

## DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS PLANNED FOR CAMP MAGRUDER – FAQ's

### ○ **WHEN WILL THE CAMP BE SAFE FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COME HELP?**

**Al Trachsel** is now taking reservations from churches and others who want to help with the disaster relief efforts after the storm at Camp Magruder. Dates available to volunteer are December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Individual skilled volunteers are currently being scheduled in the days up to Christmas to take care of the most hazardous trees and prepare the camp for all those who wish to come help Camp Magruder's recovery after the storm.

### ○ **CAN YOUTH AND CHILDREN HELP?**

For risk management purposes, through January 26th, all volunteers must be 18 or over. **Families and Youth groups are welcome to attend Hammer Camp, President's Day Weekend, February 15-18, and register online. There will still be work to be done!**

### ○ **CAN WE STAY OVERNIGHT AT THE CAMP?**

Due to limited facilities (most buildings closed due to no electricity, no showers), day volunteers are preferred: daylight hours 8am-4pm. Overnight stays are possible, but limited: contact Al Trachsel for availability.

### ○ **SHOULD WE BRING FOOD?**

Yes, please bring your own meals. Thankfully, kitchens are available to cook hot food if needed (please bring your own cooks). Bringing extra food for the Magruder staff is very much appreciated during this time.

### ○ **SHOULD WE BRING TREES TO PLANT?**

Yes, native trees and plants are most welcome. We especially want to expand the diversity of the trees in camp with more Sitka Spruce, Western Red cedar, and Western Hemlock. A full list of native trees and plants can be found at: [www.plantnative.com](http://www.plantnative.com)

### ○ **WHAT KIND OF HELP IS NEEDED?**

#### **Support volunteers:**

- Persons to organize the **meals** for each group and **cooks** to cook meals or prepare cold lunches. (contact Al Trachsel to find out meal counts for the day(s) you are volunteering).
- Clergy: it would be very helpful to have a clergy person in residence when volunteer crews are here, to provide spiritual leadership and support, not only for the volunteers, but also for our staff.
- Health Care Provider: While camp staff have emergency first aid training, if we have more than 20 volunteers on site at any one time, it would be best to have a designated health care provider on site if possible.

#### **Tree and brush clean-up volunteers:**

- Persons with **experienced** skill working **with chainsaws**, especially with knowledge/experience safely falling hazard trees.
- Persons skilled in working with a large **chipper**,
- Persons skilled with the **wood splitter**.
- **Unskilled persons** can help hauling branches to the chipper, moving rounds to/from the splitter, and assisting chainsaw operators clear debris.

### **More volunteers:**

- People with rakes to clear twigs from fields and spread wood chips
- People to bind branches and sink in the lake for fish habitat.
- People to make brush piles in out-of-sight areas for bird and small animal habitat.
- People to plant new trees.
- People to wash windows, doors, and siding dirt-blasted by the storm (power washers would be great).
- Persons to operate trenching equipment and lay conduit for new underground power lines.
- Licensed electrician
- We could use someone immediately with expertise in securing energy-efficient outdoor path & safety lighting that minimizes light pollution.

### ○ **WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE BRING?**

#### **Tools/supplies:**

Wood splitters

Wood chippers

Chainsaws, fuel, oil, sharpeners, etc.

Power washers

Tractors

Trailers (for hauling brush, logs)

Pick-up Trucks

Horses with owners, equipment and ability to haul logs (our donkey's aren't up to the task – please call us first to make arrangements if you have such horses available).

Rakes

Shovels

Wheelbarrows/garden carts

Vinegar & rags or newspaper (for windows)

Food, snacks and drinks for hungry volunteers.

Trees & shrubs to plant: see [www.plantnative.com](http://www.plantnative.com)

#### **Personal items:**

Work clothes

Rain Gear (you'll need rain pants as well as a rain jacket)

Leather work Gloves – 2 pr (so you can dry the wet pair)

Eye protection

Ear protection (soft earplugs might be nice at night too, if your bunkmates snore ☺)

Hard hats

Work boots

Chaps

Bright Orange Vests or Hunter Orange clothing (so tree fallers can see you).

Flashlight

Watch (cell phones don't work well out here, and you'll want to know when it's meal time).