



## KITCHEN HELPER JOB DESCRIPTION

### Why?

HistoriCorps projects aren't just about the preservation work. They're also about the smell of coffee and hashbrowns in the morning, eating a good meal back at camp when the day is done, and sharing stories around the campfire before sleeping under the stars. If contributing to this important part of the HistoriCorps experience is more your style, then the Kitchen Helper role is for you. The Kitchen Helper position is designed to make HistoriCorps projects accessible to volunteers who prefer to help the Crew Leader prepare meals for the crew. Kitchen Helpers are welcome to help on the jobsite, but it's entirely up to you!

### What?

The Kitchen Helper assists the Crew Leader, who's also the camp chef and assistant to the Project Supervisor. The Crew Leader is responsible for meal planning, food shopping, and overall meal preparation. Kitchen Helpers provide crucial assistance to the Crew Leader by helping with tasks like chopping vegetables and meat, setting out plates and bowls, and sometimes even taking the helm on the grill. When the kitchen work is done, you are free to enjoy the local area or to simply relax! For example, bring a book and a fishing rod, take a stroll on a nearby trail, or practice your photography skills.

### Daily Schedule?

HistoriCorps provides three meals per day, plus snacks and water, for volunteers. The Kitchen Helper should plan to assist with all three meals. Though the daily schedule varies by site and crew, generally:

- **Coffee/Tea:** The Crew Leader and Kitchen Helper will be up early (typically between 5:30-6:00 a.m.) to make coffee and to get breakfast started.
- **Breakfast:** We serve breakfast around 7:00 a.m. and project volunteers will begin work around 8:00 a.m.
- **Lunch Prep (In Camp and at the Jobsite):** In areas where the camp and kitchen are close to the jobsite, you'll serve right out of the cook tent. If the jobsite is far from the kitchen, project volunteers may either pack their own lunches at breakfast time, or you and the Crew Leader may pack a lunch cooler that goes to the jobsite with the crew. Kitchen Helpers may travel to the jobsite with the crew to help with project work, but you might choose to enjoy the peace and quiet of the campsite instead.
- **Lunch:** Hungry volunteers and crew usually break for lunch at noon. Lunch is generally a spread of sandwich ingredients or something similarly simple. Snacks and chips often round out the lunch spread!
- **Dinner:** Crew Leaders will head back to the kitchen around 3:30 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. (though this also varies by project) to begin dinner, again, with your help. Dinner will be served at about 6:00 p.m. After a final kitchen cleanup for the day (with dish duties provided by the project volunteers), the campfire is all yours!

### Questions?

You are invited to connect with your project's Crew Leader before arriving onsite. You can also contact Liz Rice at the HistoriCorps office at [lrice@historicorps.org](mailto:lrice@historicorps.org) or 720-390-6085.