

# ALTERNATIVE BREAKS



**Established in 1973,  
GreenWorks inspires, equips,  
and mobilizes individuals and  
communities to take care of  
the places we love to live.**



## PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

### URBAN FORESTRY

Urban Forestry work days may include pollinator plantings, tree plantings, or general orchard and nursery maintenance.

### ROADSIDE CLEANUPS

During roadside work days we will be removing roadside litter, tires, and other objects from our roads and keeping them out of our rivers.

### CREEK CLEANUPS

Creek cleanup work days take place on a number of creeks throughout Buncombe County. Most creeks are shallow and swimming ability is not required. Life vests will be provided if desired.

### TRASH TROUTS

GreenWorks has installed a variety of devices in our waterways to catch and hold trash to stop it from flowing into the river. This trash must then be removed by volunteers and disposed of. These traps also need maintenance and repair.

Other special projects may be scheduled as they are available. Each of these projects requires different clothing. You will be sent a packing list. All other gear and supplies will be provided by the organization.

# DONATIONS

Asheville GreenWorks works to enhance the environment and quality of life for all residents of Asheville and Buncombe County through community-based, volunteer-led environmental conservation projects and education programs.

Volunteer opportunities are regularly available to Buncombe County residents. We extend these opportunities to those living outside of our service area with a suggested "love donation" for week-long service trips.

This contribution helps to cover staff time, space or materials needed, and to compensate community members who may lead or partner on activities.

## **SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$300 PER GROUP**

- 5 to 6 hour days of service for up to 5 days
- Includes orientation to Asheville GreenWorks programming and mission, as well as short trainings relevant to daily projects.
  - Occasional games, team building, and other activities.
- Occasional skill building or educational development. Topics may include: tree ID and care; Leave No Trace training; composting; environment justice; macroinvertebrate ID; etc.

Cost should not be a barrier to service and learning, so please discuss any concerns or issues with us. You will not be denied if a donation cannot be made.



# POLICIES

GreenWorks does not provide housing or meals.

Asheville GreenWorks requires a minimum of 8 people including a group leader/supervisor, and ideally no more than 15, per volunteer group. Service will be Monday - Friday. GreenWorks will provide a tentative schedule, packing list, directions, and any other materials or information necessary no later than 1 week prior to the group's first date of service.

Projects are rain or shine. In the case of below freezing temperatures, thunder, lightning, or heavy rains or snow, project days may be shortened or re-located. Decisions on cancellations will ultimately be made by break group leaders.

In the case cancellations due to weather, a full or partial refund of the donation can be requested.

Online payments can be made with a 3% processing fee.

Payment in check is preferred:

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Asheville, NC 28806

Please contact Chelsea Adams, Operations Manager,  
with any questions.

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# HOUSING SUGGESTIONS

Glory Ridge, Marshall, NC

(828) 649-0193

[www.gloryridge.org/](http://www.gloryridge.org/)

May allow work/trade

Bon Paul & Sharkeys

(828) 775-3283

<https://bonpaulandsharkys.com>

15% off with code "GREENWORKS"

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

(828) 669-8422

<https://blueridgeassembly.org/>

Hominy Creek Baptist Church

(828) 667-4541

<http://www.hominybaptist.com/>

Haw Creek Commons Retreat Center

(972) 265-9858

<https://www.missionalwisdom.com/retreat-haw-creek-commons>

Asheville Youth Mission

(828) 231-4635

<https://www.youthmissionco.org/>

