



Indian Bible College

Of Northern Arizona

Maintenance Volunteer Overview

Who: Individuals, churches, and small groups who want to give of their time and talents to help the Indian Bible College (IBC) maintain and improve its facilities. Volunteer groups can vary in size from a single person to 25 comfortably. (See below for information on groups exceeding 25 people.)

Why: IBC functions primarily as a mission, depending mostly on gifts (not on student payments) to fund its operations—our tuition rate is one of the lowest in the country at \$285 a credit so that students can graduate debt free (all our full-time staff and faculty are missions-supported as well). We therefore do not have funds to hire professional laborers to remodel and improve our facilities, so we depend on volunteers to help keep us going and moving ahead. See the chart on the next page for the “big picture” on how this all works out.

When: Individuals or small groups can serve year-round. Large group volunteer maintenance work functions best in summer and winter breaks when classes are not in session. The summer break typically runs from early June through the second week in August. Winter break runs from the second through the fourth week of December. Spring break in late March or early April can also work.

Finances: Volunteers raise their own money for travel and food costs. IBC not only needs help with the *labor* part of work projects, but we also depend on volunteers to help with the *funding* of the projects. We ask all volunteers to consider financing each project that they hope to do. We have some cost estimates to help you know what to expect.

Housing: During the school year we have some limited guest housing (for 4-6 people) available. If you are travelling to Flagstaff for your summer work project and need housing, our dorm rooms have bunk beds and can sleep a total of 20 people. The three dorms each have a living room with couches and floor space that can sleep guests. In the summer we try to have at least one family unit available for guests as well. Combined with overflow sleeping in classrooms we can house a group of up to 40 people. We also have adequate parking for several RV's.

Food: While many volunteers choose to bring their food and groceries with them, the IBC campus is ¼ mile from a Safeway and within a five-minute drive of many other grocery stores, restaurants, and fast food restaurants. IBC has four full kitchens – one in the student building and one in each dorm – for volunteers to use. We have outdoor BBQ and picnic space as well.

Transportation: Most volunteers prefer to drive here. Some will fly in and rent vans. IBC has two 12-passenger vans that can be used to help shuttle volunteers around as well. Every airline flies into Phoenix (2.5 hours away); only American Airlines flies into Flagstaff.

Work Projects: Our project needs vary greatly from low skill tasks such as painting dorm rooms to highly skilled plumbing, wiring, and construction jobs.

Additional Opportunities:

- An IBC staff member will give an orientation and overview presentation shortly after you arrive. If you volunteer with a group, you may want to include student testimonies in your gathering times. We will help to arrange this depending on student availability.
- We are 30 minutes from the Navajo reservation. If you would like to visit a Native church during your stay, IBC can help to arrange that.
- We are within a short drive of several National Parks and monuments, not the least of which is the Grand Canyon, 75 miles away. Many volunteers like to plan a half or full day for sight-seeing.

For more information or to make arrangements for a work trip, contact the IBC Business Office at 928-774-3890 or info@indianbible.org.



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Education Cost Comparison

Average cost of education (**to the institution**) per full-time student in private higher education nationwide

\$60,000/year

Difference: VOLUNTEERS

- Teachers (faculty)
- Work groups (labor & materials)

Average cost of education **to Indian Bible College** per full-time student

\$40,000/year

Difference: DONATIONS

- General Fund
- Staff support

Average "sticker price" of education (fees, housing, & tuition) **passed on** to the full-time IBC student

\$12,000/year

Difference: SCHOLARSHIPS

- Pell Grant
- Donated Funds

Actual student payments are about 20% (\$2500) of this because of scholarships!

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