Become a Crew Chef with VOC

Crew Chefs have a fun, yet vital role on the VOC Project Team – keeping volunteers happy and well-fed!

As Crew Chef, you’ll pick up food donations and set up breakfast and lunch on single-day projects. On longer projects, you’ll plan meals and menus, budget, prepare food, and manage outdoor cooking areas. Projects vary from metro areas with access to electricity, plumbing, and a variety of supplies, to remote areas where cooking may require portable grills and transported water.

Benefits

- Build your skills and experience in planning and preparing food for large groups of volunteers
- Gain new recipes and backcountry cooking techniques
- Contribute to outdoor stewardship in a fun and meaningful way
- Enjoy the happy faces and appreciation of volunteers
- Mentor others looking to become Crew Chefs

Requirements

- Volunteer on a VOC project prior to training
- Attend a VOC Crew Chef Training Webinar
- Mentor under an experienced VOC Crew Chef as an Assistant Crew Chef on 2+ VOC projects
  - 1 must be an overnight project
  - 1 must be a project with 50+ volunteers

Commitment

- Attend Project Team meetings (1 – 3 via phone)
- Prepare and organize food/supplies in the days preceding and following the project
- Create menu, purchase food within VOC budget, cooking and clean-up on-site
- You are not required to serve as Crew Chef on every project for which you volunteer.
- As long as you remain active, committed, and continue to maintain a high standard of quality, you are welcome to serve indefinitely.

Get Started

- VOC projects and trainings run April – October.
- To view upcoming projects, visit voc.org/volunteer-calendar.
- To register for a Crew Chef Webinar, visit voc.org/training-calendar.
- Please contact Kelly Clouse at 303-715-1010 ext. 118 or kclouse@voc.org with any questions.

Since 1984, VOC has engaged more than 125,000 people to get involved in and become inspired to care for Colorado – a total donated labor value of nearly $25 million.

You may be interested in pursuing other VOC leadership positions such as Crew Leader or Tool Manager. Learn more at voc.org/volunteer or contact Kelly Clouse at 303-715-1010 ext. 118 or kclouse@voc.org.