Community Volunteer Workdays
What you Need to Know

WHERE TO GO ON THE DAY

Our volunteer sign-in table opens at 8:30am, and is located at the (outer) East end of the Grove on Bowling Green Drive in Golden Gate Park. See the map for directions. Please note: Ride share and public transportation is always encouraged. If driving, please do not leave valuables visible in your vehicle.

WHAT TO EXPECT

After signing in, a breakfast of coffee, juices, bagels, and fruit is provided to all volunteers. At 9:00am, a brief introduction with historical background is given by a National AIDS Memorial board or staff member, followed by an explanation of the day’s various projects. Volunteers then break into teams and work under the supervision of our gardener and team leaders. At 11:45am, work ends, and volunteers gather at noon for “Circle Time” for announcements, acknowledgement of sponsors and groups, and a moment of silence in honor of lives lost to AIDS.

Breakfast items, lunch, snacks, and beverages are provided to all volunteers. Gloves and tools are also provided. We suggest that you wear sturdy shoes, bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and a hat or cap. Please note that open toe shoes are not permitted. Please wear sturdy clothing (jeans and long-sleeved shirts are suggested) as we have discovered a few areas where poison oak is growing. And, if clearing blackberry or other prickly plants, you'll be better protected from being scratched.

All participants must sign a Community Workday Release form to participate. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent/guardian prior to working at the Grove. Below is a copy of our Release Form that you can print if you wish to complete and sign it ahead of time and bring with you. Otherwise we have forms available at the registration table on the morning of the workday.

GROUPS

Any groups of 5 or larger must contact Steve Sagaser at ssagaser@aidsmemorial.org at least three weeks in advance of a scheduled Community Volunteer Workday in order to confirm available space.

RAINY WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If there are questionable weather conditions on the morning of a Community Volunteer Workday, please send an email to Steve Sagaser at ssagaser@aidsmemorial.org to find out if the Workday was canceled.
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AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO

Volunteer Participation
The Undersigned acknowledges that he or she is voluntarily participating in the planting of trees, shrubs and plants, and related landscape and gardening work in the National AIDS Memorial Grove ("the Grove") area of Golden Gate Park and/or will be voluntarily working to promote awareness of the Grove at a Community Volunteer Workday.

Assumption of Risk
I AM AWARE THAT GARDENING, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE PLANTING OF TREES IS A HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY. I AM ALSO AWARE THAT IN THE COURSE OF OTHER GROVE-RELATED VOLUNTEER WORK, I MAY FIND MYSELF IN POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH.

Photographic Release
For valuable consideration, I hereby irrevocably consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by the National AIDS Memorial, or anyone authorized by the National AIDS Memorial, of any and all photographs or video which have this day been taken of me, negative or positive, for any purpose whatsoever, without further compensation to me. All negatives and prints, together with the prints, shall constitute the property of the National AIDS Memorial, solely and completely.

Liability Release
As consideration for being permitted by the National AIDS Memorial and the City and County of San Francisco ("Releasees") to participate in a Community Volunteer Workday, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Releasees (or the supplier of any of the equipment I will use in these activities) for injury or damage, howsoever caused, as a result of my participation at a Community Volunteer Workday. I hereby release Releasees from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in a Community Volunteer Workday.

Knowing Voluntary Execution
I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND RELEASEES AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT ON MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed at San Francisco, California on ________________
(Date)

X
Print Name

Signature (verifying volunteer is at least 18 years of age or older OR signature of Parent/Guardian if volunteer is under 18)

Address City/State Zip

Phone Email Address

Company/Group Affiliation (if applicable)

Circle One: New Volunteer Returning Volunteer