

2026 ServeMontana Symposium Call for Breakout Session Proposals

Please read all information below carefully.

The Governor's Office of Community Service (GOCS) seeks proposals for one or more 75-minute breakout session(s) at the ServeMontana Symposium. Sessions will be presented in-person on Thursday, March 12, 2026 to AmeriCorps members and staff.

ServeMontana is a leader of national service and community volunteerism in Montana. The annual ServeMontana Symposium engages diverse speakers to present timely, practical, and relevant information to AmeriCorps members serving across the Big Sky State.

ServeMontana Symposium Theme: *Service Never Stops*

Breakout Session dates and location: Thursday, March 12, 2026 at Carroll College in Helena, Montana

ServeMontana Symposium Description

This is the most significant gathering of AmeriCorps members and staff in our state. Over 100 AmeriCorps State & National, VISTA, and NCCC members, staff, and staff of the Montana Commission on Community Service convene to learn, network, and explore creative solutions to Montana's most pressing needs.

serve.mt.gov/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-programs

As a presenter, you will

- Receive a complimentary conference registration including lunch and dinner as applicable**
- Have the opportunity to meet, network, and share your expertise with National Service members**
- Have your name and affiliation published in conference materials and on the ServeMontana Symposium webpage**

Target Audience

AmeriCorps members and staff from diverse backgrounds who serve in teams and single site placements across Montana. Combined, they meet needs in the areas of Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, Veterans/Military Families, and Capacity Building.

Session Length and Style

Concurrent sessions are 75 minutes and in two different time blocks. Sessions should be interactive, inclusive, and incorporate adult learning styles.

Session Proposals

Titles and content aligned with the theme are encouraged. GOCS seeks a variety of proposals addressing different elements of service and volunteerism.

Submission Deadline

The priority deadline for submitting your proposal is 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2025. The final deadline is Wednesday, January 7, 2026. GOCS will notify you about the status of your presentation proposal by or close to January 16.

To learn more about ServeMontana and AmeriCorps in Montana, please visit:
serve.mt.gov

* 1. Presenter contact information

Name	
Company/Organization	
Address	
City/Town	
State/Province	
ZIP/Postal Code	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

2. Co-presenter contact information (if applicable)

Name	
Company	
Address	
City/Town	
State/Province	-- select state --
ZIP/Postal Code	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

* 3. Please provide a brief bio of yourself (80 words or less)

If selected, this bio may be included in the conference booklet/session description

* 4. Concisely describe your experience speaking, training, or facilitating

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* 5. Proposed session title: (event theme is **Service Never Stops**)

* 6. Session description (100 words or less)

If selected, the session description will be published in event materials. GOCS will edit descriptions that exceed the 100-word limit.

* 7. What are three learning objectives for your proposed session?

Objective 1

Objective 2

Objective 3

* 8. What type of presentation are you proposing? Select all that apply.

Interactive sessions are highly requested and recommended. Presenters are responsible for session materials, handouts, powerpoint, etc.

☐ Presentation with PowerPoint or visuals

☐ Lecture with no visuals

☐ Group discussion or roundtable

☐ Panel

☐ Activity or demonstration

☐ Other (please specify)

* 9. Which of the following does your session address? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Capacity building
- ☐ Civic engagement/education
- ☐ Inclusion
- ☐ Tribal Relations
- ☐ Leadership
- ☐ Life After AmeriCorps
- ☐ Member wellness
- ☐ Montana Topics
- ☐ Personal growth/Professional development
- ☐ Project management
- ☐ Resource development
- ☐ Service Skills
- ☐ Volunteer management
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 10. Have you presented a session on this topic before?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ If yes, please describe the event and audience.

11. Please select your availability to present:

- ☐ Thursday (3/12/25) Morning Session (75 minute block)
- ☐ Thursday (3/12/25) Afternoon Session (75 minute block)
- ☐ Any additional scheduling information you would like to provide at this time can be shared here:



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* 12. Please provide a reference for your training/presentation style and proficiency.

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ZIP/Postal Code	
Country	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

13. Are you or your co-presenter an **AmeriCorps Alum**?

- ☐ Yes. *If yes, please share when and where you/ your co-presenter served in the text box below.*
- ☐ No

Service information:

14. Are you or your co-presenter a **Returned Peace Corps Volunteer**?

- ☐ Yes. *If yes, please share when and where you/your co-presenter served in the text box below.*
- ☐ No

Service Information:

15. The Montana Commission on Community Service has limited resources available to support selected presenters' time and effort. If you would like to submit a request to cover travel or time, please do so here or via email to serve@mt.gov. Thank you!

Please contact ServeMontana with any questions about the Symposium or your
Session Proposal.

Phone: 406-444-5547

Email: serve@mt.gov.

Thank you for your submission!