

SERVEMONTANA SYMPOSIUM 2020



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Greetings ServeMontana Symposium Attendees!

Here is some important information as you prepare to convene in Helena for the 11th Annual ServeMontana Symposium, Wednesday, March 4 - Friday, March 6.

- 1) **Wednesday, March 4, Service Project**, we will kick off the Symposium with the 6th Annual *Doorsteps to Kid Packs* citywide service project! Residents leave food on doorsteps that we will pick up from approximately 16,000 homes and grocery stores in Helena and East Helena. All food and monetary donations support the Helena Food Share's weekend Kid Packs.
 - a. Dress accordingly, warmly and comfortably! You will be walking Helena neighborhoods, so please wear closed toe shoes, layered clothing appropriate for outdoors, and keep your eye on the weather forecast (i.e. bring a rain coat if rain is predicted).
 - b. **Arrive by 1145a to the Carroll College Campus Center** (1601 N Benton Ave, Helena, MT) to register with a team for the project. Kick off assembly begins at 1pm with First Lady Lisa Bullock upstairs in the STAC Dining Hall. ***Please register for the service project by 1245p!***
 - c. **Wednesday, lunch is available from 1145a – 1245p in the STAC Dining Hall**, so make time to eat. After the service project, we all will return to Carroll College STAC Dining Hall for pizza and salad!
 - d. Transportation during the service project is provided. If you are driving a personal vehicle to the Symposium, please park in lots A, B, along Bishop Carroll Drive, or Benton Ave (see map). It's Carroll's spring break, so there should be plenty of parking.
 - i. Map: <https://www.carroll.edu/carroll-college/campus-map>
 - ii. Service project vehicles will be parked in Lots P, F, and in Lots along Bishop Carroll Drive.
 - e. Please engage with the Doorsteps to Kid Packs Facebook event to increase awareness and encourage people you know in Helena to leave food on their doorstep on March 4, <https://www.facebook.com/events/454041375503503/>

2) Thursday, March 5, and Friday, March 6 ServeMontana Symposium at Carroll College!

- a. **Thursday March 5, please arrive between 730a - 830a** at the Campus Center to check in. The Symposium begins promptly at 830am.
- b. **Friday March 6, check out of your hotel Friday morning before you depart for Carroll.** There will not be time to return to your hotel in Friday morning. *Any late check out fees and incidentals are your responsibility.*
- c. All activities are on the Carroll College campus in the Campus Center, upstairs and downstairs, and O'Connell Hall 106 & 107. Park in lots P, F, A, & B or along Benton Ave (see map).

3) Food, A healthy variety of meal items are provided, including accommodations for dietary restrictions and allergies. Gluten-free & vegan options are made available. If the provided accommodations do not meet your needs, please plan to manage your personal preferences.

- a. Breakfast: Thursday & Friday breakfast is provided at your hotel. Please eat before you arrive at Carroll! We will have coffee at Carroll and snacks at some breaktimes.
- b. Lunch: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunches are at the STAC dining hall.
- c. Dinner: Wednesday and Thursday dinner is provided at the STAC dining hall.

4) Experience, The ServeMontana Symposium brings over 300 AmeriCorps members and staff together to serve, learn and enjoy serving Montana. For some attendees this is exciting, for others this can be a busy time with lots of new information and people. Take good care of each other and yourself. If you need to take a breather, please be sure to check in with your program or OCS staff. Please don't disappear, we care about you.

5) Agenda, On Thursday morning you will receive a ServeMontana Symposium program booklet when you check in a Carroll. Just in case you want to see what's in store for the week, be sure to get a copy of the Agenda At A Glance from the Symposium page on the OCS website.

6) Bring your 25th Anniversary AmeriCorps service gear and wear it often, especially on Friday, the Day of the A!

This memo will remain available on the Symposium page of our website and may be updated, <http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/servemontana-symposium>

We are committed to making sure you have the information needed to ensure a positive experience! If you still have questions, please contact your program staff.

See you soon!

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