



Shelter Area Meadville

providing our
neighbors shelter
from life's storms...

What We Offer

Safety

We are trained volunteers that hold space for our friends that need shelter. We create a safe space for all people to seek refuge from dangerous and inclement weather.

Shelter

Our primary service offering is shelter from the outdoors. Far too many of our neighbors experiencing housing instability.

Our weather is increasingly extreme and unpredictable. When you combine low temperatures, high winds and precipitation there is a real risk of hypothermia.

There are currently no emergency shelter services past 8:00p in Meadville.

More

As a host site's facilities and conditions accommodate, and our volunteers skills and passions allow, we will offer additional services.

Shelter Area Meadville is a mutual help organization created to protect our unhoused neighbors from the increasingly frequent inclement weather.

We are a group extensively trained and vetted volunteers working in solidarity to hold space for those seeking shelter on evenings where the temperature is project to fall to or below 25° F between November 1st and March 31st.

We work with partner sites to respectfully and productively use their space to shelter our friends left out in the cold.

We carry liability insurance policies through local non-profit organizations to protect the sites, our volunteers and our friends in need..

About

How it works...

- ✓ We are trained group of volunteers that are willing and able to hold space for persons that need shelter during cold weather events.
- ✓ We work with local sites that have available space that can accommodate persons overnight. Depending on the space, furniture and specifics of our host site, our friends can be sheltered from the weather, sleep, eat, charge their phones, shower, relax
- ✓ We carry a comprehensive insurance policy to protect our volunteers, our host sites, and our friends seeking shelter from any liability.

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Rotating Host Sites

You can Help!

Get involved in making sure that unsheltered persons in Meadville have a place to exist overnight in inclement weather!

Volunteer Orientation and Training includes:

- SAM Mission and Values
- Organizational Structure
- The Experience of Homelessness
- Stigma
- Trauma 101
- Conflict Resolution
- De-Escalation Techniques
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Schedule and Set-Up Needs
- Welcome and Farewell Procedure
- Safety and Security
- Health and Care Considerations
- Communication Plan
- Orientation Feedback
- Self-assessment
- Volunteer agreement
- Sign-up time