



Racine, WI

"Lake Michigan Workcamp"

The Area

Strolling along the sandy beach, lazily watching the boats head out of the harbor for a day of cruising Lake Michigan, Racine looks like the ideal location for anyone.

On the shores of Lake Michigan, Racine was once an industrial giant. J. I. Case built tractors and other heavy equipment, employing thousands. Thousands more found prosperity working for support companies, offering parts and services. Eager immigrants poured in from countries like Denmark, Italy, and Germany, bringing their culture and food with them.

Today, the ghosts of the past are just a few blocks from the beach—empty buildings that were once busy factories, windows broken and covered with graffiti left by people who have lost hope in the American Dream.

Your efforts will be part of a long-term partnership to renew an entire neighborhood each year. The people of Racine have eagerly welcomed groups like yours for 20 years!

Our Partner

Our partner is a well-respected local agency focused on serving the community by bringing together nonprofits, city government, churches, and law enforcement to help people in need throughout the community. Having partnered with us for 20 years, they spend a full year preparing for each Workcamp. The resident you serve will have specifically applied for your help and will have been interviewed and screened for true need.

Lodging Information

Participants will stay in a facility that has partial air-conditioning, so you may want to bring some fans with you. The facility has indoor showers! There are 8 private showers per gender. Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender separate, so bring your air mattresses. *Subject to change.

The Need

This Workcamp is part of a long-term, ongoing commitment to the people of Racine. Since 1999, groups like yours have restored specific neighborhoods, focusing intensively on a few square blocks each year. Projects are varied, from painting home exteriors to crafting security fences. The work you do will truly bring new life to the community!

Area Activities

Fun things to do in Racine include the beach and the Racine Zoo!

Milwaukee is just a hop, skip, and jump away! Experience unique dining, shopping, theater-going, and more.

But one thing you MUST do while in Racine is sample some kringle from one of the many Danish bakeries! We recommend you find a local and ask them for their favorite place! While you are at it, ask for their beloved local spot for pizza, too. Racine is LOADED with great unique restaurants!

