

servemontana symposium

Service: The Heart of Montana



Greetings ServeMontana Symposium Attendees!

Here is some important information as you prepare to convene in Helena for the 10th Annual ServeMontana Symposium, Wednesday, March 6 - Friday, March 8.

- 1) **Service Project, Wednesday, March 6**, we will kick off the Symposium with the 5th 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 1130/45a to the Carroll College Campus Center** (1601 N Benton Ave, Helena, MT) to register with a team for the project. Kick off assembly will start at 1pm with First Lady Lisa Bullock downstairs in the All Saints Hall. ***Please register for the service project by 1245p!***
 - c. Wednesday, lunch is available at the Carroll College Dining Hall, so please make time to eat. After the service project, we all will return to Carroll College Dining Hall for pizza!
 - 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 use the Facebook event to increase awareness and encourage folks that you know in Helena to leave food on their doorstep on March 6, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1049804461888774/>

2) Symposium at Carroll College! Thursday, March 8, and Friday, March 9

- a. All activities are on the Carroll College campus in the Campus Center, All Saints Hall, O'Connell Hall and Simperman Hall. Park in lots P, F, A, & B or along Benton Ave (see map).
- b. Please arrive at the Campus Center between **730a - 830a** to register on Thursday, March 8. The Symposium begins promptly at 830am.

3) Food, A healthy variety of meal items will be 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 breaktimes.
- b. Lunch: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunches are at the STAC dining hall.
- c. Dinner: Thursday evening dinner is also at the STAC dining hall.

4) Experience, The ServeMontana Symposium brings 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. If you need to take a breather, be sure to check in with your program or OCS staff, please don't just disappear, we care about you.

5) Please 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.*

6) Agenda! You will receive a ServeMontana Symposium program booklet when you register. 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 your program staff or visit the Symposium page on our website.

7) Bring your AmeriCorps service gear and wear it, especially on Friday, the Day of the A!

This memo will be available on the Symposium page of our website, serve.mt.gov:

<http://serve.mt.gov/serve-symposium/>.

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

See you soon!

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