



Roanoke, VA

The Area

As you likely approach Roanoke from one direction or another on Interstate 81, the mountains and greenery will have impressed you for quite a while. Roanoke is a city with impressive buildings, a cool downtown, and rolling hills everywhere you look. Hidden in this southwestern Virginia city are nearly 100,000 people. When you look around, you won't know where they could all possibly be! However, once you meet these genteel southern folks, you'll be glad you found them.

Roanoke has impressive schools, colleges, parks, entertainment, restaurants, and more. But just like any major city, the cool parts are often only a few blocks away from surprisingly poor conditions. You can drive through entire sections of the city that simply cry out for help. Neighborhoods look like they haven't been improved or maintained for 20 years or more. There are many small homes clearly owned by seniors who have called Roanoke home for their entire lives but cannot maintain the property. Families are in situations where no amount of hours at an inadequate wage will cover all their bills and needs.

Your group will remember their trip to Roanoke for years to come. But even more than their trip, they'll remember the people they met and served.

Our Partner

Our partner in Roanoke is a church and a local community action program who got together to help the community. As a church in the heart to the city, our partner knows the needs of the community that pulses all around them. As a community development agency, the co-partner knows how to reach folks in need of housing assistance. Together, these amazing folks make a Workcamp happen.

Lodging Information

Participants stay in a facility that does have air-conditioned sleeping rooms* and has indoor showers! There will be 16 private showers for females and 10 private showers for males. Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender separate, so you'll want to bring your air mattresses. **Subject to change.*

The Need

Projects during the weekend may include:

- Building wheelchair ramps and handrails
- Weatherizing homes and trailers
- Reconstructing sagging porches
- Significant painting projects
- Interior and exterior carpentry
- Other home repair projects that the homeowner cannot otherwise complete

Area Activities

You and your group may want to visit the iconic Roanoke Star, which sits atop Mill Mountain and overlooks the entire region. The star can be easily reached via the Blue Ridge Parkway, the scenic roadway that winds through the heart of Virginia's Blue Ridge.

Roanoke offers many free, interesting things to do, such as hiking, exploring art downtown, geocaching, and frisbee golf.

