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.

Since 1984, VOC has engaged more than 115,000 people to get involved in and become inspired to care for Colorado – a total donated labor value of nearly $23 million.

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.
- To register for a Crew Chef Webinar, visit voc.org/training.
- Please contact Dan Williams at 303-715-1010 ext. 117 or dan@voc.org with any questions.

You may be interested in pursuing other VOC leadership positions such as Crew Leader or Tool Manager. Learn more at voc.org/vocleadership or contact Dan Williams at 303-715-1010 ext. 117 or dan@voc.org.