is an outreach ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. ROAM provides the opportunity for persons with an RV to volunteer their time and skills in meaningful Christian service through Church of the Nazarene related mission agencies, camps, churches, disaster relief, compassionate ministries projects and other designated areas of service.

ROAM Objectives

- To provide a central clearing house to match volunteers with mission opportunities

- To be responsive to volunteers' desire to serve
- To be responsive to the expressed needs of local communities, Nazarene churches, camps and other church related projects

Membership

Membership is open to any person willing to support the purpose of the ROAM ministry, agreeing to abide by the ROAM Mission Statement and Commitment and profess to be a follower of Jesus Christ

As a host, what is expected of me?

- Hosts provide RV parking with water, electric and sewer hookups without cost to the ROAM volunteer in exchange for their service to your organization. RV spaces may be on site or at another location near your facility.
- Provide a place for the team to have devotions each workday.
- Provide a 24-hour emergency telephone.

Does ROAM bring funds to help with supplies?

ROAM members are not expected to pay for any supplies for the project. They must furnish their own transportation costs to and from your facility. You, as the host, must have money on hand to do the project before approval is given.

Who directs the work on the project?

The host designates someone from his organization to serve as Project Contact/Manager. The ROAM Team Leader will act as liaison between the team and the project manager to see that work is done as the host desires. ROAM is there to serve, not to make decisions as to what and how the work should be done. The host should identify specific goals and expectations prior to the Team arrival. This overview should be discussed with the ROAM Team Leader before he arrives. ROAM provides upon request a Construction Scheduling form to assist you in planning your project and working with the ROAM team leader.

What is the work schedule for ROAM?

The normal ROAM hours for men are 6 hours per day, 4 days per week (Monday through Thursday) for 3 weeks usually beginning the first Monday of the month. Ladies work only 3 hours per day so they'll have time to do the cooking and other household chores for their husbands. If a ROAM members desires to work longer

hours, he/she may do so but overtime is not to be expected of them. Fridays through Sundays provide opportunity for them to take care of shopping for groceries, propane, and laundry if none is available on the premises. It also allows them to do some sightseeing in the area and to visit churches in the vicinity on Sunday.

Must I furnish meals for the Team?

No, the host is not expected to furnish meals for the team. Some locations, particularly camps, may invite the team to eat a meal or two per day if they are already preparing a meal, but it is not mandatory. Some churches will provide a get-acquainted or appreciation meal but even these are not expected or mandatory.

How many people may I expect on the team?

When your application is received and approved, the project information is placed on our list of active projects and published in our project list distributed to the members and on the www.rvsonamission.org website. Volunteers are free to choose where and when they wish to participate. A number of factors will determine their choices: the weather, the time of year, proximity of your location to their home or

planned travel (especially with the increase in fuel prices) and special attractions nearby that could entice them into your area. ROAMers value your ministry and would like to help, but some are limited on funds and sometimes by health factors as to the type of work they can do. Therefore, *we cannot guarantee any number that will sign up for your project.* We publicize it, and if requested, make special appeals to create interest in your project.

When and how will I know if I have a team?

When a member calls or emails the office requesting to work at your location, we send you an immediate email request to verify that you have an RV space available for him. Attached to the email is the workers' Skill Sheet that shows how they rated themselves on a number of skills needed in most camps and churches. Any physical limitations are also noted along with information about previous and/or current employment if still working. Included on the skill sheet is contact information (address, email, and phone) as well as facts about their motor home. By providing this information to the host project manager early, he can begin to consider how this individual's or couple's skills can be used most effectively. Some who appear to have few skills can be excellent help when coupled with a skilled worker in a given area.

What can I expect from the ROAM team members?

The ROAM team is there to work on the project as outlined in the Application for Assistance (download available online www.rvsonamission.org.) If a team member volunteers to do anything else, it is permissible, but not mandatory. Keep in mind that some of these workers are not on vacation or a ten-day Work and Witness trip. Many live in their RV full-time and have the normal responsibilities of personal business to attend to during off hours while they are at your site.

Is the host expected to carry insurance for the team?

No. ROAM members are required to carry their own insurance.



We look forward to assisting you in your ministry. For additional information contact us as follows:

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