

NTCC Volunteer Village

Official Newsletter of the Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC) Workampers



Become a Workamper for NTCC

Tom Ramler: Head of all Workampers

The Workamping Program allows full-time Rv'ers to exchange work for rent. Retirees and disabled workers can share their considerable experience and talents to help NTCC on a wide variety of projects, including landscaping, painting, farming, electrical, plumbing, and computer support.

Workampers volunteer a minimum of 15 hours of work per week, but some offer more. Workampers get a free graveled parking spot with electricity, water, and sewer hookup. They also have access to laundry and gym facilities at no cost. It's a great way to take a class in something you've always wanted to learn. Car repair, welding, nursing, computer graphics, art, and food canning are just some of the fun classes offered.

If you're interested in becoming a workamper at NTCC, please contact Tom Ramler at 903-434-8175 or via email at tramler@ntcc.edu.

Spring/Summer Activities

Texas summers are known to be hot and humid, so most workampers leave for cooler climates. Some will be coming back to volunteer again in the fall.



Workampers, Robin and Joan, spruced up the campus grounds by cutting suckers from smaller trees and trimming bushes.

This addition of the newsletter will focus on projects that were completed before workampers left in June and projects currently in play. In addition, the newsletter will look as to where the previous workampers are spending their summer.

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New RV Sites: Phase I

Project Led by Steve Crowe and Darold Brumbaugh

The workamper program at NTCC has done significantly well, so our fierce leader (Tom R.) was granted money from the school, to fund adding three new sites to the current five sites at the volunteer village.



The new sites will be added to the grounds in front of site #5. After mapping out and marking these sites, workampers, Darold, Steve, Keith, Joan, and a maintenance crew member dug trenches for the sewer lines, set in posts for electricity, and added space for water connections. The sewer lines had to go across under the road to be connected to the main sewer line in front of the Rodeo house. It is now ready for Phase II; installing water lines and connecting electricity.



Repairing Rodeo Fence

Project Led By Tom Jackson

The fencing had numerous broken and missing bars due to being kicked by bulls and horses during practices. Workamper, Tom, welded all broken bars, made and replaced missing ones around the entire arena and bull riding practice areas. It is now safe and ready for the fall session.





Work 4 College Program

Project Led by Tom Jackson

NTCC has a great program for future students, called “Work 4 College Program.” The program allows students to work up to 15 hours a week for 10 weeks during the summer. This gives the students money for themselves with a portion going into their “college account” to assist with their NTCC tuition. To learn more about the program click on the [link here](#).

This summer’s project is sanding off rust and repainting fencing around the ball field and rodeo arena. Workamper Tom is their supervisor for the summer. In addition, the students have also filled in potholes throughout the campus, aided Maintenance with setting up and removing chairs for meetings, moving furniture in dorms, painting various walls as needed and painting closet in cosmetology department.

Miscellaneous Projects Completed by Workampers

A few other projects were completed by members before leaving for the summer. These included, but are not limited to, assembly of several desks and files cabinets (completed by Darold, Steve, Mike); replacing ceiling insulation and repairing netting at outdoor batting cage (completed by Darold, Steve, Mike); and repairing floor at the Rodeo Arena announcer’s stand (completed by Steve, Darold, Keith).

What is Everyone Up To?

Darold Brumbaugh

I'm hanging out in Topeka, Kansas, with family, before I head up to meet with Joan and Steve in North Dakota.



Robin and Mike Buck

We are traveling all over the Western part of the US; Seattle WA, Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks. We are planning to hit the Cascades, Olympia, Lassen, Redwoods, and then finish in Colorado Springs in the fall.



Steve Crowe and Joan Ritten

Working at the White Horse Hill National Game Preserve in ND. We are providing landscaping and maintenance for the visitor center and the preserve and other USFWS locations. So far, we have built raised garden beds, repaired landscaping of waterfowl reproduction, replacing broken posts, and removed a 20' x 20' wooden observation deck.



Katie Helgens:

Had a little excitement with Hayden (baby boy) coming a bit early, but all is well and this momma is back with family in Iowa.

Welcome to the newest workamper Hayden Zeke Helgens!



Tom and Priscilla Jackson

We opted to stay at NTCC so Tom could aid Tom R. in the Work 4 College Program. Before the program began we took a trip to the Blue Ridge Mountain area between Georgia and Tennessee. We stayed in a treehouse overlooking a local vineyard. Between helping Maintenance and supervising the students,

Tom has been kept pretty busy. Priscilla, aside from assisting Katie with the newsletter, is taking being retired quite literal and she is loving every minute of it.



Ron and Deb Vanes

Once we left NTCC we traveled along the gulf coast and then up through the Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountains. After Memorial Day, we started volunteering at the US Army Corp of Engineers for the Hodges Village Dam. Maintaining the 22 miles of day trails as well as a 13 hole disc golf course through lush forest. We hope to visit the North East after our time here.



Keith and Terry Zaugg

After leaving NTCC we started volunteering at Kartchner Caverns State Park in AZ. Our duties include giving cave tours, cave cleaning, tram driving, and working the gatehouse.

