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Week at a Glance

The Overview

At Bethlehem Farm, we are more than a “work camp” for volunteers. We invite volunteers to be a part of our mission and our home. We build community with each other by working, praying, laughing, and loving together. We live simply to appreciate the gifts that God has given us. We pray together to grow closer to God and to one another. We serve the local people, we serve each other, and we also open ourselves to be served by others. By living out the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, simplicity, service and community each day of our lives, we offer volunteers not just the opportunity for service, but the opportunity to experience another way of life.

Here’s what a typical week* may look like at the farm:

Sunday: *Arrival*

Arrival (between 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm), Tour around the house and possibly the farm (depending on light), Intro to Bethlehem Farm, Cornerstone Prayer Service, Group Leader Meeting, Free time, & Lights out.

Monday: *Day at the Farm*

Wake Up, Morning Prayer, Chores, Breakfast, Dishes, Farm Chores, Lunch, History & Mission of Bethlehem Farm, Farm Hike, Catholic Social Teaching Discussion, Free Time, Dinner, Dishes, Mass, Free Time, & Lights out.

Tuesday – Friday: *Days at the Worksites*

Wake Up, Prayer, Chores, Breakfast, Dishes, Head off to worksites (except home crew), Lunch on site, Return to the Farm, Dinner, Dishes, Evening Prayer, Free Time, & Lights out.

Saturday: *Departure*

Wake Up, Prayer, Breakfast, Dishes, House Clean-Up, Head home (around 10 am)

Special programs:

- Tuesday: Community Night – we invite local community members up to the farm for a potluck dinner & occasionally they’ll bring a musical instrument or two
- Wednesday: River of Life Service – we head to a local weekday worship service and join the members for dessert & sometimes a kickball game in the parking lot with the pastor and his son
- Thursday: Shared Prayer – it’s an opportunity for the community to reflect and share where they have seen God in the last week
- Friday: (Summer Months Only) We end the work week with a dip in the Greenbrier River

* *This is the schedule for a typical week (Sun-Sat), the schedule adjusts for weeks that are shorter (Easter Week) or longer.*